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CJ&D STATEMENT: BUSH CHOOSES DEATH OVER LIFE AT ECO. SUMMIT

New York - For many Americans, reforming our health care system is a matter of life or death. The Bush Administration has decided to side with death and profits.

The medical malpractice legislation that Bush advocated at today's Economic Summit - the Administration's solution to this country's vast health care problems - would take away legal protections that have saved thousands of lives. These laws have protected us from dangerous and defective drugs and medical devices like Vioxx, the Dalkon Shield and Copper-7 IUDs, an antibiotic that caused cancer, oral contraceptives that caused life-threatening injuries, a pregnancy test that led to false-positives for cancer, and many others (see LIFESAVERS: CJ&D's Guide to Lawsuits that Protect Us All, <http://centerjd.org>).

Without these laws in place, drugs like Vioxx would still be sold and people would be hurt or killed. The Administration's plan will result in Americans dying so that the drug companies can make even more money.

President Bush should stop putting corporate profits and special interests before the lives of average Americans, who will die under his proposals.

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