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## McCAMELEY CONDEMNS REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE FOR BLOCKING HEALTHCARE FOR NEW MEXICO CHILDREN

### *Bi-Partisan Bill Passed the Senate But Fell Short By 13 Votes in the House*

(Las Cruces, NM) – Congressional candidate and Doña Ana County Commissioner Bill McCamley blasted President Bush and Republicans in Congress for failing to pass the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) legislation. McCamley released the follow statement about today's vote:

“For the second time this year, Republicans in Congress, including New Mexico Congressman Steve Pearce, voted against a bi-partisan bill that would have given thousands of children in southern New Mexico access to healthcare.

“This bill, which was supported by a majority of both houses of Congress and governors of both parties across the nation, would have increased access to healthcare for New Mexico children. Many families will now be forced to continue using emergency rooms for care when their children get sick. This is bad for the children and their families, bad for hospitals, and bad for taxpayers, who end up subsidizing expensive emergency care.

“The fact is that nobody should be afraid to take a sick loved one to a doctor, especially when it is a child who is sick. The failure of the SCHIP bill today is the perfect example of what is wrong with Washington and why change is so badly needed. I'm running for Congress to bring that change.”

According to the *Albuquerque Tribune*, 11,000 more children in New Mexico would have received health insurance with the passage of the SCHIP bill.

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