



# City of Chicago



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<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke (14) Austin (34)
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<b>Title:</b>	Call for United States Congress to renew funding for Children's Health Insurance Program
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Budget and Government Operations

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) has enjoyed widespread support among both Democrats and Republicans since it was enacted in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, The program, which has flourished for two decades, provides nine million children from lower income families with medical care whose parents earn too much to qualify for Medicaid coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, The CHIP program has been reauthorized every five years by Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, In December Congress provided short-term financing for CHIP, but lawmakers have not moved to give the program another five-year allotment because Democrats and Republicans disagree on how it will be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the program will cost \$800 million; and

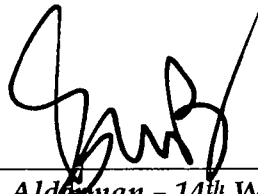
**WHEREAS**, Elimination of the program endangers the health of children by removing federal funding for their coverage which is administered by the states; and

**WHEREAS**, A Kaiser Family Foundation survey found that 16 states expect to exhaust their federal CHIP funds by the end of January and that 21 additional states expect to run out of CHIP funding by the end of March; and

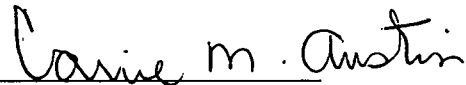
**WHEREAS**, Some of those states have already begun freezing enrollment in preparation for shutting down parts of the program's coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, A lack of federal funding for the program may force parents to go without health insurance for themselves in order to pay for their children's health insurance; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council do hereby urge the United States Congress to renew funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. B. J.', written above a horizontal line.

*Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carine M. Austin', written above a horizontal line.

*Alderman - 34<sup>th</sup> Ward*