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Have a Heart Ohio is a nonpartisan, statewide group of over 100 organizations and individuals who advocate for policies and programs that provide basic human needs and improve the lives of Ohio's most vulnerable persons – including low-income individuals, families, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

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HAVE A HEART OHIO FAULTS FAILURE TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENTIAL SCHIP VETO

Ohioans want every child to have access to health care coverage. Yet in a direct blow to Ohio's hardworking families, the President and his allies in Congress who supported his veto of funding for the SCHIP program continue their efforts to weaken one of, if not *the* most, successful health care reforms for families in the past decade.

John Corlett, chair of Have A Heart Ohio said, "We thank the majority of Ohio's congressional delegation who supported the bill and vote for children – Representatives Hobson, Tubbs-Jones, Kaptur, Kucinich, LaTourette, Pryce, Regula, Ryan, Space, Sutton, Tiberi, Turner, and Wilson."

He continued, "We are disappointed that Representatives Boehner, Chabot, Jordan and Schmidt did not support the bill and voted against children, and we urge them and the President to reconsider their opposition and join the bipartisan effort to provide coverage to 4 million additional children who need it"

SCHIP was created by Republicans and Democrats coming together. Republican and Democratic governors, state legislators alike believe strongly in it, which is reflected in the overwhelming bipartisan support in Congress for the compromise SCHIP bill. We must not rest until every child has access to health care coverage.

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