

October 3, 2007: Childrens Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act

The Honorable Loretta Sanchez

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007--VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-62)

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Madam Speaker, I do not think I have to further remind this Congress about how far off base the President is over the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

The health care system is failing our Nation's children who are in need. Too many are without health insurance and do not receive the regular care they need.

For this President, the supposed evil of two million children possibly switching health coverage to state sponsored healthcare is enough to block coverage for six million additional poor children.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand children were added to the rolls of the uninsured last year and the number of employers that offer health benefits to the children of workers continues to shrink.

Yet the President stands firm to a proposal for SCHIP that would not even be able to maintain existing coverage and would impose unconscionable hurdles on families whose children need health care.

One must question the principles of this President. How, in good conscious, could he ask for an additional \$190 billion for a war that two-thirds of the American people oppose while calling \$5 billion for one of our nation's most successful programs reckless spending?

The American people deserve better and our Nation's children deserve the right to have health insurance.

