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Honorable Donald J Trump
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Washington, DC 20500

President Donald J. Trump:

As you embark on your second term, you know well that it is both a rare privilege and an extraordinary responsibility to represent and serve the American people.

Americans went to the polls last November to hold policymakers accountable to delivering better affordability for everyday needs like buying groceries, paying rent, and getting health care. To that end, we write today on behalf of over 400 organizations in one united voice to urge you to use your authority to protect, preserve, and strengthen Medicaid, a foundational source of health and economic security for 80 million Americans, and a key funding pillar for the hospitals, clinics, and health system on which we all rely.

The importance of Medicaid cannot be overstated. Medicaid provides insurance for 38 million children and covers more than 40 percent of all births in the country, allowing mothers to deliver safely and children to have a healthy start to life. It is the single most important source of financial support that keeps rural hospitals open to serve the health needs of their communities. It ensures people with disabilities can access critical home and community-based services and secure meaningful job opportunities. It is the largest payer of behavioral health services in the country, providing essential access to mental health and substance use disorder care. And it helps working people stay healthy so they can afford to feed their families and send their kids to school.

During the 2024 election cycle, cutting Medicaid was not a budget solution that American families asked for — and doing so now would betray your constituents of all political affiliations who are seeking more economic security, not less. Cutting Medicaid would shift costs and administrative burdens onto working class families, states and health systems. Proposals to cap funding, reduce the federal share of Medicaid spending, establish block grants, institute work reporting and community engagement requirements, cut state revenue from provider taxes or otherwise undermine the fundamental structure of the Medicaid program all have the same effect. If instituted, Americans will lose access to lifesaving services, states will be strapped with massive budget holes, hospitals and clinics will lose revenues and be forced to cut staff and scale back services, and American families and workers will be unable to afford essential care and get sicker — leading to a loss in productivity and the economy suffering as a result.

As your administration is interested in lowering health costs, there are many well-vetted,

commonsense and bipartisan proposals to address inefficiencies and inflated prices and eliminate waste from the health care system. We stand ready to work together on those solutions that will provide relief to those struggling with health costs, but there is no question that shredding the health care safety-net would have the opposite impact on American families.

Older Americans and people with disabilities, people living in rural communities, pregnant women, people with chronic illness, small business owners, and children and families across the country are counting on you to stand by the promises you made to secure them better health and financial security. You can deliver on those promises right now by committing that you will protect and strengthen Medicaid.

In 2017, millions upon millions of Americans rose up against proposed cuts and caps and made clear how much they valued Medicaid as a critical health and economic lifeline for themselves, their families, and their communities. The American people are watching once again, and we urge you to take this opportunity to choose a different path: one that secures our country's health and economy.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing engagement.

Respectfully,

National

Families USA

A Better Balance

ACA Consumer Advocacy

AFL-CIO

AFT: Education, Healthcare, Public Services

Allergy & Asthma Network

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

American Association of Birth Centers

American Association of Public Health Dentistry

American Association on Health and Disability

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA)

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

American Friends Service Committee

American Geriatrics Society

American Institute of Dental Public Health

American Medical Student Association

American Music Therapy Association

American Muslim Health Professionals

American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)

American Network of Oral Health Coalitions

American Public Health Association
Appleseed Foundation
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Assistive Technology Law Center
Association for Community Affiliated Plans
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
CAEAR Coalition
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Care in Action
CareQuest Institute for Oral Health
Caring Across Generations
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation
Center for Law and Social Policy
Center for Medicare Advocacy
Center for Public Representation
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Health Fund
Children's HealthWatch
Coalition on Human Needs
Community Catalyst
Community Change Action
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Corporation for Supportive Housing
DFA (Doctors for America)
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
Disability Victory
Doctors for America
Family Voices - National
First Focus on Children
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST)
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Futures Without Violence
Gerontological Society of America
Health Care for America Now (HCAN)
Health Care Voices
Health Resources in Action
HealthHIV
Healthy Schools Campaign

