

June 16, 2025

The Honorable John Thune

Majority Leader

U.S. Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer

Minority Leader

U.S. Senate

Washington, D.C. 22515

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, and your colleagues in the Senate:

As organizations representing patients, workers, parents, plans, clinicians and health care consumers—including those who have chronic illnesses and are disabled—we urge you not to advance the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” or any other budget reconciliation proposal that would negatively impact health and health care for your constituents. Further, in order to ensure you can make an informed decision about your vote, we implore you not to rush a bill to the Senate floor without first conducting a comprehensive review of all potential impacts on the health and financial security of Americans across the country.

We trust that every Senator wants to predicate their vote on a full and rigorous accounting of any proposal’s impacts on their state and the potential for profound and lasting effects on their constituents, whether intended or not. That should be especially true when it comes to a bill that would cut more than \$1 trillion from health care, as is the case in the House-passed version of budget reconciliation.

We are only just beginning to learn about the far-reaching effects of the legislation on health coverage, costs and care, as the 1,000+-page bill was drafted behind closed doors without congressional hearings, amended through a series of private negotiations with a handful of Members, and passed within hours of final text being released. But what we do know is alarming.

The bill proposes to make dramatic changes to health care delivery and financing that would have catastrophic impacts on state budgets and local economies, including 888,000 job losses according to The Commonwealth Fund. Recent analysis

from the nonpartisan and independent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) confirms the bill would also radically reduce access to coverage and care. This bill will:

- Cut \$850 billion from Medicaid, a lifesaving program that serves roughly 80 million Americans nationwide and provides a financial backbone for hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, maternity services, rural providers, and the overall health system.
- Wrap layers of red tape around health coverage and increase out-of-pocket costs, making it both more difficult and more expensive for people in Medicaid and for people who purchase their own insurance in the Affordable Care Act's health care marketplaces to get and stay covered.

Taken together, the House-passed bill would directly eliminate health coverage for roughly 11 million people, a number that jumps to 16 million when factoring in the bill's assumption that enhanced premium tax credits will expire, further increasing families' health costs.

That staggering number alone should give Senators enough justification to change course and instead pursue an agenda that truly lowers costs and improves health for the American people.

We understand the pressures you may face from external forces to move urgently, but that cannot outweigh the duty to your constituents to enact federal policies that protect and improve health and financial wellbeing for their families and communities. When it comes to this budget reconciliation process, we urge you to prioritize transparency and rigor of analysis over expediency.

More than anything, we urge you to commit that you will not ever trade your constituents' access to health care in order to enact tax cuts. After you've had the opportunity to conduct a meaningful review of this legislation, if it fails to meet that test – as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” does – we implore you to vote no.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Families USA

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Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance for Retired Americans

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Association for Community Affiliated Plans

Association of Flight Attendants-CWA

Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

Autoimmune Association

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Care in Action

Caring Across Generations

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Center for Medicare Advocacy

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Muscular Dystrophy Association
NAACP
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National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
National Council on Independent Living
National Disability Institute
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Education Association
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National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)
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National Nurses United
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Respite Coalition
National Rural Health Association
National Women's Law Center
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