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Washington, DC — Rep. Ellen Tauscher released the following statement today after President Bush vetoed bipartisan legislation that would provide health insurance to 10 million children through the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The bill would extend health insurance to 4 million children who currently are eligible through the SCHIP program but who do not receive coverage due to a lack of funding.

"The President's veto of this legislation shows his deep lack of understanding of what the majority of Americans view as a national priority. While he continues to demand billions to fund his flawed war policies, he is telling the most vulnerable segment of our society that there just isn't enough money for them to have adequate health care.

"The President's priorities are all wrong. It is my hope that the Congress will override this veto and not allow the President's first claim of fiscal restraint in seven years to come on the backs of America's uninsured children."

Rep. Ellen Tauscher