

Castle Statement on Presidential Veto of SCHIP -- October 3, 2007

Washington, DC -- Today President Bush vetoed the bipartisan State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Reauthorization bill. Delaware Congressman Mike Castle issued the following statement in response to the President's actions.

"I voted in favor of the legislation sent to the President and support the extension and expansion of this program, which has helped millions of children since its inception a decade ago. I believe strongly in SCHIP and remember as Governor, I worked with the Nemours Foundation to extend health care opportunities for children in Delaware," Castle said.

"With the passage of this legislation, another 4 million uninsured American children will be brought into the fold, bringing the total number of children insured through SCHIP to 10 million. The access to SCHIP preventive care, such as shots and vaccines, is the greatest safety net we can provide against illness and suffering down the road. It is my great hope that by expanding this program, more families in Delaware and across the nation will enroll and provide services to poor children in need.

"The President has vetoed this bill in an effort to reach further compromise on the legislation and while I agree that the bill has room for improvement, I will vote to override the veto when it is considered in the House."

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