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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -  
CHILD TAX CREDIT**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued today's "Bush Administration's Misstatement of the Day" on the child tax credit.**

**During a speech today in Birmingham, Alabama, President Bush said:**

**We understand that as -- when the economy is slow and people are worried about the future, that it takes a lot to raise a child. And so we increased the child credit from \$600 per child to \$1,000 per child. This summer, I remember going to Pennsylvania and -- where they were cutting the checks, and I said, "The check's in the mail." Fortunately, it turned out to be in the mail. People got money back. Money in their pocket. ...if you had a child, then you got \$400 per child.**

**The President, however, [failed to mention the 12 million children that Republicans left behind](#) in the new tax law in order to make room for [tax breaks for the wealthy](#).  
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**Schakowsky said, "President Bush refused to intervene on behalf of working families, but he doesn't hesitate to talk about their children when it suits his political purpose. It is shameful."**

**Background:**

**Republicans removed a provision that would have provided an increase in the child credit to working and military families making between \$10,500 and \$26,625 during final closed-door negotiations on the \$350 billion tax bill signed by President Bush.**

**After it was reported in the press, and following Democratic pressure, on June 5, the Senate passed H.R. 1308 by a vote of 94 to 2 to immediately increase the child tax credit to working families, including, including the families of 262,000 military children. However, House Republicans were unwilling to spend \$3.5 billion to provide tax relief to**

**those children unless it was coupled with more tax cuts for higher income people totaling \$80 billion.**