Healthy Teen Network
HIV Dental Alliance
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute
Hydrocephalus Association
Ibis Reproductive Health
Immune Deficiency Foundationm
Institute for Policy Studies' Poverty Project
Integrated Care for Kids/InCK Marks Initiative
Jewish Women International
Just Solutions
Justice in Aging
Lakeshore Foundation
Latino Commission on AIDS
LeadingAge
Legal Action Center
Little Lobbyists
Local 3509
Long Term Care Community Coalition
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
March for Moms
March of Dimes
Medicare Rights Center
MHP Salud
MomsRising
NAACP
NASTAD
National Abortion Federation
National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA)
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
(NACBHDD)
National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership
National Center on Caregiving
National Community Action Partnership
National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of our low-income clients
National Consumers League
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH)

National Council on Severe Autism
National Diaper Bank Network
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Health Law Program
National Immigration Law Center
National Kidney Foundation
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
National League for Nursing
National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Respite Coalition
National Society of Genetic Counselors
National WIC Association
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New Disabled South
NHMH - No Health without Mental Health
Overdose Prevention Initiative
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Partners In Health
Pathways for Rare and Orphan Solutions
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health
POWER OF 3
Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness
Prevention Institute
Primary Care Development Corporation
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
Religious Community for Reproductive Choice
Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL Pro-Choice America)
Service Employees International Union
SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Small Business Majority
Susan G. Komen For the Cure
Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc.
The 6:52 Project Foundation, Inc.
The AIDS Institute
The Arc of the United States
The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health/Got Transition
The National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
Third Way
Triage Cancer
UnidosUS
United Church of Christ
United Spinal Association
USAging
VOR - A Voice of Reason
Whitman-Walker Institute
Young Invincibles
YWCA USA
Zero to Three

Alabama

ADAP
AIDS Alabama
Alabama Arise
Alabama State Nurses Association
Birmingham Friends Meeting
Equitable Neighborhoods Initiative
First Congregational Church, UCC Birmingham
Five Horizons Health Services
Hispanic and Immigrant Center of Alabama
The Knights & Orchids Society
The Sisters Tuscaloosa
VOICES for Alabama's Children

Arizona

Arizona Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Disability Rights Arizona

California

AJL Community Health
Alzheimer's Los Angeles
Archstone Foundation
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)
Asian Resources, Inc.
CA LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network
California Association for Adult Day Services
California Association of Food Banks
California Coverage & Health Initiatives
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers
California Health Advocates

California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association (CLTCOA)
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
Center For Independence of Individuals with Disabilities
Children Now
Citizens for Choice
Coalition for Compassionate Care of California
Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations
Community Access Center
County Welfare Directors Association of California
Courage California
CRLA Foundation
Equality California
Family Caregiver Alliance
Family Voices of California
FREED Center for Independent Living
Gray Panthers of San Francisco
Helping Hands ADP
Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP)
LeadingAge California
Maternal and Child Health Access
Northeast Valley Health Corporation
On Lok
Senior and Disability Action
Sonrisas Dental Health
St Jude Neighborhood Health Centers
Stanford Settlement, Inc.
Support for Families of Children with Disabilities
The Children's Partnership
The Public Interest Law Project
UDW/AFSCME Local 3930
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Westside Family Health Center

Colorado

Center for Health Progress
Colorado Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Colorado Access
Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council
Colorado Children's Campaign
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)
Colorado Safety Net Collaborative
El Grupo Vida

Immunize Colorado
Meapta Inc.
One Colorado
Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center
Show and Tell
Youth Healthcare Alliance

Connecticut

Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG)
Connecticut Oral Health Initiative
Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut

Delaware

Christian Council of Delmarva
LeadingAge New Jersey & Delaware

District of Columbia

A Higher Learning
Longevinet, Inc.
Rebuilding Independence My Style

Florida

Asian American Federation of Florida
Asian Caribbean Exchange
Disability Rights Florida
Florida Asian Services
Florida Asian Women Alliance
Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Florida Health Justice Project
Florida Policy Institute
OCA South Florida Chapter

Georgia

Georgia Watch
Refugee Women's Network
Serving at-risk families everywhere, Inc.

