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**From:** Sandra Kunkle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy public testimony

My adult daughter, a widow who works full time and pays her taxes, absolutely depends upon the health insurance afforded to her through the Affordable Care Act and by Medicaid for her disabled 26 year old son.. My daughter has no opportunity to buy insurance through her employer and had breast cancer 11 years ago which limits the plans available in the open market. My disabled grandson is unable to work.

I would like to see a bipartisan effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Kunkle  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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**From:** Anne Serafin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I am a resident of Michigan and I work for the local rural hospital.

If you pass Graham-Cassidy, our biggest source of reimbursement (Medicaid) will dry up. Our patients will have nowhere to go for health care if the hospital goes under, and hundreds of health care workers will be out of a job.

This makes no economic sense whatsoever.

Not to mention the cruelty and selfishness of passing a bill just to please wealthy donors and a vengeful POTUS, at the expense of ordinary Americans.

Do the right thing. Strengthen the ACA instead.

Anne Serafin  
Charlevoix, MI

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**From:** Eliot Haycock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

I am a senior and may need nursing home care before I die! Therefore I want full Medicaide program funding for my care, something current version of trump card does not appear to provide!

Eliot Haycock  
Chassell MI

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**From:** Natalie Fulkerson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** OPPOSE Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senators,

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

The ACA includes important protections for pre-existing conditions and mandates coverage for mental health and maternity care. Without these protections, healthcare quality will decrease for many, and become unaffordable for others.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Natalie Fulkerson

Ann Arbor, MI

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**From:** Melinda Krug [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Melinda Krug

[REDACTED]

Dexter, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Donna Hildebrand [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Graham-Cassady!!

The proposed repeal, restriction and redistribution of Medicaid funds will take much needed health services away from my severely disabled adult son, elderly that live in nursing homes that have spent down their life savings and others living below the poverty level. Doctors, nurses, medical societies, AARP, Republican governors and many others who will be impacted by your thoughtless attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Ironically, those that live in red states will be hurt the most by your heartless act. Please do the right thing, work with the other side of the aisle and tweak the regulations such that premiums are more affordable. Help the American people, rather than taking away one of the best pieces of legislation ever passed. Thank you.

Donna Hildebrand  
Haslett, MI

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**From:** Heidi Butler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Preserve the ACA

Many people close to me depend on the Affordable Care Act to receive healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. A dear friend of mine recently passed away after a struggle with a rare form of cancer that forced her out of work. She was able to live following her diagnosis for three (albeit difficult) years. Had it not been for her access to ACA, she would have had far less time and much less quality of life at the end. She was only 41 when she died.

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Sincerely, Heidi Butler

East Lansing, Mich.

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**From:** Michael Romzick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Michael Romzick  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bay City, Michigan [REDACTED]



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**From:** Sandy Baylis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Sandy Baylis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Munger, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Jim White [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

I would like to see a bipartisan effort to improve health care, not repeal what we have for something worse. I am against the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Marti Ayres White  
Grand Rapids, MI

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**From:** Candida Support [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

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James White  
Grand Rapids, MI

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**From:** Danielle Rose [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham/Cassidy Healthcare Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it, especially a single-payer medicaid for all bill.

Sincerely, Danielle Rose

Farmington Hills, Michigan

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**From:** Ricardo Bartelme [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Please protect us from the the bad decisions by the Trump administration and the Republicans in the Congress.

Thank you!

Ricardo Bartelme  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ann Arbor, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Christina Gibbard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy- Graham

September 22, 2017

To: Senate Committee on Finance

Rm. SD-219

Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 205110

Submitted by: Christina Gibbard

[REDACTED]  
Cass City, MI [REDACTED]

RE: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal. I cannot support legislation that would jeopardize access to life-saving and effective treatments for addiction and weaken states' efforts to address the current crisis of drug overdose deaths.

I am opposed to this bill because:

- States could waive the requirement that private plans offer substance use disorders treatment. This could return us to the tragic situation before the ACA when more than one third of people with private insurance did not have coverage for addiction services and supports.
- People with pre-existing conditions would be priced out of coverage for any illness, including people with substance use disorders who could face an additional \$20,000/year on top of existing premium costs.
- The bill would disproportionately harm communities of color and others whose access to coverage and treatment is already restricted.
- The end to Medicaid expansion would leave millions of low-income consumers without health care coverage or access to life-saving addiction treatment.
- A \$4 trillion reduction in federal funding to states for health coverage over the next 20 years would devastate state budgets and put pressure on states to cut services.

