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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ON PRESIDENT  
BUSH'S VETO OF CHIP**

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, released the following statement in response to President Bush's veto of the Children's Health Insurance Program.

"Today we learned that the same President who is willing to throw away half trillion dollars in Iraq is unwilling to spend a small fraction of that amount to bring health care to American children. The Congress has done its job, passing a bipartisan bill that meets a critical need without adding a penny to the federal deficit. The President has broken his promise to America's children. We must not break ours. We will be back today, and tomorrow, and the next day, and for however long it takes to see this bill become law."

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