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### **Press Statement**

**on**

### **PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SIGNING OF OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL by David T. Tayloe Jr., MD, FAAP, president, American Academy of Pediatrics**

“The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), which represents 60,000 pediatricians, praises Congress for passing and President Barack Obama for signing into law the FY 2009 omnibus spending bill, which will fund through September 30, critical programs important to the health of all Americans including children and adolescents.

“The Academy is pleased that the spending bill included important provisions, including over \$30 billion in funding for the National Institutes of Health, including up to \$192 million for the National Children’s Study, \$20 million for Emergency Medical Services for Children, \$50 million to study clinical effectiveness and \$2 million for demonstration grants for pediatric devices at the Food and Drug Administration.

“The Academy supported the omnibus spending bill because the provisions included are vital to the health and well being of all children and adolescents.

- \$222 million for Title VII, health professions education and training
  - \$48.5 million for Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry
- \$135 million for the National Health Service Corps
- \$310 million for the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program
- \$372 million for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- \$6.670 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- \$2.1 billion for the Food and Drug Administration

“The Academy believes that these robust investments will yield improvements to the health and well-being of all children and adolescents. We look forward to working with Congress to build on these important investments in FY 2010.”

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