

## Mahoney Speaks in Support of Childrens Health Insurance Program

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Floor Statement

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As a father, it is unfathomable to me why the President chose to deny healthcare coverage to children. It is incomprehensible to me that some of my colleagues would play politics with a child's health.

I always tell my daughter that in life you don't get "do-overs." Well apparently, here in Congress you do.

The President and my colleagues across the aisle have an opportunity that is very rare - and that is to have a second chance do what's right.

Last week I met with pediatricians at a hospital in Port St. Lucie, where doctors painted a stark picture of the challenges faced by children without insurance.

I then went across the street to a daycare and visited with children who rely on Florida's CHIP Program - KidCare - for their healthcare needs.

Kids like: 4-year old Samantha, and 2-year old Hannah, 4-year old Rafael, and 2-year old Julian.

The President opposes SCHIP because he thinks that children from working families that go to work, pay their taxes but can't afford health insurance shouldn't go the doctor. He says its too many kids and too expensive even though the bill is paid for without putting our country further into debt.

Madam. Speaker, I would like to ask the President, which child would you deny healthcare coverage to? Julian? Hannah? Which child is one too many?

I yield back my time.

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