

Tauscher Again Votes to Insure 10 Million American Children

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Ellen Tauscher Again Votes to Insure 10 Million American Children Washington, DC – Today, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3963, a revised version of H.R. 976, State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Reauthorization. Like the original version vetoed by President Bush, this bill would provide health care coverage for 10 million American children. The legislation focuses on enrolling low-income children first, quickly phasing out adults from the program, barring coverage of undocumented immigrants, and minimizing the number of children leaving private insurance in order to enroll in SCHIP. The White House has again announced that the President plans to veto H.R. 3963. Upon passage, Rep. Ellen Tauscher released the following statement. “Again we find ourselves at a crossroads. The majority of the Congress wants to provide health care coverage for 10 million children while the President would rather block the legislation and continue with his own divergent agenda that does not reflect the priorities of the American people. We have made a number of bipartisan changes to this bill. Now it is up to the President to decide whether he is willing to live up to his claims of compassionate conservatism, or if he will continue to disregard national and moral priorities.” Rep. Ellen Tauscher ###