

FACT:

Fewer children are smiling today since Frank Madla voted with Republicans to cut CHIP.

Frank Madla had a choice. He chose to stand with Republicans, not Democrats, and voted to cut over 180,000 children from the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Madla's vote also totally eliminated affordable dental coverage that CHIP offered to the children of working families.

All it would have taken to stop the Republicans was 11 Democrats to vote against bringing the Republican plan up for consideration. 10 Democrats had the courage to do it. Frank Madla didn't.

Today, many Texas families are being forced to choose between paying for dental care for their children or other family necessities, like electric bills or food. The lack of insurance is having

** Procedural vote*

VOTING RECORD

COMMITTEE: *passed by a viva voce vote.*
 HOUSE: BILL: 2292 ON SECOND READING.
 Senator Nelson moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration HB 2292 at this time on its second reading.
 (CHIP 2292, relating to the provision of health and human services in this state, including the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and other state agencies; providing penalties.
 The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.
 Yeas: *Representative: Averitt, Bivins, Bower, Carona, Denell, Duncan, Estes, Shipke, Westworth, Williams*
 Nays: *Barrientos, Ellis, Gallegos, Hinojosa, Lueko, Shapleigh, Van de Puine, West, Whitmore, Zaffrin*
 The bill was read second time.
 Senator Nelson offered the following amendment to the bill:
 Floor Amendment No. 1
 Amend ()

serious effects on our children's health. The US Surgeon General reports that tooth decay is five times more common than asthma. And, according to the *Dallas Morning News* report:

"... children with chronic teeth pain are inattentive, are less likely to sleep soundly or eat fully and unable to learn well. Clinic directors and children's health advocates say dental problems are the leading cause of school absenteeism."

The Dallas Morning News

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Tough Choice: Food or teeth. CHIP cuts stretch dollars even further for struggling family



HOW MANY CHILDREN IN YOUR AREA AREN'T SMILING? TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF.

COUNTY	KIDS DROPPED FROM DENTAL COVERAGE	DOLLARS LOST FROM CHIP CUTS
Bandera	450	\$652,208
Bexar	31,739	\$46,486,374
Brewster	165	\$250,283
Crockett	151	\$220,838
Gulberson	102	\$139,864
Edwards	99	\$135,447
El Paso	22,236	\$33,100,654
Hudspeth	129	\$210,532
Jeff Davis	29	\$45,640
Kinney	71	\$98,641
Maverick	2,340	\$3,546,656
Medina	993	\$1,360,361
Pecos	416	\$641,902
Presidio	219	\$306,229
Real	102	\$142,808
Reeves	460	\$652,208
Sutton	181	\$273,839
Terrill	15	\$22,084
Uvalde	797	\$1,145,412
Val Verde	1,149	\$1,700,452
Ward	369	\$562,400
Winkler	369	\$522,650
TOTAL	62,581	\$92,217,482

Frank Madla chose to stand with Republicans. On Election Day, choose to stand with our children. Vote "NO" on Frank Madla.



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Carter Casteel ran as a Republican, but in Austin she voted with liberal Democrats to raise taxes.

A new payroll tax

State Representative Carter Casteel says she is a Republican, but in Austin she voted to create a new payroll tax on working Texans. If Casteel had gotten her way, working families would have gotten smaller paychecks each week.

} TAX VOTE

Higher property taxes

Carter Casteel has repeatedly voted against reducing the tax burden on working families and failed to provide any money in property tax relief.

In fact, she voted against increasing the homestead exemption resulting in higher property tax bills for homeowners.

More toll roads and higher gas taxes

Carter Casteel voted for legislation that would allow state government to convert free roads to toll roads. This would make you pay a tax (toll) every time you drive.

Carter Casteel's long record of voting for new and higher taxes earned her an F- on the Taxpayers' Report Card, the worst grade of any Republican in the Texas House.

(Americans for Prosperity-Texas) She even tried to increase the gas tax by 10 cents a gallon.

