

Senator Michael Bennet 261 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet,

The Connect for Health Colorado Board of Directors is writing in support of a long-term CHP+ funding authorization. CHP+ provides health insurance for over 75,000 children in Colorado and nearly 800 pregnant women.

Connect for Health Colorado has been preparing for the potential termination of the program, which will require many enrollees currently in CHP+ to transition their coverage to private health insurance through the Marketplace with Advanced Premium Tax Credits and Cost-Share Reductions if they are to maintain healthcare coverage.

In addition to the disruption and expense to those Colorado families, we expect to incur at least \$484,000 in costs assisting enrollment of a high percentage of these enrollees in private coverage should CHP+ termination notices be sent to enrollees. We also anticipate the need to terminate their private coverage and transition them back to CHP+ if funding for the program is reauthorized.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Adela Flores-Brennan

Board Chair, Connect for Health Colorado