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November 24, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Senate Majority Leader  
522 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Max Baucus  
Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
511 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pension  
731 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Christopher Dodd  
Chairman  
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs  
448 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Chairman Baucus, Chairman Harking, and Chairman Dodd:

Advocates for Better Children's Diets (ABCD) would like to express support of the Prevention Title for the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. As advocates for the health and well-being of children, ABCD sees the investment in preventative health, specifically preventative health related to the promotion of nutrition education and physical activity, as the foundation of a sound health care system.

Health care reform must not only focus on creating a more sustainable health care system, but also make a significant investment in helping American's prevent the development of chronic disease. The Prevention Title takes a bold step towards placing a focus on prevention by creating the National Prevention, Health Promotion & Public Health Council; the Prevention and Public Health Fund; extending Medicare benefits to cover wellness visits and personal preventions plans; and by creating Community Transformation Grants.

The Prevention Title should be kept in entirety, so that a foundation for preventative public health is established in the United States. ABCD urges passage of the complete Prevention Title and the continued focus on prevention throughout the health care reform process. ABCD also encourages support and passage for the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* by the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Chapman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy Chapman  
President