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Todd Akin Calls Democrat Plans to Cut Seniors Medicare to Pay for
Illegal Immigrants a Travesty

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) today called Democrat SCHIP proposal a travesty.

Akin said, "The program taxes people with private health insurance, and cuts funds to millions of seniors on the Medicare Advance Program to provide government health insurance to children."

"The children covered in the Democrat bill could include anyone from children of illegal aliens to children of millionaires if a state allows it."

The Democrat proposal, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, would no longer require proof of American citizenship to receive benefits. The base program covers children at 400% above poverty but allows states to increase limits at federal expense.

"By removing provisions of proof of citizenship, the majority is opening the door to further abuse of entitlement programs for illegal aliens," said Akin.

The Democrat proposal also cuts Medicare Advantage benefits for 3.2 million Americans, and places tax increases on Americans with private health care plans.

"The Democrat majority today voted to cut a program that provides health benefits to 3.2 million American seniors, and has voted to impose an unfair tax on Americans who have private health plans."