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## Letters to the Editor: May 17, 2011

Editor, Daily News:

Florida lawmakers should be commended for their courage in resisting an intense lobbying assault to enact legislation that would have been detrimental to Florida's foster kids.

Although current law provides for a cap on their insurance limits, private companies that provide foster-care services were pushing hard for legislation that would have further reduced the amount of money they would have had to pay out when they seriously hurt a child in their care. Enacting such a law would have meant these vulnerable children would not have received enough money to pay for all of their medical bills and instead would have had to hit up tapped-out taxpayers for help.

Although these private companies claimed they were facing an insurance crisis, lawmakers recognized that the costs of insuring these kids were reasonable. Lawmakers also realized these children are special and precious little citizens who need to have sufficient financial protection if seriously injured while in foster care.

Now the focus needs to be on keeping these children safe from harm so that there is no need to tap into that insurance.

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