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Joint Statement of the 100% Campaign, PICO California, United Ways of California and California Children's Health Initiatives on Governor Schwarzenegger's Health Care Reform Announcement

SACRAMENTO, CA – The 100% Campaign (a collaborative effort of Children Now, Children's Defense Fund and The Children's Partnership), PICO California, United Ways of California and the California Children's Health Initiatives issued the following statement today following the announcement of Governor Schwarzenegger on his health care reform package:

“By announcing today that his health care reform package prioritizes covering all California children, Governor Schwarzenegger has demonstrated strong leadership in making children's health care coverage a reality. We applaud the Governor for sharing this vision with us and the majority of Californians.”

“By bringing health coverage to more children we will see many benefits including a healthier population, fewer lost days of school and work for children and parents due to illness, and a more efficient use of our health care dollar. By investing in children, we will also minimize the burden on our emergency services system by ensuring that kids receive their medical care in the appropriate setting, with a strong focus on preventive care.”

“Furthermore, we applaud the Governor for representing the majority of California voters along with dozens of local coalitions around the state who believe that covering all kids is the right thing to do.”

“We look forward to working with the Governor and legislature over the next few months to make the goal of covering all kids in 2007 a reality.”

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