

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) voted today in support of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which would provide health care to over 10 million children nationwide, including 396,042 children currently enrolled in New York's SCHIP program (CHPlus), and extend coverage to an additional 268,000 eligible New York children who are not enrolled. Arcuri voted to override the President's veto of this legislation.

"Today, members of the House of Representatives from both parties stood up and voted to provide health care to millions of children with working parents who have gone without health care for far too long," **said Arcuri**. "Despite the unwavering and vocal support of families across the county, this month the President vetoed the Children's Health Insurance bill. The President's veto of this bipartisan legislation, supported by Governors, Representatives, and Senators from both parties, ignores the needs of the nearly 19,000 children in the 24th district who rely on SCHIP for health care - their families and their future depend on the reauthorization of this bill.

"It is unacceptable that in the richest country in the world millions of children from working families can't see doctors when they should and can't get medicine when they need it, because their parents simply cannot afford the skyrocketing cost of health insurance. Providing quality health care to our nation's children is an investment in our future.

"No child in Auburn or Utica, Oneonta or Geneva, or anywhere in the country, should ever go without necessary medical care. I am proud to have voted today to override the President's veto of this important Children's Health Insurance bill and to move our country closer to providing every child in our nation with the affordable, high-quality health care they deserve."

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