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Dear Senator XXXX:

The undersigned organizations represent thousands of [\[state people\]](#) who will be negatively impacted by the reconciliation package recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

This legislation makes historic cuts to basic needs programs like Medicaid and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). It would result in record numbers of people losing the health care and food assistance that they depend on to take care of themselves and their families, shift massive burdens to the state budget, and put the nation's economic future at risk by adding trillions to the deficit. Furthermore, the most recent [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\)](#) analysis affirms this legislation will further impoverish low-income people while at the same time making the top 10% of households even richer.

We urge you to reject the House-passed reconciliation package.

The House passed bill raises the cost of health coverage and strips coverage from millions of Americans who currently have it. The bill's failure to renew tax credits for people who purchase Affordable Care Act coverage will strip coverage from thousands in [\[state\]](#), increasing the number of uninsured people by [\[click state here for %\]](#), and raising costs by more than [\[look at map here for averages per Congressional District\]](#) for some households. Tens of thousands who gained coverage under the Medicaid expansion will also lose coverage because of increased red tape and bureaucracy under new "work requirement" rules. States that have implemented similar policies show no increases in employment and many eligible people [losing coverage](#).

The nearly \$700 billion in Medicaid cuts in the legislation would devastate people who rely on Medicaid for basic coverage and services like substance use treatment, behavioral health, home-based long-term care and nursing home services. The [American Hospital Association](#) affirms that the House provisions would have serious consequences for health care

providers, including rural hospitals, which would be forced to reduce services, cut staff, and close their doors. That would affect not just people on Medicaid but everyone who relies on those providers.

[State's] budget would face tremendous challenges as a result of the growing number of uninsured combined with the array of new burdens related to other federal cuts in the reconciliation package. The bill's changes to SNAP are unprecedented. Not only does the legislation cut a third of the program's funding, it would for the first time shift costs to states to backfill the federal cuts. Under the House passed bill, [11 million people](#)—including children and seniors—are at risk of losing food assistance at a time when the [price of food](#) is rising faster than inflation.

Working class [children](#) whose parents are in blue-collar jobs or low-wage industries where they do not earn enough to keep up with the cost of housing, transportation, healthcare and food. Twice as many children as adults—nearly 45% of kids—rely on Medicaid, SNAP, or both. Three out of four children who rely on Medicaid for health care or SNAP for food have non-college-educated parents or caregivers in the workforce.

We urge you and your Senate colleagues to reject the House-passed reconciliation package and instead put forward legislation that puts working families, state budgets, and an economy that works for everyone ahead of tax benefits for the wealthy and corporations.

Sincerely,