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MEDCHI APPLAUDS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN

BALTIMORE, May 23, 2016 — Governor Hogan's Office for Children has released a report on state-level initiatives addressing childhood obesity. Gene Ransom, MedChi CEO, applauded Governor Hogan and the Office of Children for pushing this important public health issue forward. MedChi is especially supportive of the specific recommendations "to encourage making healthier food and drink options more widely available in vending machines, canteens and cafeterias located on state property, and to develop policies to reduce overconsumption of sugary drinks."

MedChi has been working on the childhood obesity public health crisis for several years, and is a founding member of Sugar Free Kids Maryland. Sugar Free Kids (SFK) is a coalition of voices from across Maryland focused on improving the environments in which our kids live, learn, and play. SFK has been extremely focused on spreading awareness about providing healthy vending machine options in public areas to allow for healthier, less sugary options for both snacking and drinking.

MedChi looks forward to working with Governor Hogan's Office of Children to implement the recommendations in the report. A complete copy of the report can be found at <http://goo.gl/avL3a5>.

About MedChi

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