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Citizen Action Applauds All WV's Representatives for Vote to Save Children's Health Care

State Children's Health Insurance Program offers hope to thousands of children who wouldn't otherwise have access to quality care

Charleston – WV Citizen Action Group, a USAction affiliate, applauded all West Virginia's US Representatives of both parties for their votes Thursday to override President Bush's veto of a bill to renew and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The House narrowly missed its chance to override the veto, even though the plan would have guaranteed 10 million children in our nation access to quality, affordable health care. The vote was thirteen short of the number needed for an override.

"Our Representatives votes for SCHIP are a vote in favor of quality, affordable health care for all children in America," said Gary Zuckett, Citizen Action's executive director. "We applaud them all for standing with their constituents for this investment in America's future."

"Since President Bush vetoed the bipartisan plan to renew and expand the children's health program earlier this month, the cost of his endless war in Iraq has equaled a year's worth of health care for 1,600,000 kids," added Zuckett.

WV Citizen Action has been a leader in the Campaign to Save Children's Health Care. As Congress prepared for today's vote, USAction affiliates held dozens and dozens of events featuring the voices of health care providers, teachers, faith leaders and other groups to demand that lawmakers stand with the children and working families in their communities in opposition to the president's unconscionable decision to veto SCHIP.

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