

Mahoney Responds to President's Veto of SCHIP

Bill Would Double Number of Florida Kids Enrolled in Healthcare Program

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(Washington, DC) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) responded to President Bush's veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2007. The bill would give 10 million low-income children health care coverage nationwide. In Florida, the legislation could nearly double the number of children enrolled in SCHIP - from approximately 224,000 to over 450,000. The President vetoed the bill because it would expand coverage to too many children, he said.

"The President played the worst kind of politics today when he vetoed a fiscally responsible, bipartisan bill to give healthcare to 10 million kids. The President's veto will deny health insurance to as many as 456,000 Florida children if Congress does not act. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to override this veto," said Congressman Tim Mahoney

The SCHIP Reauthorization Act of 2007 is fiscally responsible and follows pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) budget rules.

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