



Sowers of Justice

Catholic Legislative Network

**Action
Alert**

***Ask your Congressperson to
support healthy children and
override the President's veto!***

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Background:

This morning, President Bush vetoed legislation that would have taken a major step toward ensuring that no child goes without adequate health care. Last week, Congress passed the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2007, which would build on the success of SCHIP in ensuring more children have health care coverage, and the chance to grow up healthy. States use federal SCHIP funds, as well as state dollars, to provide health care coverage to children and some families who make too little to afford private insurance. Approximately 40,000 Minnesotans receive health insurance coverage through SCHIP.

The bill would preserve coverage for all 6.6 million children currently covered by SCHIP, and would extend coverage to 3.8 million more low-income, uninsured children in the next five years. And for the first time, quality dental coverage will be provided to all children enrolled in SCHIP. Despite these improvements, this legislation would still leave over 5 million kids without insurance. But SCHIP offers a fantastic step toward making sure all of our kids receive the health care they need.

6 out of the 8 House members in the Minnesota Delegation voted in favor of the SCHIP legislation: Voting YES were U.S. Representatives Tim Walz, Jim Ramstad, Jim Oberstar, Keith Ellison, Collin Peterson and Betty McCollum. Voting NO were U.S. Representatives John Kline and Michele Bachmann. Both Minnesota U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Norm Coleman voted in favor of the bill.

Recommended Action:

It's important that our Congressional representatives hear from you.

To reach them, use the contact information below.

If your Congressperson voted YES on the SCHIP legislation, THANK them. Urge them to stand with Minnesota's children, and vote to override the President's expected veto.

If they voted NO on this vital legislation, EXPRESS YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT. Urge them to reconsider, and stand with Minnesota's children instead of the President.

Please call today!

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