



POLICY ALERT

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President Vetoes CHIP But It's Not Too Late to Override

For the past 10 years, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) has provided low-cost health insurance to millions of children in Texas and across the nation, helping keep kids healthy while strengthening the economy. For every \$1 Texas invests in CHIP, Texas receives \$2.64 in matching funds from the federal government.

Yet, this morning the President vetoed legislation that would have reauthorized the program and expanded health coverage to nearly 4 million uninsured children.

"The President's veto means that the advances Texas plans for our state CHIP program are at risk," said Anne Dunkelberg, Associate Director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities. "Fortunately, it's not too late. Even though the President vetoed the bill, Congress can still pass legislation that will make our children and our country better off."

In the coming days, the bill will return to Congress for a vote to override the President's veto. **CPPP urges you to speak out by visiting <http://www.familiesusa.org/bushvskids>.** Here you can write a letter, sign a petition, and watch a video about the importance of the CHIP program. We also encourage you to thank Senator Hutchison and every Texas member who voted for the bill and urge them continue to show their support by voting for the override (see below).

Please also encourage the Texas members who didn't vote for the bill to change their minds and vote for Texas children (see below). After all, the majority of American voters across the political spectrum support an expansion of children's health coverage.

SENATE:

Senator Hutchison--Yea
Senator Cornyn--Nay

HOUSE:

YEAS

Cuellar
Doggett
Edwards

Gonzalez
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Hinojosa
Jackson-Lee
Lampson
Lee
Ortiz
Reyes

NAYS

Barton
Brady
Burgess
Carter
Conaway
Culberson
Gohmert
Granger
Hall
Hensarling
Johnson, Sam
Marchant
McCaul
Neugebauer
Paul
Sessions
Smith
Thornberry

NOT VOTING

Johnson, E.B.
Poe

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