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The Honorable Phil Roe  
House of Representatives  
407 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
House of Representatives  
1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Roe and Representative Hoyer:

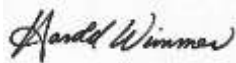
I am writing to express the American Lung Association's support for H.R. 4662, the School-Based Asthma Management Programs Act. This bill represents an opportunity for Congress to improve the health of children with asthma and keep them safe at school.

It is estimated that 22 million Americans have asthma, including over six million children. Asthma is the third leading cause of hospitalizations for children under the age of 15 and is a leading cause of school absenteeism with 10.5 million missed school days. That's why it is imperative to provide a school environment that adequately addresses the needs of children who suffer from asthma.

The School-Based Asthma Management Programs Act will have a significant impact for countless children to manage their asthma and to live a healthy life. Your bill will ensure the health of children through continued support of school personnel to administer asthma-related rescue medications. Your bill will also ensure ongoing care through sustaining the promotion of asthma education for school staff, asthma action plans for students, asthma-friendly policies and procedures and a system of support that includes families and physicians.

We applaud you for your commitment to improve the health of children who suffer from asthma and we look forward to working with you to ensure the School-Based Asthma Management Programs Act becomes law.

Sincerely,



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