

Contacts to Congress urgently needed to assure unborn children included in SCHIP program

This newsletter asks you to write one letter a month to protect innocent human lives.



Summary

This month we ask you to write to your U.S. Representative in Washington, D.C., to support language to codify “the unborn children rule” in the SCHIP reauthorization bill, H.R. 3963. **See the SAMPLE MESSAGE.** Please act quickly. The U.S. House is expected to convene on December 3.

Background

The State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) provides health insurance for low-income children. Since 2002, federal regulations have improved the program by allowing states to cover unborn children under SCHIP from conception to birth. This regulation allows states to provide prenatal care and other health services to the child and the child’s pregnant mother. Texas is one of twelve states that have chosen this coverage option.

If the unborn child option were eliminated, the 14 states now forced by court orders to fund abortion on demand in their Medicaid program could be required to provide the same abortions to pregnant women under SCHIP, a tragedy in a program dedicated to the lives and health of children.

A final SCHIP reauthorization should codify the unborn child rule, so states are secure in being able to choose life-affirming health services for needy children and their mothers without involvement in abortion.

To find the contact information for your U.S. Representative (in Washington, D.C.), visit www.house.gov or call Texas Alliance for Life at 512-477-1244.

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008, IN AUSTIN

With Dr. Alveda King, niece of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Mark your calendar! Join thousands from across Texas at this event commemorating the 35th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision.

1 p.m. – March to Capitol from Republic Square
(W 4th & Guadalupe)

2-3 p.m. – Rally at State Capitol

www.texasrallyforlife.org

SAMPLE MESSAGE:

Please use your own words; contact your U.S. representative via phone, email, or fax.

Dear Representative _____,

I urge you to support language to codify “the unborn children rule” in the SCHIP reauthorization bill, H.R. 3963. Unborn children in low income families are patients whose medical care should be covered the same as children already born.

Sincerely,