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Today, the Senate is expected to vote on and pass legislation that will provide healthcare coverage to millions of America's poor children. The President has threatened to veto that legislation when it lands on his desk, despite its bipartisan support in the House of Representatives and the Senate. John Larson CT-01, Vice Chairman of the Democratic Caucus says:

First, the President promised to extend health coverage for children. Now, he is trying to renege on that promise by threatening to veto the SCHIP legislation, putting ten million low income kids at risk. The President is moving down a dangerous road trying to privatize core healthcare programs that protect the working poor. The bill we sent to the President's desk today is bipartisan legislation with strong conservative support. I urge the President to think carefully before he vetoes this bill. It is bitter and ironic that the President continues to ask for billions of dollars for the War in Iraq at the same time he wants to let healthcare for America's children go unfunded. If he does veto this bill, he will isolate himself from mainstream America. But, more importantly he will tell this country's children that they don't matter.

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