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Arizonans Urge Governor Ducey and the Legislature to Lift the Freeze on KidsCare

(Phoenix, AZ) – A broad coalition of parents, pediatricians, nurses, businesses, school board members, and faith and women's groups across the state are calling on lawmakers to lift the enrollment freeze on KidsCare in the state budget plan. KidsCare has been closed to new enrollment since 2010.

The cost to the state budget will be zero because Arizona is eligible for 100% federal funding. Arizona is currently the ONLY state in the country without a Children's Health Insurance Program and has the dubious distinction of having the third highest rate of uninsured children in the nation.

WHO: Faith Leaders, Pediatricians, Nurses, Business Leaders

WHEN: Monday, April 11, 2016

11:30 am

**WHERE: Arizona House of Representatives Lawn,
1700 W. Washington, Phoenix**

Speakers include:

Representative Regina Cobb, R - Kingman

Laurie Liles, president & CEO, Arizona Grantmakers Forum

Dr. Delphis Richardson, president of the Arizona chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Michael Simoni, president, March of Dimes, AZ Chapter

Donald Smith, president and CEO, CopperPoint Insurance Companies and board chair,
Valley of the Sun United Way.

Dana Wolfe Naimark, president & CEO, Children's Action Alliance

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