

Millions of Children Need Your Help

NETWORK, a national catholic social justice lobby, asks us to call on Congress to override the presidential veto of SCHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, so that eligible children may receive ongoing as well as emergency healthcare.

Sister Simone Campbell, NETWORK's Executive Director, spoke in favor of SCHIP at a Capitol Hill press conference, where she stated, "I come here today to be a witness to the fact that we as a nation, the richest nation on earth, will be failing terribly if we neglect to provide healthcare to our youngest and most vulnerable residents."



Ensuring the healthy development of all children is a profound moral issue.

ACTION

Write a letter to the President, Senator Feingold, Senator Kohl, or your Congressman, asking them to override the SCHIP veto.

If you are on the web, go to:

<http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=10373066&type=ML>

and follow the easy instructions.

If you wish to call or write, some sample wording is on the reverse side.



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Children’s Health Insurance Program

SAMPLE LETTER (Write or call any one or a combination of the following)

President Bush The White House Washington, D.C. 20500 Phone: (202) 456-1414 Fax: (202) 456-2461	Senator Kohl 330 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-4903 Phone: (202) 224-5653 Fax: (202) 224-9787	Senator Feingold 506 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-4904 Phone: (202) 224-5323 Fax: (202) 224-2725	Representative Sensenbrenner 2449 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-4905 Phone: (202) 225-5101 Fax: (202) 225-3190
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(Please feel free to edit or supplement these words with your own)

As one of your constituents, I write today to call on you to fully support the Children’s Health Insurance Program by voting to override the President’s veto. I believe that all children must receive healthcare as access to healthcare is a basic human right. A nation cannot claim to be “compassionate” while denying healthcare to any one of our children.

In addition, many faith traditions believe that the dignity of every human person is a God given gift. I concur with that belief. This implies that each person deserves a life in which basic needs are met. Children who do not receive medical attention become ill more frequently, and more seriously. This affects all aspects of their growth and development. Ensuring the healthy development of all children is a profound moral issue.

Children are vulnerable. There is no room for holding our children hostage to partisan politics or petty ideological fist-fights.

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