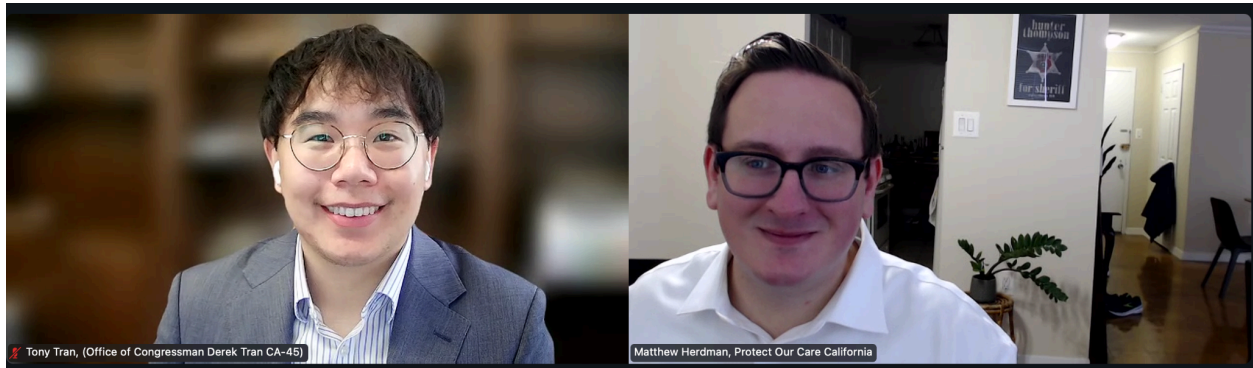


# Medi-Cal Recipients and Rep. Derek Tran's Team Join Protect Our Care CA As Republicans Charge Ahead With the Largest Medicaid Cuts in History

*GOP Proposed Cuts to Medicaid Put Coverage at Risk for Californians*



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**Orange County, CA** — Today, local families that rely on Medicaid and a representative from Rep. Derek Tran's team joined Protect Our Care CA to discuss the latest developments in the GOP assault on Medicaid. This week, the Republican members of the House Energy and Commerce committee are nailing down the details of their plan to cut \$715 billion from Medicaid in order to meet President Trump's demands to fund tax breaks for the wealthy. Medicaid is critical for Californians' health and well-being, and these cuts would be catastrophic for Californians who rely on the program, including seniors, children, and people with disabilities.

Our access to health care isn't a bargaining chip, and they shouldn't pay the price for tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy. If they get their way, Californians will be at risk of getting kicked off their coverage, rural hospitals will close, and California's budget would be thrown into crisis. Californians across the political spectrum want more access to health care, not less. Speakers highlighted the devastating impact of gutting coverage for Californians and called on lawmakers to protect Medicaid from draconian cuts.

"I grew up on Medi-Cal. I know how important these benefits are to so many people in my district and around the country. But instead of uplifting the American people, Republicans are taking a sledgehammer to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act to pay for tax breaks for billionaires. In CA-45 alone, more than a hundred and fifty thousand people will be hurt by these reckless cuts," **said Rep. Derek Tran (CA-45) in remarks given by his legislative team member.** "I'm proud to stand with Protect Our Care to defend and expand the programs that so many of our neighbors rely on. As long as I am in Congress, I will always defend Medicaid and fight to make our healthcare system better."

“I am a constituent of Young Kim’s down in south Orange County. Young Kim is one of the Republicans who is refusing to meet with her constituents and refusing to give a clear answer on what she is going to do with Medicaid cuts. Along with Ken Calvert and David Valadao, is maybe going to be one of the big three that kills Medicaid for thousands of people in their districts. In her district, 175,000 people rely on Medicaid, including my older sibling.” **said Perry Meade.** “My older sibling, when they were just starting high school suffered a severe mental illness that has left them disabled and fully reliant on Medicaid. It put my family in a precarious economic situation. The health care system already is not working for a lot of people. Medicaid is a lifetime for so many people in such a broken health care system. If it wasn’t for Medicaid, I have no idea what my sibling would do for health care. They would not be able to get any of their treatment.””

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