

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 25, 2025

Dear Speaker Johnson,

The undersigned Members of Congress feel it is critical to write to you today to express our deep concerns regarding the direction your party is taking with respect to the healthcare of the American people.

Rather than passing a single piece of legislation to lower costs for hardworking Americans, the Trump Administration has spent its first weeks in the White House attempting an unconstitutional power grab by imposing a sweeping block on federal funding streams. While we are relieved that public outcry forced the Administration to backtrack on this reckless action, their attempt sends a clear warning of the lengths they are willing to go to strip Americans of their healthcare.

On January 28, 2025, the day following President Trump's sweeping funding freeze order, chaos and uncertainty spread across the healthcare system as hospitals, community health centers, and additional providers were unable to access their payment portals. Despite widespread outrage over the abrupt and deliberate disruption to Medicaid—an overnight attempt to strip Americans of their healthcare—we are deeply alarmed that congressional Republicans are still pushing forward with plans to slash at least \$880 billion from programs under the Energy and Commerce Committee's jurisdiction, primarily Medicaid. These devastating cuts would bankroll tax breaks for corporations and billionaires, prioritizing the wealthy at the expense of millions of vulnerable Americans.

The Republican proposals include implementing onerous Medicaid work reporting requirements, instituting a per capita cap on federal program funding to states, reducing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) expansion match rate, and lowering the federal funding match rate (FMAP) floor from the current 50 percent. Disguised as cost-saving measures, these drastic shifts in Medicaid financing will reduce program enrollment, widen coverage gaps that result in individual's loss of health insurance, and force states to shoulder crushing financial burdens – ultimately leading to the abrupt elimination of essential programs that Americans rely on every day.

For example, Medicaid is the primary payer for long-term services and supports (LTSS) in the United States and pays for more than two-thirds of the long-term care delivered through home

and community-based services (HCBS). Currently, approximately 7.8 million Americans access HCBS through Medicaid. HCBS supports older adults, individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and those with mental health or substance use disorders, enabling patients to receive personalized care in their homes or communities and outside the walls of a hospital or institution. We are deeply concerned that as states grapple with abrupt funding cuts, HCBS programs will be among the first to face significant risks of elimination.

Let us be clear: these planned Medicaid cuts will have devastating, far-reaching consequences for the essential services Americans depend on every day. They will accelerate community hospital consolidation and closures, eliminate innovative housing and nutrition support programs, and slash health coverage for children, expectant mothers, and postpartum women. The American people have made it clear that they want lower grocery prices and prescription drug costs, not harsh restrictions on their healthcare. We implore you to consider the consequences for healthcare access as you push forward with drastic and draconian cuts to the Medicaid program that will do nothing to support hardworking Americans.

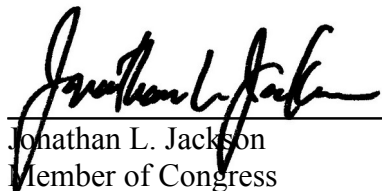
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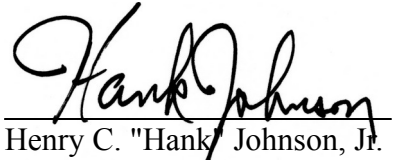
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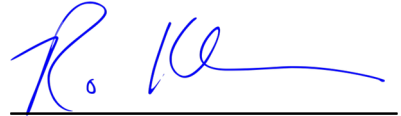
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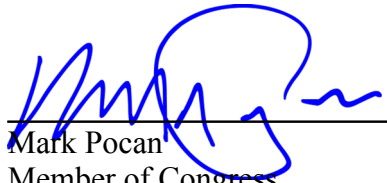
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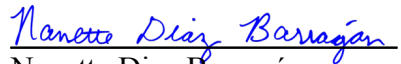
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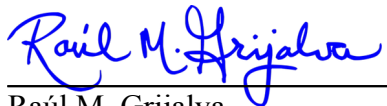
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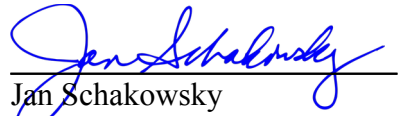
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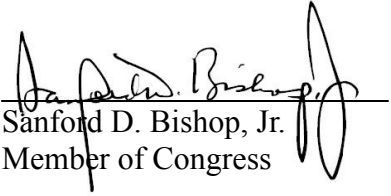
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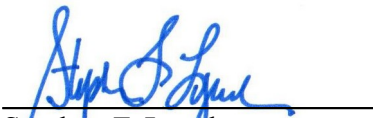
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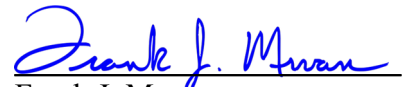
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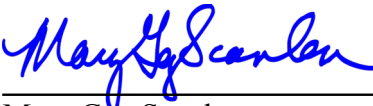
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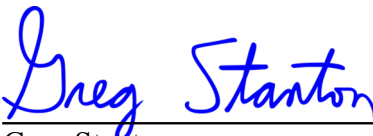
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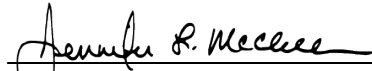
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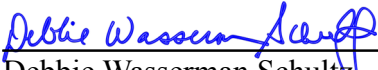
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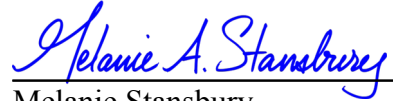
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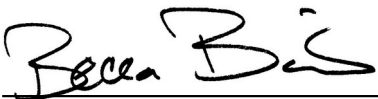
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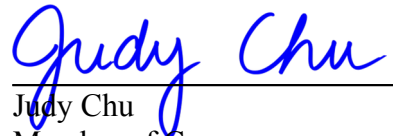
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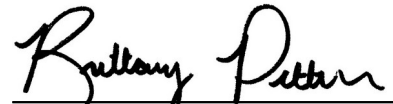
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