

## **ACTION NEEDED!**

***America's children are counting on YOU!***

Deamonte Driver, a 12 year old with an abscessed tooth, died because his infection was untreated. Deamonte did not have health insurance and his mother could not afford to take him to an oral surgeon. She took him to the emergency room, but it was too late.

**NEVER AGAIN!** It is too late for Deamonte, but not for the 81,000 children in Missouri and the 6 million children nationwide who could be insured by the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Medicaid.

**PLEASE SPEAK UP FOR CHILDREN TODAY!**  
**Call 1-800-828-0498 and ask to speak to Senators Bond and McCaskill.**

### **Tell them:**

- **Support \$50 billion in NEW money for SCHIP as promised in the budget.**
- **SCHIP must insure that all eligible children get health care and do not fall through the cracks.**
- **Every child in America deserves health care!**

### **Background:**

Missouri would receive approximately \$966.9 million in new Federal money for children's health coverage over the next 5 years, if the US Congress approves increased funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

The additional \$50 billion to provide health insurance to children is not only the right thing to do for the children; it is also a wise investment for States.