I want to reiterate my strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal and we thank you for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

Christina Gibbard

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**From:** Lauren Korany [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

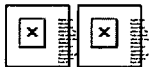
To whom this may concern (all of us),

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare... and so do our fellow citizens. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Being of the working class, I know how hard it is to get affordable healthcare. Before the ACA, if your employer didn't offer health benefits (or found a way to work around it by keeping you just under full-time), you would have to pay an arm and a leg for insurance. Or not have it at all. Health care is a human NEED and it needs to be affordable. Stop acting like this change isn't to benefit the insurers and start thinking about how to be better servant leaders to those who elected you. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Ren K  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Lauren Korany  
Merchandizing Supervisor &  
Graphic Designer

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Katherine Lawrence [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please keep the Affordable Care Act

To whom it may concern,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with health care is that prior to the ACA, my husband and I, who are self employed, would not be accepted for healthcare coverage due to minor preexisting conditions such as knee pain that may or may not have been arthritis. I no longer have knee issues, but if the ACA did not exist, we would still not have health coverage. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Katherine Lawrence  
Ann Arbor, MI [REDACTED]

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**From:** Lampman, Jan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCHcomments  
**Attachments:** 20170913\_151808.jpg; 6D9D28C2-.jpg

Attached are two pictures of Derrick Shaffer. He lives in Midland Michigan. He has a diagnosis of autism and has limited vocabulary. He requires support all of the time due to his intellectual and communication challenges. He also has a diagnosis of aplastic anemia. Prior to April 2017, he had been diagnosed with MDS, a type of bone marrow cancer. He did not produce enough red blood cells or platelets. After years of treatment and over 100 blood or platelet transfusions, he was placed on hospice care. In April, 2017, his doctor called to let us know that his most recent labs showed that Derrick's situation was improving. He no longer showed the markers for MDS, but instead was given a new diagnosis of aplastic anemia. Now Derrick would be able to recover the ability to make his own platelets and red blood cells with successful treatment. Derrick is currently traveling to U of M medical center for treatments and takes immunosuppressant drugs. His treatment is expensive. He also needs significant support at home to assure that he eats healthy foods and to assure that all of his needs are met. He has never met his father and his mother has a significant intellectual disability of her own. Without Medicaid, Derrick would surely have died. Without continued treatment, Derrick will die. Without the support that Medicaid pays for, Derrick would not be able to complete simple day to day tasks that keep us healthy and thriving. He needs help with all activities of daily living such as brushing his teeth, showering, cooking meals, shopping, laundry, even using the restroom. Without Medicaid, where would Derrick live, who would help him with his daily needs? I guess in his case, the answer is simple. Without Medicaid there would not have been any of the expensive treatment that he has received in the last three years, so he would simply have died. If he can't continue his treatment now, the answer to who will take care of him remains simple. He will surely just die. One of the photos attached is of him at U of M hospital receiving his treatment. It was taken on Friday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. The other photo is from Wednesday, Sept 20. He was at the Northwood University Football practice, helping Coach Haines. I am told by coach and the players that Derrick has taught them about perseverance and strength. They love his enthusiasm for life and his constantly positive attitude no matter what life throws at him. To a man, you will hear from the players on that team that their lives are better for knowing Derrick. Without Medicaid, those young men would never have met Derrick. There are probably those who won't say it out loud, but believe in their hearts that people like Derrick don't need to live. I know that Coach Haines does not believe that it would be ok for Derrick to stop getting his lifesaving treatment. I know that the players on the Northwood University Football team do not think it is ok for Derrick to stop getting his lifesaving treatment. We are a civil society and in a civil society we take care of each other. I believe that in our country we need to take care of all of our citizens.

