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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

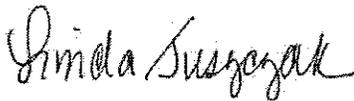
On behalf of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC), I am writing to express strong support for H.R. 3962, the *Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2009*.

We are especially pleased that you recognized the contribution of the 2,000 school-based health centers (SBHCs) across the country to increasing children's access to high quality health care. As you know, SBHCs provide care in communities struggling to offer such services, provide economic savings, and contribute to a healthier and more productive student population. For example, SBHCs have been shown to increase students' time in class and lessen health disparities. We are very happy that you have included language authorizing a federal SBHC program and setting up mechanisms to reimburse SBHCs for services under SCHIP and Medicaid.

We know there is much work yet to be done to pass comprehensive health care reform legislation. As the bill moves ahead, NASBHC and the SBHC community will continue to work with you to make certain that all children have access to high quality care, especially those who will be moving from the Children's Health Insurance Program to the Health Insurance Exchange.

The *Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2009* is a long-overdue opportunity to ensure that all children and adolescents are healthy and achieving at their full potential. We look forward to seeing it enacted.

Sincerely,



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