

October 2, 2007

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This week you are being presented with landmark bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). We urge you to sign this important legislation into law.

The legislation passed by Congress last week represents a bipartisan consensus and is the solution to ensure states and the federal government meet our moral obligation to care for our youngest and most vulnerable Americans.

This bipartisan consensus bill provides states the opportunity to continue covering millions of currently insured children and allows states to address the growing number of uninsured children. The bill largely reflects the philosophy that state flexibility, as well as options and incentives for state performance, are preferable to mandates. Most importantly this bill represents a common-sense, bipartisan approach that will ensure that health coverage for millions of currently enrolled children is not jeopardized.

We are encouraged that Congress has prioritized children's health insurance coverage. We urge you to join the strong bipartisan consensus among Congress, governors, and the American public by signing this legislation into law.

Sincerely,



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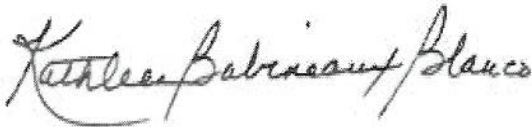
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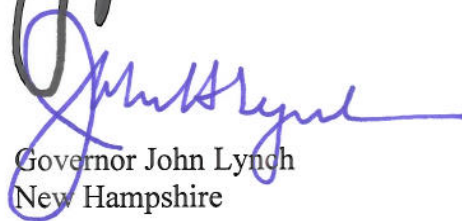
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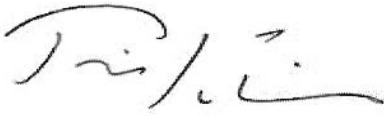
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