

March 26, 2025

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune:

On behalf of 316 local, state, and national organizations, we write to share our deep concerns about the House-passed budget reconciliation resolution—specifically the catastrophic health care cuts it would require and the resulting harm it would impose on families and communities across the country.

The House proposal mandates a minimum of \$2 trillion in cuts, including hundreds of billions of dollars from the Energy and Commerce Committee—an instruction that simply cannot be achieved without gutting the Medicaid program, as confirmed by the Congressional Budget Office earlier this month.<sup>i</sup> At a time when families are already struggling to access affordable health care, moving forward with these cuts would be a betrayal of the very voters that sent leaders to Washington to lower costs, not to shred our nation's social safety net.

Medicaid is a lifeline for communities across the country. It provides affordable health insurance to almost 80 million Americans—1 in 5 people living in the United States—and serves as a financial backbone of the health care system, including for the clinics and hospitals on which we all rely.<sup>ii</sup> Medicaid delivers essential care to 37 million children, 14 million people living in rural areas and more than 8 million people with disabilities.<sup>iii</sup> It supports 7 million seniors and 12 million Medicare enrollees.<sup>iv</sup> It also covers more than 40 percent of all births and is the single largest payer to community clinics, for long-term care, and for mental health and substance use disorder services in the country.<sup>v</sup>

No matter how cuts to Medicaid are framed, the end result would be devastating to American families and communities in every state. Medicaid is already a lean program; the cuts required by the House budget resolution would blow a hole in state budgets, forcing them to offset financial losses by either raising taxes or dropping people from coverage, eliminating critical health services, or cutting payments that support rural hospitals, community clinics, nursing homes and other providers—delaying care and driving up costs for everyone.<sup>vi</sup>

New polling shows that the House budget bill is entirely out of step with the overwhelming majority of Americans who support Medicaid: Almost 75% of people across the political spectrum affirm that Medicaid is important to their community and over 80% want to maintain or even *increase* current funding for Medicaid.<sup>vii</sup>

We urge the Senate not to take up the House's budget bill and instead commit to protecting Medicaid and the other critical health care programs on which your constituents rely for their health and well-being.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Families USA

A+J Patient Advocacy

ACA Consumer Advocacy

Across the Lifespan Psychological Services

ADAPT Georgia

ADAPT National

ADAPT of Texas

Adoption Advocates

ADRC of Eagle Country Juneau County WI

ADRC of Portage County

Advocates for Better Care in Rhode Island

Advocates for Healthy Transitional Living

AFSCME

AFT: Education, Healthcare, Public Services

AgeOptions

Aging Life Care Association

AIDS Alabama

AIDS Foundation Chicago

Alabama Arise

Alabama State Nurses Association

Alliance for a Healthy Kansas

Allies for Independence

American Association on Health and Disability

American Atheists

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

American Medical Student Association  
American Network of Oral Health Coalitions  
American Public Health Association  
American Society of Addiction Medicine  
Angelman Syndrome Foundation  
Any Baby Can  
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
Arizona Oral Health Coalition  
Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council  
Arlington Latino Resource Coalition  
Assistive Technology Law Center  
Association for Community Affiliated Plans  
Austin Women's Counseling  
Autism Society of America  
Autism Society of Texas  
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Better Wyoming  
Beyond-Impact LLC  
BHSN  
BirthWell Partners  
Black Mamas ATX  
Bleuler Psychotherapy Center, Inc.  
BLKHLTH Inc.  
BlueWaveNJ  
Brighton Center  
Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled  
CA LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network  
California Health Advocates  
California Primary Care Association  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
CareQuest Institute for Oral Health  
Caring Across Generations  
CASA-Trinity, Inc.  
Caz Recovery  
Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders (CARIE)  
Center for Caregiver Serenity Inc.  
Center for Elder Law & Justice

Center for Excellence in Disabilities  
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
Center for Reproductive Rights  
Centering Healthcare Institute  
Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS  
Child Care Resource Center  
Child Welfare League of America  
Children at Risk - Texas  
Children's Defense Fund – Texas  
Children's Health Fund  
Children's Hospital Association  
Children's Hospital Association of Texas  
Children's Service Society of Utah  
Chrysalis  
CHW Research & Resource Center, NYU Langone Health  
CHW Strength  
CID San Mateo  
Cihuapactli Collective  
Citizen Action of Wisconsin  
Citizen Action/Illinois  
Clarity Child Guidance Center  
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative  
Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council  
Committee to Protect Health Care  
Common Good Iowa  
CommunicationFIRST  
Community Catalyst  
Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County  
Community Living Alliance  
Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG)  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association  
Diabetes Leadership Council  
Dientes Community Dental Care  
Disability Law Center of Utah  
Disability Rights Arizona

Disability Rights California  
Disability Rights Center of Kansas  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund  
Disability Rights Iowa  
Disability Rights New Jersey  
Disability Rights North Carolina  
Disability Rights South Dakota  
Disability Rights Vermont  
Disability Rights Wisconsin  
Disability Social History Project  
Diverse Elders Coalition  
Doctors for America  
Easter Seals Central Texas  
El Centro, Inc.  
El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center  
Elation Health  
Employment Resources Inc - Wisconsin  
Envision  
Equality California  
Erie Family Health Centers  
Every Body Texas  
Every Texan  
Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE)  
Family Caregiver Alliance, National Center on Care  
Family to Family Network  
Family Voices NJ @ SPAN  
First Congregational Church, UCC  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Five Horizons Health Services  
Florida Health Justice Project  
Florida Policy Institute  
FLYY  
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics  
Foundations Counseling Center  
Friends of Recovery- New York  
GALS, Giving Austin Labor Support, INC.  
Gerontological Society of America  
Greater Mental Health of NY

Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.  
Guttmacher Institute  
Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network  
Hand to Hold  
Healing Hands Health  
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group  
Health Migration Consulting Inc.  
Healthy Teen Network  
Healthy Wyoming Coalition  
High Note Consulting, LLC  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Hoosier Action  
HousingWorks RI  
Hydrocephalus Association  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Institute for Exceptional Care  
Insure the Uninsured Project  
Integrate Care for Kids/InCK Marks Initiative  
Invest in Louisiana  
Iowa Citizen Action Network  
Iowa DD Council  
Justice in Aging  
Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition  
Kentucky Center for Economic Policy  
Kids Forward - Wisconsin  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Legal Action Center  
Liberty Resources, Inc.  
Long Term Care Community Coalition  
Love, Dad  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
Mama Sana Vibrant Woman  
Maryland Health Care For All Coalition  
Maternal Health Equity Collaborative  
Medicaid Matters New York  
Methodist Healthcare Ministries  
Michigan Council for Maternal Child Health  
Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute

Michigan League for Public Policy  
Miskonception  
Mississippi Center for Justice  
Mississippi Health Advocacy Program  
MomsRising  
Montana Medical Association  
Montanans for Choice Take Action  
Movin' Out, Inc.  
NAACP  
NACBHDD  
NASTAD  
National Alliance for HIV Education and Workforce  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
National Association of Social Workers-Texas  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership  
National Consumers League  
National Down Syndrome Society  
National Education Association  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Health Law Program  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
NCC Solutions, Inc.  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities  
NEON Health services  
Network of Behavioral Health Providers  
Nevada County Citizens for Choice  
New Day Nevada  
New Disabled South  
New Jersey Citizen Action  
North American Climate, Conservation Environment  
North Carolina Justice Center  
Northeast Valley Health Corporation  
NYS Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare

Overdose Prevention Initiative  
PA Coalition for Oral Health  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
Partners In Health  
PathPoint  
Pear Suite  
Pennsylvania Community Health Worker Collaborative  
Pennsylvania Health Law Project  
Personal Disability Consulting  
PHI  
Physicians for Reproductive Health  
Pisgah Legal Services  
PIVOT-Progressive Vietnamese American Organization  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Positive Women's Network - USA  
Power to Decide  
Prevention Institute  
Primary Care Development Corporation  
Protect Our Care  
Protect Our Healthcare Coalition RI  
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)  
Public Justice Center  
Rebuilding Independence My Style  
Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc.  
Reproductive Freedom for All  
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT  
RI Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Ring of Life CCC  
RIPIN  
Rise Up WV  
SEEC  
SEM Food Pantry  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Services for the Underserved, Inc. (S:US)  
Serving At-risk Families Everywhere, Inc.  
SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change  
Silver State Equality-Nevada  
Six Dimensions



Small Business Majority  
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center  
South Shore Guidance Center Long Island  
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network  
Tennessee Health Care Campaign  
Texans Care for Children  
Texas Academy of Family Physicians  
Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities  
Texas Hospital Association  
Texas Parent to Parent  
Texas Pediatric Society  
TexProtects  
The AIDS Institute  
The Arc  
The Arc Fond du Lac, Inc.  
The Arc Michigan  
The Arc of Illinois  
The Central Valley Urban Institute  
The Children's Partnership  
The EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases  
The Fenway Institute  
The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
The Mediation Offices of Eric A. Deutsch  
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health  
Third Way  
Thresholds  
Thrive Alabama  
Treatment Action Group  
Treatment Communities of America  
Tri County Community Action Agency HEZ  
Triage Cancer  
UAMS - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
UHCAN Ohio  
UnidosUS  
United Church of Christ  
United Way for Southeastern Michigan  
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas

United Way of Northern NJ  
Universal Health Care Foundation of CT  
Upstream USA  
USAging  
Utah Health Policy Project  
Valley Community Healthcare  
Virginia Organizing  
VOICES for Alabama's Children  
Voices for Utah Children  
Voices for Vermont's Children  
Voices of Health Care Action  
VOR - A Voice Of Reason  
Well Spouse Association  
WellLife Network Inc.  
West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council  
Whitman-Walker  
WI Association of Family & Children's Agencies  
WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities  
Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network  
Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired  
Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association  
Woori Juntos  
Ydeas Public Health and Education Service  
Young People in Recovery

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/2025-03/61235-Boyle-Pallone.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://familiesusa.org/resources/medicaid-matters-to-people-our-economy-and-the-health-care-system/>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://familiesusa.org/resources/medicaid-matters-to-people-our-economy-and-the-health-care-system/>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/number-of-dual-eligible-individuals/>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/10-things-to-know-about-medicaid/>

<sup>vi</sup> <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/a-medicaid-per-capita-cap-state-by-state-estimates/>

<sup>vii</sup> <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/poll-finding/kff-health-tracking-poll-public-views-on-potential-changes-to-medicaid/>