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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding immunization funding.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—106th Cong., 2d Sess.

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Referred to the Committee on _____
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN

Viz:

1 At the end of title III, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING IMMUNIZA-**
3 **TION FUNDING.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

5 (1) vaccines protect children and adults against
6 serious and potentially fatal diseases;

7 (2) society saves up to \$24 in medical and soci-
8 etal costs for every dollar spent on vaccines;

9 (3) every day, 11,000 babies are born—
10 4,000,000 each year—and each child needs up to 19
11 doses of vaccine by age 2;

12 (4) approximately 1,000,000 2-year-olds have
13 not received all of the recommended vaccine doses;

1 (5) the immunization program under section
2 317(j)(1) under the Public Health Service Act, ad-
3 ministered by the Centers for Disease Control and
4 Prevention, provides grants to States and localities
5 for critical activities including immunization reg-
6 istries, outbreak control, provider education, out-
7 reach efforts, and linkages with other public health
8 and welfare services;

9 (6) Federal grants to States and localities for
10 these activities have declined from \$271,000,000 in
11 1995 to \$139,000,000 in 2000;

12 (7) because of these funding reductions States
13 are struggling to maintain immunization rates and
14 have implemented severe cuts to immunization deliv-
15 ery activities;

16 (8) even with significant gains in national im-
17 munization rates, underimmunized children still
18 exist and there are a number of subpopulations
19 where coverage rates remain low and are actually de-
20 clining;

21 (9) rates in many of the Nation's urban areas,
22 including Chicago and Houston, are unacceptably
23 low; and

1 (10) these pockets of need create pools of sus-
2 ceptible children and increase the risk of dangerous
3 disease outbreaks.

4 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
5 Senate that Congress should enact legislation that pro-
6 vides \$214,000,000 in funding for immunization grants
7 under section 317 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 247b) for infrastructure and delivery activities, in-
9 cluding targeted support for immunization project areas
10 with low or declining immunization rates or who have sub-
11 populations with special needs.

VOTE ON: _____

DATE: _____

YEA

by voice vote

NAY

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