



December 29, 2017

The Honorable John Barrasso The Honorable Liz Cheney The Honorable Mike Enzi 2120 Capitol Avenue Cheyenne WY 82001

Dear Wyoming Representatives:

The League of Women Voters applauds your vote on HR1370 which supports continuing the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) until March 2018 nationally. We believe that the 3,300 children in Wyoming currently covered under this program, according to an article in the Dec. 21, 2017, <u>Laramie Boomerang</u> on p. A8, deserve to have access to health care even if their parents fall in the gap between Medicaid and private insurance coverage.

The LWV believes that "every U.S. resident should have access to a basic level of care that includes:

- The prevention of disease
- Health promotion and education
- Primary care
- Acute care
- Long-term care
- Mental health care."

Achieving these goals will take much work and dedication, but it's important not to let children fall through gaps now. Thanks for your vote (and for continuing to keep the government operating—the League also supports "decision making capability and effective performance").

Sincerely,

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