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Children's Dental Health Project Taps Grote- Erbele as New Senior Policy Analyst

*Former Hill Staffer Brings Extensive Health and Dental
Legislative Track Record to New Role*

WASHINGTON, DC (July 13 2009) -- The Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP), a Washington-DC based policy group committed to advancing access to oral health for children, has hired Danielle Grote Erbele as Senior Policy Analyst. In this new role for the organization, Erbele will provide guidance and direction to identify and pursue policy initiatives as it relates to improving the oral health of children and families.

Erbele formerly served as legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Elijah E. Cummings of the seventh Congressional District of Maryland. In that role, she crafted the Congressman's legislative response to the tragic, dental-related death of a 12-year-old Maryland boy, Deamonte Driver, in 2007. As a result of this work, Congressman Cummings was recognized as a national leader in efforts to improve children's access to dental care. She also advised the Congressman on matters related to health, education, labor, seniors, criminal justice, and drug policy and served as the Congressman's advisor for the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, the chamber's primary investigative body. Prior to working for Congressman Cummings, Danielle served in the offices of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey. Erbele holds a master's degree in applied politics from American University and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Pennsylvania State University.

"Danielle will be a major asset to CDHP and she comes at the right time of unprecedented growth for our organization," said Dr. Burton L. Edelstein, DDS, MPH, Chair and founder of CDHP. "Current health care reform efforts in Congress offer a number of opportunities to improve children's oral health. Danielle's breadth of experience will assist CDHP in providing even stronger advocacy for access to the proper oral care that all children deserve. We are very pleased to have her on board."

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About the Children's Dental Health Project:

The Children's Dental Health Project advances policies that improve children's access to oral health through research-driven policies and innovative solutions by engaging a broad base of partners committed to children and oral health.

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