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Subject: Health Email Update from Congressman Mike Rogers

Given our joint commitment to keep our children safe, I want to update you on important legislation that was recently passed out of committee in the House of Representatives.

I was pleased to co-author the Pediatric Medical Device Safety and Improvement Act to make sure children have the same access as adults to medical devices that can meet special needs and even save lives. Adult medical devices rarely adapt to the physical or medical needs of small babies or young children. Conquering this challenge would make it possible for our most vulnerable population to experience improvements in the quality of their daily lives, and in many cases make the difference between life and death.

Pediatricians tell us that development of children's medical devices can be a decade behind those for adults. Children should not be shut out of the advances in medical technology that can help them overcome huge medical hurdles. A child waiting for a heart transplant ought to have the same hope for life as an adult patient. This bill will help children get medical devices that are made just for them rather than being forced to use modified adult devices that may not be appropriate for their growing bodies. This legislation offers incentives to device manufactures to create needed medical devices specifically designed to meet the needs of pediatric patients and it gives the Food and Drug Administration the authority to review these devices and require post-market studies to ensure the continued safety and effectiveness of these devices.

This legislation will be brought to the House floor for a vote in the next few weeks. Thank you for the opportunity to contact you. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

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