



**Sheila Dixon**

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**MAYOR DIXON LEADS COALITION OF MAYORS IN URGING PRESIDENT  
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S HEALTH**

Baltimore, MD (September 27, 2007) – Mayor Sheila Dixon is leading a group of mayors from around the nation urging President Bush to sign legislation expanding children's access to health insurance.

At issue is the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, which is due to be reauthorized by Congress this week. If the President fails to sign this legislation into law, 6.6 million low-income children nation-wide stand to lose health coverage. Each year, Maryland's program provides health care to over 136,000 children. Baltimore accounts for approximately 40% of the state's total enrollment.

The consensus of the Mayors who have joined Mayor Dixon in speaking in favor of SCHIP's reauthorization is that, "SCHIP has proven itself an amazing success at covering uninsured children."

"The Nation must invest in health care of all our children," said Mayor Dixon. "We can not stand by and have health care for our children threatened. That's why I've taken a stand with my colleagues. We are insisting that the President make a decision that would be in the best interest of our future."

**Joining Mayor Dixon are:**

- Mayor David N. Cicilline Providence, RI
- Mayor Claudia Thomas Lakewood, WA
- Mayor Heidi Davison Athens-Clarke County, GA
- Mayor Peter Corroon Salt Lake County, UT
- Mayor JoAnn Seghini Midvale City, UT
- Mayor John Peyton Jacksonville, FL
- Mayor Gavin Newsom San Francisco, CA
- Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick Detroit, MI
- Mayor John Hickenlooper Denver, CO
- Mayor Jerry E. Abramson Louisville, KY

- Mayor Manny Diaz Miami, FL
- Mayor Francis G. Slay St. Louis, MO
- Mayor Thomas M. Menino Boston, MA
- Mayor Ron Dellums Oakland, CA
- County Executive Ron Sims King County, WA
- Mayor Nancy Stevens Marlborough, MA
- Mayor C. Ray Nagin New Orleans, LA

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