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Representative Sykes

**Cosponsors: Representatives Kuhns, Ramos, Rogers, Leland, Lepore-Hagan,
Johnson, G., Antonio, Boyd, Reece**

A R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the President and Congress of the United 1
States to reauthorize the Children's Health 2
Insurance Program. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The Children's Health Insurance Program was 4
established by federal law enacted in 1997 for the purpose of 5
providing federal matching funds to states to enable them to 6
initiate and expand the provision of health assistance to 7
uninsured, low-income children in an effective and efficient 8
manner that is coordinated with other sources of health benefits 9
coverage for children; and 10

WHEREAS, The Children's Health Insurance Program covers 11
children whose household incomes are too high to qualify for 12
Medicaid but too low to afford private health insurance; and 13

WHEREAS, In federal fiscal year 2013, 286,817 children in 14
Ohio were enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program; 15
and 16

WHEREAS, The federal matching rate for the Children's 17
Health Insurance Program is significantly higher than the 18

Medicaid program's federal matching rate for coverage of 19
children; and 20

WHEREAS, Federal funding for the Children's Health 21
Insurance Program ends October 1, 2015; now therefore be it 22

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 23
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, urge the 24
President and Congress of the United States to continue 25
providing federal matching funds to states for the Children's 26
Health Insurance Program by reauthorizing the program before 27
October 1, 2015; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 29
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 30
President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the 31
United States House of Representatives, the President Pro 32
Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the 33
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media 34
of Ohio. 35