I happen to have spent my entire career working with people with intellectual disabilities (for the past 21 at an agency that does not take a penny of Medicaid money). I can tell you two things. 1. The Medicaid dollars that go directly to COMMUNITY supports for people with Intellectual and developmental disabilities are critical to the wellbeing of the ENTIRE community (not just the folks served). 2. I would suggest that a better way to improve outcomes and possibly even reduce Medicaid spending (at least the 42% of Medicaid that is spent on long term care) is to allow for more flexibility of INDIVIDUALS SERVED to decide how to use the Medicaid dollars on their direct support. I note that it is not preferable to give that flexibility to STATES, but instead to individuals and their families. If you want to "fix" healthcare and become better stewards of tax payer dollars going into healthcare, then stop talking to insurance companies. Stop only listening to the 1% of Americans that don't need an affordable system. START talking to and LISTENING to citizens. Listen to doctors. Listen to nurses. Listen to parents of children with and without disabilities. Listen to people with disabilities. Listen to Seniors. Stop following money and look at the photos of Derrick and think about what you could do to best help him to continue to live.

Thank you for your attention.

Jan Lampman  
Executive Director  
The Arc of Midland

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Larry Rolfe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Larry Rolfe

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sunfield, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Toni Hamilton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:40 PM  
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Toni Hamilton

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Detroit, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Nancy Ambrose King [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ambrose King  
Ann Arbor, MI

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**From:** Dave Falconer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Dave Falconer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

East Lansing, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Hilkka Vanhapelto [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Hilkka Vanhapelto

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Kotka, [REDACTED]



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**From:** Delores Hammond [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:33 PM  
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Delores Hammond  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

DETROIT MICH, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** John Lorand [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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John Lorand  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mount Pleasant, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Macie Schriener [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Macie Schriener  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Lansing, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Flaherty-Robb, Marna [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Senators and New Graham bill

Dear Senators,

I have been in health care for fifty years. I have worked with Leaders of HHS, Carter Center, Clinton work, Medicaid and Medicare Demonstrations.

I am now at the University of Michigan, and formerly at Kaiser Permanente for many years. Marna

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**From:** Erin Deda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham Cassidy bill

To whom it may concern -

I and my family rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family is partially self-employed, and with the proposed bill we would no longer be able to access quality healthcare. I would like to see bipartisan congressional effort to improve the Affordable Care Act, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Erin Deda  
Ypsilanti, MI

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**From:** Crystal Cole [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on the Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

My name is Crystal and I reside in Michigan, one of few states that expanded Medicaid with the ACA. Thousands of families rely on quality, affordable healthcare, including my own. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

When I graduated high school and went to college, my self-employed parents did not have health insurance save one or two months a year. I would not have been covered under their plan until 26, therefore. The Medicaid expansion saved me, as a low-income university student. I worked, and went to school, and received financial aid, but I never could have afforded the health exams, prescriptions, and medications that allowed me to do all that I needed to do.

The Affordable Care Act has room for improvement. However, rushing a bill through Congress for the sole purpose of repealing the ACA is foolish, short-sighted, and literally a death sentence for thousands or even millions of Americans. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not replace it.

Sincerely, Crystal Cole

Novi, Michigan

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**From:** Milton, Sharon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Overturning the Affordable Care Act and decimating Medicaid

To the Finance Committee:

I am writing to let you know that I am totally opposed to the Graham Cassidy bill. A block grant for Medicaid funding would be devastating to people like my daughter, who is a person with developmental disabilities and (Autism and cerebral palsy). It would limit funding for an already overburdened system that has lost about 300,000,000 dollars in funding in the State of Michigan alone as a result of the rebasing of Medicaid rates. This lack of funding has had severe repercussions for individuals with disabilities. For example, there is a staffing crisis. Providers cannot retain direct care staff to provide care for individuals. There is a huge turnover of staff; this has a very negative effect on people. Some people have no family. These staff are their only family and they quit to go to work at fast food places because they cannot survive on the wages they receive in this field. My own daughter is unable to work, or cook or shower herself. She has to get used to a new staff constantly to provide her personal care; how would you like that?

My daughter and other people depend on Medicaid funding for their basic survival. It's not like they just don't want to work. Everyone talks about how we need to create inefficiencies; in Michigan, the Lt. Governor Calley convened a workgroup to do that, but the legislature ignored it. Efficiencies can be made in the system without doing block grants that would put a cap on funding that is already way below what is needed. This should not be just about dollars, it is about people who are dependent on Medicaid for their very survival through no fault of their own. Just so you know, people with disabilities do vote; my daughter votes and so do I. If you have a conscience, do the right thing.

