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## **SCHIP Expansion Raises Taxes, Restricts Patient Freedom** *Gives Washington Control over Family Healthcare Decisions*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, issued the following statement after House Democrats passed a bill that will cut Medicare, raise taxes, and impose a Hillary-Care style of bureaucratized, government-controlled health care on American families in order to expand the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP):

**“The mantra of this Democrat Congress has been to tax, spend and do it again. Today, Democrats continued taxing and spending – this time to impose Washington controlled, bureaucratized medicine that will threaten the quality, affordability and accessibility of healthcare for all Americans.**

**“Democrats rammed this bill thru Congress without allowing adequate debate in order to hide the huge tax increases, the raid on the Medicare trust fund and drastic reductions to seniors’ Medicare Advantage program from the American people. Make no mistake, today the Democrats raised taxes on every American that has health insurance.**

**“We must work to improve our healthcare system by utilizing market-based forces and empowering Americans with the freedom to select their own health plan that fits their needs and their budgets. Instead, under the guise of a noble goal of insuring low-income children, Democrats shamelessly created a new entitlement program that could force countless families into a Washington controlled healthcare program. Socialized medicine not only will harm all of our physical well-being, it will destroy our country’s fiscal well-being.”**

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