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"It comes as no surprise that this Administration, which has consistently ignored the needs of America's working families and their children, is now placing restrictions on efforts to cover uninsured Americans under Medicaid. With more than 46 million currently uninsured, State efforts to protect the health of more low-income citizens should be encouraged, not blocked. Instead, the Bush Administration has again chosen to prevent States from providing affordable coverage to more uninsured children. The restrictions the Administration is imposing - on both SCHIP and Medicaid - are arbitrary, shameful and harmful."

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