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Dear Representative:

The AFL-CIO urges you to vote for the bipartisan Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2007 (H.R. 976). This legislation maintains the previous compromise bill's commitment to provide \$35 billion in new funding for CHIP to cover 10 million children.

The bill before the House today addresses all the concerns raised by Republicans who voted to sustain the President's veto. Most significantly, the bill imposes an income limit on the uninsured children states can cover using CHIP funding. Furthermore, the bill provides additional incentives for states to enroll the lowest income uninsured children and imposes stronger protections against CHIP displacing private health insurance.

With the number of uninsured children rising in this country, now is the time to build on the success of CHIP to significantly reverse that trend. Congress has an historic opportunity to do that with this legislation, which would reach 4 million uninsured children while maintaining the commitment to the more than 6 million children already enrolled in CHIP.

Now is the time to stand with children by voting for the bipartisan CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2007.

Sincerely,

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