Dear Congress,

In June, while meeting with our families during the annual Speak Now for Kids Family Advocacy Day, advocates asked you to help increase access to care for children with the most complex medical conditions in Medicaid by supporting the bipartisan Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act of 2017 (“ACE Kids Act,” **S. 428** /**H.R. 3325**) — and you listened.

The bipartisan list of co-sponsors for the bill continues to grow, and your support of this critical program gives children in communities large and small a chance to grow up happy and as healthy as possible — but our work has just begun.

As a group, the patient advocates you met with see more than 250 specialists and health care professionals, and more than half rely on Medicaid for the care they need. The ACE Kids Act would improve Medicaid for the sickest children while reducing program spending.

Current co-sponsors of the ACE Kids Act, particularly members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Subcommittee on Health, need your support to prioritize kids’ health and advance the bill in September.

If you are not yet a co-sponsor, I urge you to read more about the ACE Kids Act and consider joining the growing list of national organizations and bipartisan groups in the Senate and House voicing strong support for this bill.

Thank you for taking the time to earnestly consider our patient families’ and children’s hospital’s request to prioritize kids’ health and work together to advance the ACE Kids Act before the year is out.

We look forward to continuing our work together to make children’s health a national bipartisan priority.

Warm regards,

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