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Don Cravins Jr. Holds Boustany Accountable for SCHIP Votes
Supports the Expansion of the SCHIP Program

Lafayette, La. – In an official e-mail to constituents this week ([click here](#) to read the e-mail), Congressman Charles Boustany used taxpayer resources to mislead voters and lie about his support of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). In response to that letter, State Senator Don Cravins Jr., Democratic Candidate for Louisiana 7th Congressional District, issued the following statement:

“Congressman Boustany is blatantly lying to the people of our district about his support of the SCHIP program. On 4 separate occasions, he voted against its expansion, blocking healthcare to 10 million children in America, including almost 192,000 in Louisiana alone. This is not the kind of leadership the people of Southwest Louisiana need. The Congressman is truly out of touch with the people he represents, and now that it is an election year, he deliberately misleading people about his positions. We won’t allow him to play political games in this election, and will continue to hold him accountable.”

In September and October 2007 and January 2008, Congressman Boustany voted 4 times against legislation to expand health care for children¹. The State Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act would have invested \$60 billion over five years to extend and strengthen the program, increasing the number of children that are eligible, but not currently covered. Efforts to expand SCHIP were met with bipartisan support, even in an effort to override President Bush’s veto, and Congressman Boustany was against it every time.

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¹ On January 23, 2008, he voted to sustain the President’s veto of bipartisan children's health care legislation [H.R. 3963, #22, 1/23/08], on October 25, 2007, he opposed the bipartisan compromise on State Children’s Health Insurance Reauthorization Act [HR 3963, Vote #1009, 10/25/07], On October 18, 2007, he voted to sustain the President’s veto of the bipartisan SCHIP bill [HR 976, Vote #982, 10/18/07], On September 25, 2007, he opposed the State Children’s Health Insurance Reauthorization Act [HR 976, Vote #906, 9/25/07]