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SCHAKOWSKY RESPONDS TO PRESIDENT'S VETO OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, today responded to President Bush's veto of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA).

The bill reauthorizes the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for five years and provides for the expansion of the program to cover more children. Congresswoman Schakowsky delivered the following remarks shortly after President Bush announced his veto.

"The deed has been done. This morning the President vetoed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act. It is a sad day for the children of this country."

Let's be perfectly clear, the President is refusing to spend \$7 billion a year on children's health care. He is refusing to spend the money that we have already appropriated for this program.

The President and Republicans in Congress say that we cannot afford this bill, but where is the money? The President and Republicans are willing to throw these hundreds of billions of dollars at the problem, but they are not willing to spend the money that we have already appropriated for this program.

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The truth is we do have the money and in fact the children's health bill is fully paid for, unless you are willing to cut the budget for other programs. The President and Republicans are willing to throw these hundreds of billions of dollars at the problem, but they are not willing to spend the money that we have already appropriated for this program.

It is time to say that you are either for covering uninsured American children or you are w

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“Providing health coverage for 10 million children is important enough to give our constituents

insure our children for \$7 billion a year? President Bush runs for the veto pen. Ten billion

I urge ask my colleagues to take this time to listen to their constituents. Look into the eyes

And remember, unlike the war funding which is all on credit cards—this bill is actually paid