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**CONGRESSMAN TERRY RESPONDS TO OWH LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

(In response to letter Erin Sullivan of Omaha wrote on 10/22/2007)

WASHINGTON - I agree with Erin Sullivan of Omaha that SCHIP needs to provide medical care for those who have absolutely no means of providing it for themselves. I am not against helping disadvantaged children. As a father, coach and Congressman I always see the need to help lower income kids in need. But the bill as it stands now does not do that.

The facts are this bill would provide taxpayer-funded healthcare to illegal immigrants, it would add more adults and it would add what the IRS calls "high income families" onto the government rolls.

If the House and Senate leadership would discuss and negotiate with the Minority Leader we could pass a bill that could be signed into law now. Unfortunately both Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Reid have refused to negotiate and will continue to bring up the bill in its current form in the 2008 election cycle. I encourage you to contact Speaker Pelosi and Leader Reid and ask them to stop playing politics with health care for low income, uninsured children. We must all work together to get a form of SCHIP passed that makes sense.