Thank you,  
Sharon Milton

[REDACTED]  
Rochester Hills Mi [REDACTED]



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**From:** Gayla Reuter-Alm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bil

I am sorely disappointed that our elected officials can't come together and work for the good of ALL Americans. Who does not deserve quality health care? Why is this simply about repealing the Affordable Care Act? Senators: please work together and do the right thing. Be the examples that you should be to citizens across this land and "play nice in the sandbox".

G.Reuter-Alm  
Howell, MI

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Donna Wessel Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Monday's hearing

Dear sirs:

This is my public testimony for your hearing on Monday about the Graham-Cassidy bill. I want to offer 3 examples from my own family about the damage this bill could do.

Our oldest daughter lives in Texas, married with 2 children to a self-employed contractor. They currently have private insurance on the exchange. My daughter takes medication daily for depression. Their two daughters, one born prematurely, both have on-going medical and developmental issues: one has cerebral palsy and the other has difficulties swallowing. Under the new block grants to states, none of them would be sure they would have insurance or that it would be affordable to them. Without on-going care, their health will worsen, and the potential for their contribution to society will lessen, and their conditions could become life-threatening.

Our second daughter was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 19 in 2006. She is self-employed as a caterer; her husband has insurance through his employer. Under the new provisions, her humalog could become unaffordable: there are no brakes on drug costs, and already the pharmaceutical industry has raised the price of humalog enormously. Without insulin, my daughter will die.

Our third daughter was diagnosed with bipolar disease last year. She currently has minimal health insurance with her employer, but has enormous out-of-pocket co-pays and full payment for her medication and therapies. Without controls on those costs or protection for her pre-existing condition, she could lose her insurance or not be able to afford it. Her life will then be in grave danger.

These are not the most dramatic stories you will hear. But they are true and should show you some of the breadth and variety of the problems this bill will create.

People's health care is not a social experiment and should not be subject to the vagaries of state-by-state debate.

Thank you for your time.

Donna Wessel Walker  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Carolyn Dekker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:07 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment

11% of citizens in my 1st congressional district of Michigan stand to lose their insurance under Graham-Cassidy. My parents stand to lose theirs, and the circumstances that make their retirement affordable. This hits my community and my family. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Carolyn Dekker  
Hancock, MI

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Ann Burke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

To Whom it May Concern:

As you are aware, millions of our fellow citizens rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, which I believe to be an affront to anyone who uses Medicaid, has pre-existing conditions, or disabilities. As a woman, I am personally appalled by consequences the Graham-Cassidy bill presents for women's health care and women's rights--  
It would prevent women on Medicaid from visiting Planned Parenthood. It would drop a requirement that health insurance plans include maternity care. This bill is not progress, this bill is backwards and oppressive. For the good of this country and the *human beings* living in it, please move forward with a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Ann Burke

Ann Arbor, MI

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jennifer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Whom It May Concern:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Buhl

Lapeer, MI

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Kathy and Kent Wiejaczka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Healthcare Bill

My daughter is on quality, affordable healthcare in Alaska. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with [Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, disabilities, affordability] is that it has allowed my daughter to seek healthcare and receive it while living in Alaska. She is 33 years old and self-employed. She works her tail off, but she would not have coverage if it were not for the expanded Medicaid.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Kathy Wiejaczka

Empire, Michigan

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**From:** Maureen Naylis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

The newest version of Trumpcare would kick 32 million people off of healthcare, devastating working families and rolling back the progress we've made in protecting so many Americans. Also, hidden in this bill—known as Graham-Cassidy—is a \$20 billion tax break for the highly-profitable medical device industry, which has \$230 billion in profits stashed offshore on which it has not paid a dime in U.S. taxes.

In 2009, the Affordable Care Act was reviewed by three different Senate committees, received dozens of hearings and 169 hours of consideration. This week's ONE hearing is an embarrassment and outrage given the life and death matters at stake.

I urge the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee to reject Graham-Cassidy and to protect the healthcare of millions of Americans. It's also time that wealthy corporations pay their fair share in taxes! When they do, we'll be able to invest in our country's future, including healthcare for working families.

Maureen Naylis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Belmont, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Legislation

Hello -

My name is Bryan Heany and I live in Kalamazoo, MI.

I do not support the Graham-Cassidy healthcare legislation, in fact I am fundamentally opposed to it.

Why are we the only industrialized country on the planet to not have universal health care?

