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Dear Member of Congress:

Child advocates from across New York State urge you to reject reductions in Medicaid that would destabilize New York State's Medicaid program and have ripple effects across programs that help at-risk children and families.

New York's Medicaid program provides important health coverage for more than two million children. Nearly one million of these children are under the age of six. Medicaid covers 84% of children living in poverty and 100% of children in foster care. It helps to make sure that our children can get mental, dental and physical health treatment and other vitally important and life-saving care. It promotes healthy development that brings lifelong benefits – to individuals, families and communities. It helps to assure that families do not go bankrupt trying to care for medically fragile children and that children with disabilities can be cared for at home rather than institutionalized.

Medicaid has a great impact for children in both rural and urban New York State. Forty-two percent of rural New York children are covered by Medicaid, with rates higher in certain counties – 50% in Fulton County; 49% in Sullivan County; and 43% in Greene County. Yet many children remain uninsured – 34% in Yates County; 11% in Seneca County; and 11% in Franklin County.

At a time when New York is so close to universal coverage for children – nearly 98% of New York's children are covered – Congress should be working to close the gap, not moving us back to a time when parents could not afford insurance or basic health care for their children.

We urge you to reject cuts and caps in Medicaid that would harm children and families across New York State.

Sincerely,

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Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. (www.acapinc.org)
Albany Medical Center (www.amc.edu)
Blythedale Children's Hospital (www.blythedale.org)
Capital District Child Care Council (www.cdcccc.org)
Catholic Charities of Orange and Sullivan Counties (www.catholiccharitiesoc.org)
Center for Children's Initiatives (www.centerforchildrensinitiatives.org)
Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS (www.cpofnys.org)
Children's Defense Fund - New York (www.childrensdefense.org)
Children's Health Fund (www.childrenshealthfund.org)
Citizen Action of NY (www.citizenactionny.org)
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (www.ccnny.org)
Community Health Care Association of New York State (www.chcanys.org)
Community Service Society (www.cssny.org)
Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (www.cofcca.org)
Docs for Tots (www.docsfortots.org)
Doctors Council SEIU (www.doctorscouncil.org)
Families Together in New York State (www.ftnys.org)
Greater New York Hospital Association (www.gnyha.org)
Health Care for All New York (www.hcfany.org)
Healthcare Association of New York State (www.hanys.org)
Maternal-Infant Services Network (www.misn-ny.org)
Medicaid Matters New York (www.medicaidmattersny.org)
Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network (www.mothersandbabies.org)
National Center for Children in Poverty (www.nccp.org)
New York Association on Independent Living (www.ilny.us)
New York Self-Determination Coalition (www.nyseld.org)
New York State Academy of Family Physicians (www.nysafp.org)
New York State Association for Infant Mental Health (www.nysaimh.org)
New York State Association for Rural Health (www.nysarh.org)
New York State Dental Foundation (www.nysdentalfoundation.org)
New York State Nurses Association (www.nysna.org)
New York State Oral Health Coalition (www.nysohc.org)
New York State Rehabilitation Association, Inc. (www.nyrehab.org)
New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc. (www.nysenior.org)
New York Zero-to-Three Network (www.nyztt.org)
North Country Thrive (www.northcountrythrive.org)
Northern New York Rural Behavioral Health Institute, Inc. (www.behaviorhealthnet.org)
Northern Rivers Family of Services (www.northernrivers.org)
NYS Association of Health Care Providers, Inc. (www.nyshcp.org)
NYS Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health (www.cbhny.org)
NYS Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (www.nyscouncil.org)
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Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy (www.scaany.org)
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The Center for Discovery, Sullivan County (www.thecenterfordiscovery.org)
The Children's Agenda (www.thechildrensagenda.org)
The Coalition for Behavioral Health (www.coalitionny.org)
The Healthcare Consortium (www.columbiahealthnet.org)
The Society for the Protection and Care of Children (www.spcc-roch.org)
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