**SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Join our letters to the editor campaign as part of our efforts to tell Congress: “[Hands Off Medicaid](https://familiesusa.org/defend-medicaid-day-of-action/).”

**Guidelines**

* Use the sample letter to the editor template as is or adjust it to meet your organization’s and community’s needs. Send it to your local media outlets, especially [nonprofit newsrooms](https://findyournews.org/) who are often aligned with our views on equity and justice for all.

* Letters to the editor are usually no longer than 200 words and written in response to recent news articles. Visit your local media outlet’s website to review policies for length, submission, selection and other details before submission.

* Check out this [tipsheet](https://www2.wkkf.org/l/541352/2023-04-19/8m8jzz/541352/1681913171yCzIeBFJ/WKKF_Strategic_Comms_Hub___Topic_5_LTE_Best_Practices.pdf) for letters to the editor best practices.

**RE: Medicaid Cuts: Congress Must Keep Their Hands Off Medicaid**

Dear **[NAME OF THE PUBLICATION’S EDITOR**],

As news outlets like **[NAME OF THE PUBLICATION]** have reported, President Trump promised not to touch Medicaid. Unfortunately, Congressional Republicans didn’t get the memo. Their playbook continues to target sweeping Medicaid cuts that will have devastating health and financial ramifications for people across the country, including in **[YOUR STATE/CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT].**

As someone who has seen firsthand the impact that Medicaid can have on individuals and families, I am deeply disheartened by the reports of potential cuts to the program that have been proposed to fund tax breaks for billionaires and corporations. This betrays **[FAMILIES/COMMUNITITES]** like mine. Stripping away health care, making it harder to afford what we need daily, **that is not what we voted for.**

We are employing Congress, including **[YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS’ NAME],** tostand with families and honor their duty to defend our best interests and keep us healthy and financially stable.

If policymakers are genuinely committed to improving affordability and saving money for federal and state budgets, they should focus on addressing the market failures and corporate greed driving our health care affordability crisis — **cutting Medicaid is not the solution**.

Sincerely,

**[YOUR NAME]
[ORGANIZATION]**
**[EMAIL]**
**[PHONE NUMBER]**