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## **President Bush's Misplaced Priorities: Vetoes Bipartisan Children's Health Insurance Bill**

### **Two Days After Proclaiming October 1 National Child Health Day**

Yesterday, President Bush vetoed a bipartisan children's health insurance bill that would have covered 10 million children just two days after he proclaimed October 1<sup>st</sup> National Child Health Day.

*From the White House Proclamation:*

“On this day it is also appropriate to recognize the important role the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) has played in helping poor children stay healthy. To preserve that role and ensure that poor children can get the coverage they need, SCHIP should be reauthorized.” [\[10/1/07\]](#)

The bipartisan children's health insurance bill the President vetoed on October 3<sup>rd</sup> renewed and improved the Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by providing health care coverage for more than 10 million children – preserving coverage for all 6 million children currently covered by SCHIP and extending coverage to nearly 4 million children who are currently uninsured, according to the nonpartisan CBO.