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HOUSE SPEAKER TO RALLY FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE

– Children to Call on State Legislators to Override Governor's Veto of Health Care Bill –

Hartford, CT – The families of cleaners who work in Connecticut's state buildings and universities will rally to save their health care at the Capitol on Thursday. House Speaker Donovan, Hartford Mayor Perez and several state legislators will offer their support and commitment to override the Governor's veto of the bill that would keep them insured. Without this vote, the children will lose their health care coverage on August 1, 2009 because the state agencies underfunding of their parents' benefits.

During the regular legislative session, both the House and the Senate voted overwhelmingly to pass HB 6502, the bill which would protect the health care of 350 children and save the state millions of dollars. Governor Rell's veto on July 2 has put these children's health care in jeopardy and squandered an opportunity for significant cost savings. HB 6502 is projected to save the state \$4.3 million over the next seven years.

Photos of some of the children who will lose their health care can be viewed at: http://seiu32bj.org/ne/ITN_CT_Health.asp.

WHAT: Children Rally with State Legislators to Save their Health Care

WHO: House Speaker Chris Donovan

Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez

Members of the General Assembly

Kurt Westby, 32BJ Connecticut Director

Children of State Building Cleaners

WHEN: Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 12:00 PM

WHERE: Capitol Building, North steps

VISUAL: State Legislators with children and parents wearing purple t-shirts and carrying signs reading "Save Our Health Care!"

With more than 100,000 members, including 4,400 in Connecticut, 32BJ is the largest property services union in the country.

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