



March 17, 2009

House Business Affairs and Labor Committee
Colorado State Capitol
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

RE: SB09-159

Dear Representative:

I am writing to express the Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved's (CCMU) support for SB09-159 which will raise the age in which dependent children can be included on their parents health insurance.

CCMU believes that this bill will help Colorado's healthcare policy more accurately reflect the economic and social realities of modern society. SB-159 also provides economic benefits to the state by reducing the number of individuals who are uninsurable and could require indigent care.

We believe that it is important for the General Assembly to understand that it does not take a catastrophic or life-threatening illness for someone to be considered "uninsurable". Even for such seemingly benign conditions as acne we have seen insurance companies deny coverage. Therefore, it is important to change public policy so that more Coloradans can find the health care coverage they so desperately need.

Once again, please join CCMU in supporting SB09-159.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director