

August 28, 2008

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
1105 N. Market Street, Suite 2000
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Senator Biden:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the S. 400 (Michelle's Law) which amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage. Some insurance plans only allow college students to remain covered as dependents if they attend school full time. The proposed legislation would expand options for students facing a choice between their health insurance and their health. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill would not have any significant impact on the budget and it is endorsed by health and insurance groups.

SCPD endorses S. 400 and certainly appreciates that you are a co-sponsor of the proposed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position or observations on the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chair
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

Cc: Developmental Disabilities Council
Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens