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Dear Readers:

The Academy continues to be involved in many critical and important issues. We have been working to ensure that all children in the United States have access to adequate healthcare, and we have been active in promoting policies that support children's health. This month, we focus on several initiatives that are designed to improve children's health and well-being.

Firstly, we have been advocating for the inclusion of a specific chapter in the AAP bylaws, which will allow us to better address the needs of children in rural areas. This chapter will provide additional resources and support for these communities, helping to ensure that all children have access to quality care.

In addition, we have been promoting the use of pediatricians as primary care providers, recognizing the critical role they play in the healthcare system. We have been working to increase awareness of the importance of early childhood development and the need for ongoing support from pediatricians.

Finally, we have been calling for legislative action to address the growing problem of childhood obesity. We have been advocating for policies that promote healthy eating and physical activity, and we have been working to ensure that children have access to safe and healthy environments.

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy and our efforts to improve children's health. We value your input and appreciate your feedback.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

AAP News Editor