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TO: (See Below)

FROM: Gordon P. Agress
 Office of Mgmt and Budget, HD

SUBJECT: All States Will Deliver

CDC staff report that all States plan to develop delivery systems. The four States that previously did not have plans have changed their minds and are now developing systems.

CDC is consulting with States and distributors to see what States would like them to do, and what the distributors will do, before making plans for delivery in FY 1996.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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JOHN ENGLER
GOVERNOR

March 23, 1996

The Honorable Spence Abraham
United States Senate
B-40 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Spence:

I am writing to express my strong support for the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

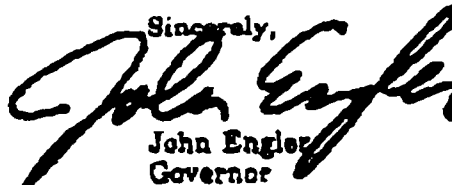
As you may already know, the VFC program permits uninsured and underinsured children access to vital immunization that protects everyone in the community from preventable diseases. Unlike many other federal programs, however, the funding we receive from this program permits us to focus state funds in other critical areas. Last year, Michigan received over \$1 million from this program. This year's projection is over \$9 million.

Also, before the VFC program was enacted, states had to match federal immunization funds with state funds. For example, in fiscal year 1993, our state match exceeded \$6 million. With this state match now eliminated, Michigan has been able to free up several million dollars in state funding that we can now use for other important programs at the state's discretion.

This program helps to encourage drug manufacturers to develop and market new, innovative vaccines against diseases like chicken pox, Hepatitis A, herpes simplex, Lyme disease, and to perfect existing childhood vaccines. This is especially important to us in Michigan as we pursue a partnership with SmithKline Beecham to develop a state of the art "combination vaccine" which will lower the total number of immunizations needed by children, lower health care costs, and ultimately help our nation reach the goal of full immunization.

Finally, the VFC is also consistent with our "Healthy Kids" program, which provides medical coverage, including vaccines, to about 80,000 children who would otherwise have no coverage. It is vitally important to Michigan that the Vaccines for Children Program be preserved so that we can maintain our commitment to reaching full immunization for children in our state.

Sincerely,



John Engler
Governor

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STATE OF TENNESSEE

Don Sundquist
Governor

April 17, 1995

The Honorable Bill Frist
United States Senate
825 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Bill:

As you may know, the VFC Program provides vaccine for our children on TennCare and makes vaccine available to Federally Qualified Health Centers for underinsured children. Last year, Tennessee received \$1.7 million from this program to begin distributing the vaccine to Federally Qualified Clinics, but this year the state will receive \$6,231,845.

As VFC pays for more vaccines for TennCare children, the state and Federal governments save 50% to 66% on the amount reimbursed to physicians for vaccine costs. These funds can be redirected to other services. More importantly, providing vaccine to private physicians for TennCare and uninsured children will decrease the missed opportunities for immunization and help us to reach the national goal of having 90% of our two-year olds immunized by 1996.

Since immunizations are considered to be one of our most cost-effective preventive measures, this program is worth preserving and I hope that you can help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don".

Don Sundquist

DKS/pa



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MEL CARNAHAN
GOVERNOR

March 7, 1995

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The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt:
United States House of Representatives
1226 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Dick:

I am writing to strongly encourage your support for continued funding of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. VFC has made it possible for thousands of children to receive immunizations to prevent tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, polio and hepatitis B as well as other diseases. It is an important program that demonstrates the tremendous good that can be accomplished when federal and state government work together.

Given the ongoing debate on health care and Medicaid costs, the VFC is a shining example of a program that is cost effective. In providing immunization to children who are uninsured or Medicaid-eligible, health experts estimate that for every dollar we invest, we save twenty dollars in direct and long-term health care costs. Working together, state and federal governments are able to purchase vaccines at significantly reduced prices and save health care dollars in the long run as well.

Missouri received \$1.4 million in federal funding in fiscal '94 for VFC vaccines and has added its own funds to support this program. In 1995, we will receive \$1.3 million in federal funds. The growing proficiency of immunization delivery and education, coupled with ongoing federal support of this program, will allow us to one day reach our goal of 90% immunization coverage.

If VFC is discontinued by Congress, states will lose millions of dollars in federal support for a program that must continue.

I hope we can count on you to fight for the continuation of this very important program. Thank you for your consideration and help on this issue.

Very truly yours,


Mel Carnahan

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March 16, 1995

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt
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Dear Representative Gephardt: *Rich,*

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The Honorable Thomas A. Daschle
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Washington, D.C. 20510-4103

Dear Senator Daschle: *Ray*

I am writing to strongly encourage your support for continued funding of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

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