Illinois

AgeOptions
AIDS Foundation Chicago
Citizen Action/Illinois
Erie Family Health Centers
EverThrive IL
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators
Illinois Public Health Association
Illinois Society of Pediatric Dentists
The Arc of Illinois

Indiana

Angelman Syndrome Foundation
Covering Kids & Families of Indiana
Hoosier Action

Iowa

Disability Rights Iowa
Iowa Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Iowa Citizen Action Network

Kansas

Alliance for a Healthy Kansas
Disability Rights Center of Kansas
El Centro, Inc.
Kansas Action for Children
Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition
Kansas Home Care & Hospice Association
Oral Health Kansas, Inc.
United Methodist Health Ministry Fund

Kentucky

Kentucky Voices for Health
Kentucky Protection and Advocacy

Louisiana

HOPE ICSS
Louisiana Democratic Party Disability Caucus

Maine

Children's Oral Health Network of Maine
Consumers for Affordable Health Care
Maine Equal Justice
Maine Primary Care Association

Maryland

AIDS Action Baltimore
High Note Consulting, LLC
Maryland Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Maryland Dental Action Coalition

Maryland Health Care For All Coalition
Public Justice Center
Voices of Hope, Inc.

Massachusetts

Disability Policy Consortium
Health Care For All
Health Law Advocates
Massachusetts Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Disability Law Center (MA)
Millennium Campus Network
Personal Disability Consulting, Inc.
Project Bread

Michigan

Autism Alliance of Michigan
Center for Civil Justice
Community Mental Health Association of Michigan
Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health
Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition
Michigan League for Public Policy
Self-Advocates of Michigan
The Arc Michigan
The Arc of Allegan County
UNIT
United Way for Southeastern Michigan

Minnesota

Reach for Resources

Mississippi

Back Bay Mission
Five Horizons Health Services
Mississippi Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Missouri

Health Forward Foundation
Missouri Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Missouri Appleseed

Montana

Smiles Across Montana

Nebraska

3Sisters
Nebraska Appleseed

Nevada

A+J Patient Advocacy
Act4Kids Nevada
Children's Advocacy Alliance
Cure 4 The Kids Foundation
Grant a Gift Autism Foundation
Make the Road Nevada
Minority Health Consultants
Nevada Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
New Day Nevada
Silver State Equality
The Comfort House

New Hampshire

Disability Rights Center - NH
New Hampshire Association of Pediatric Dentistry, PLLC
NH Legal Assistance

New Jersey

Disability Rights New Jersey
LeadingAge New Jersey & Delaware
New Jersey Appleseed Public Interest Law Center
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
New Jersey Citizen Action
NewBridge Services
NJ Oral Health Coalition

New Mexico

Casa de Salud
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty

New York

Caidmax LLC
Center for Elder Law & Justice
Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY)
Citizen Action of New York
Grand St Settlement
Housing Works
Medicaid Matters New York

Metro New York Health Care for All
New York Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
NYS Alliance for Retired Americans
Public Health Solutions
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy

North Carolina

Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy
Disability Rights North Carolina
InReach, Inc.
Jaces Journey
NC Budget & Tax Center
North Carolina Justice Center
Pisgah Legal Services

North Dakota

North Dakota Protection & Advocacy Project

Ohio

Disability Rights Ohio
Ohio Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Ohio Poverty Law Center
SEM Food Pantry
UHCAN Ohio

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Oklahoma Policy Institute

Oregon

Oregon Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Oregon Community Health Worker Association
SocialJustice Advocates

Pennsylvania

Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders (CARIE)
Disability Rights Pennsylvania
HIAS Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health
Pennsylvania Health Access Network
Pennsylvania Health Law Project
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh

Rhode Island

Protect Our Healthcare Coalition RI
Rhode Island Junior Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina

South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center

South Dakota

South Dakota Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Tennessee

Family Voices of Tennessee
Healthy and Free Tennessee
Putnam County Action Council
Tennessee Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Tennessee Health Care Campaign
Tennessee Justice Center

Texas

Children's Defense Fund - Texas
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
Disability Rights Texas
Every Body Texas
Every Texan
Feeding Texas
Latino Texas Policy Center
REV UP Texas
Texans Care for Children
Texas Academy of Family Physicians
Texas Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Texas Pediatric Society
Texas Parent to Parent
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County Texas

Utah

Children's Service Society of Utah
Disability Law Center of Utah
Utah Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Utah Consumer Oral Healthcare Coalition
Voices for Utah Children

Virginia

Birth In Color

Legal Aid Justice Center
Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations
Virginia Health Catalyst
Virginia Organizing

Washington

Northwest Health Law Advocates

West Virginia

Rise Up WV
West Virginians for Affordable Healthcare
WV Citizen Action

Wisconsin

Disability Rights Wisconsin
Kids Forward
Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network