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## **Senator Kearney Walks for Children's Health**

*One hundred and ten mile walk raises awareness to Juvenile Diabetes and Sickle Cell*

Columbus – State Senator Eric H. Kearney's (D-Cincinnati) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Children's Health will take place from May 13 – 16, 2011 starting in Cincinnati and ending in Columbus. This year's walk will help to create awareness for Juvenile Diabetes and Sickle Cell Anemia.

"Every day more and more of our children are suffering from these diseases," said Senator Kearney. "By creating awareness for these illnesses, we can ensure that they will have access to the best care possible."

According to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, more than 15,000 children are diagnosed with diabetes each year. While 72,000 people in the United States live with Sickle Cell Anemia, with mostly African American children being diagnosed.

The four-day walk will start at 8:00 A.M. at Rockdale Academy, 335 Rockdale Avenue, and end in Columbus at the Ohio Statehouse.

"I appreciate the overwhelming amount of support that I've received for this walk," said Senator Kearney. "Together, we can continue to fight against illnesses that plague Ohio's Children."

Partners for the event include: The Cincinnati Diabetes and Obesity Center., Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Childhood Food Solutions, The Avondale Running Group and After-School All-Stars Columbus.