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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

I am writing with regard to Arizona's continued eligibility for federal funding for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

On March 18, 2010, Governor Brewer signed into law legislation which eliminated Arizona's version of the CHIP program, KidsCare, effective June 15, 2010. Additionally, this signed legislation authorized the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to make changes to cut \$385 million by dropping 310,000 Arizonans from the Medicaid program. I am extremely concerned that Arizona may stand to lose a significant source of annual federal funding, which is anticipated to amount to \$6.96 billion in FY2010.

In light of the potential severity of these consequences, I would like to request your guidance on the future of Arizona's federal Medicaid matching funds. Thank you for your work to ensure the health and wellbeing of the American people. I look forward to your immediate and timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gabrielle Giffords".

Gabrielle Giffords  
Member of Congress