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DATE: October 10, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Cochran".

Re: ACTION NEEDED!! – Call Your Representatives and Urge them to vote to override the President’s Veto of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Bill (SCHIP)

Last week President Bush vetoed the bipartisan Children’s Health Insurance bill. Congress worked tirelessly to craft this bipartisan legislation which would provide an additional 4 million low income children with critically needed health insurance.

The President's veto stands in the way of providing health coverage to nearly 4 million uninsured children. The President's veto would stop them from joining the millions of children now helped by the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

On October 18, the U.S. House will vote on overriding that veto so these millions of children can get care. Rejecting the veto takes a two-thirds vote. It will be close.

That's why your call is so important.

Urge your Representatives to vote to provide health coverage to millions of uninsured children by overriding the veto of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (H.R. 976).

Attached are: 1) A letter the Conference sent to Congress asking them to override the veto, 2.) SCHIP talking points; and 3) a target list of Representatives we need to vote yes on SCHIP.

If you have questions please call or email Assistant Executive Director Crystal Swann at 202-861-6707 or cswann@usmayors.org.