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COURTNEY FEELS THREATENED; ATTACKS SEAN SULLIVAN FOR POLITICAL GAIN

Using Connecticut's Children As A Political Tool, Joe Courtney Makes Baseless Attacks against Sean Sullivan

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, CT -Last evening at his convention Joe Courtney attacked Sean Sullivan on the issue of SCHIP, the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The program originated in 1997 and was to provide health insurance to children of low income families that are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid.

The bill that Joe Courtney supported on SCHIP would have **increased taxes and cut seniors' Medicare payments** to pay for government-run health care for middle class children (and some adults), including over two million children who already have private health coverage.

Specifically, to pay for government run health care **Courtney voted to raise taxes on private health insurance and cut Medicare benefits \$193 billion, which would cause 3.2 million seniors to lose their current Medicare plan.**

This bill that Courtney supported did not focus on children who truly need help for health care. **It instead funded people who are making upwards of \$83,000 at the expense of children of actually need it.**

This is yet another example of Joe Courtney just going along with his party leadership and not realizing that the bill was extremely flawed. It also shows us that Joe Courtney has no problem cutting seniors' Medicare payments to pay for his plan.

"As someone who lives in the real world and does not have the gold plated health care plan that members of Congress now have, I know we need to fully fund children's health care and see what the state of Connecticut can do to ensure that Connecticut's children receive the appropriate care," said Sean Sullivan, candidate for Congress.

Sullivan added "we should not be using Connecticut's children as a political tool. We need to instead support our children's health and stop supporting bills that take money

away from them and invest it in folks who already have health insurance,” said Sean Sullivan, candidate for Congress.

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