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Dear Michael:

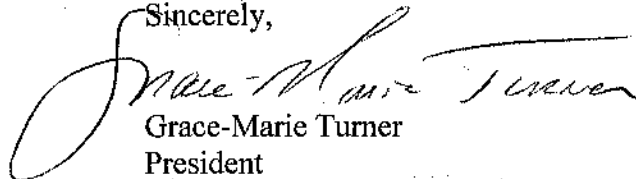
Thank you for your leadership in educating policymakers, the media, and the public about key issues involving values and principles in the debate over reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

You understood from the beginning – and much sooner than most others – the importance of the outcome of the debate in protecting children, parental authority, and the values of Catholic teachings. Too many states are violating these principles in implementing their SCHIP programs, and you have helped key legislators to understand the need to strengthen protections in the program for children and families.

While we were successful in keeping Congress from creating a massive expansion of SCHIP this year, the Congress made few changes in the structure of the program. Therefore, our work must continue to strengthen the legislation in protecting the freedom of families to choose the health insurance and health care that fit their values and religious beliefs.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in this vitally important effort. Thank you for your commitment and leadership.

Sincerely,



Grace-Marie Turner
President