Why do we allow insurance companies and the pharmaceutical industry to control our lives, when we say that we pursue liberty and freedom?

I am figuratively sick of the attack of my freedom and prosperity by those who would support this bill and others like it.

Universal health care is the only real solution to the problem of health care in this country, and this bill does nothing of the sort to bring us closer to that end game. Thus, I do not support the Graham-Cassidy legislation.

Thank you  
Bryan



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**From:** L. Valdez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:03 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Dear Senators,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I work and provide health care for my whole family. I have hypothyroidism, and while it's a common condition that is easily manageable, it would be a pre-condition and a reason to deny me healthcare. This would mean that I cannot risk moving companies where I work for fear of losing health insurance for my whole family.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
- Leticia Valdez

[REDACTED]  
Ann Arbor, MI

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** G Brandolino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I write to tell you that I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Gina Brandolino  
Ann Arbor MI

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**From:** Carolyn Meade [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Carolyn Meade  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Manistique, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Lee Engstrom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Lee Engstrom

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Grand Rapids, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** MaryBeth Stuenkel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** in opposition to Graham-Cassidy

I and my family have been lucky to be able to afford quality healthcare. Many of my fellow Americans have not. For that reason, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. What an opportunity to create a shining example of our legislators working together to benefit the American people who most need it instead of working against each other, creating something that benefits the choice few with the money and power to influence it.

Sincerely,  
MaryBeth Stuenkel  
Ann Arbor, Michigan and Tucson, Arizona.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jahna Berry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Bill

Please, I beg you, don't push this bill.

I'm 42yrs old and was born with a rare birth condition called Sacral Agenesis.

I'm a double leg amputee with two ostomies and a survivor of Hepatitis C which I was infected with as a child in the hospital.

Your bill would hurt people like me and the underprivileged.

This bill would hurt millions upon millions.

~Jahna Berry~  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kenneth Winter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:57 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Kenneth Winter  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ann Arbor, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:57 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Real Medical Costs Reform, NOT Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on good quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I know plenty of people who'd be dying without affordable insurance premiums and the ability to obtain insurance despite pre-existing conditions. Graham-Cassidy would kill them.

Access to affordable health care is not a luxury, but a human right. Congress needs to undertake the hard work of lowering and controlling ALL health care costs in this country via improvements to the ACA, not by approving the Graham-Cassidy scam that demeans every member of congress who supports it. Get to work and do something right for health care.

Thank you.

Bernie DeHut  
Bergland, MI



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**From:** Scott Beal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill!

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My brother has disabilities and pre-existing conditions which make it very difficult for him to find full-time, secure work; without the promise of affordable health care, he would have a hard time surviving. My niece and nephew are growing up in households with hardworking parents who need the protections of the Affordable Care Act in order to provide healthcare coverage to their children. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Scott Beal  
Ann Arbor, MI

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**From:** Katy Dobrowitsky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I RELY ON AFFORDABLE CARE UNDER THE ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am a small business owner and I was able to start my business because I had access to affordable plans under the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Catherine Dobrowitsky, Birmingham, Michigan

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Andy Seiler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill!

I am so proud of our country's efforts to provide high quality healthcare to everyone over the last decade, and this bill would take away the healthcare of millions of Americans, directly leading to many many deaths. My son is 28 and has health insurance through the exchange, and it would be horrible if he were to lose his insurance and have an injury while on the job and not be able to get help for it. Horrible not only for him, but for his family and for our country, because it would increase the cost for everyone if he were to get second-rate care. Please stop your evil efforts to kill Americans!!!!

Andrew Seiler MD  
Ann Arbor MI

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**From:** Ruth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

Dear Senators,

I am writing to let you know that my family and I value accessible, affordable health care and health insurance coverage. The ACA is, in fact, working well for us.

Two years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. My health insurance provided the coverage I needed for diagnosis, surgery and treatment. While my premiums have increased as have my deductibles and co-pays, the medical care I needed was affordable and available to me without penalty or excessive cost.

I am healthy today because I had quality health insurance. I intend to stay healthy. Affordable, accessible, quality health care and health insurance is part of my plan. There should be no penalty or cap for a pre-existing condition.

I am in favor of a return to regular order in our Congress AND a bipartisan effort at this time to repair and not repeal the ACA.

Respectfully,  
Ruth Friar

[REDACTED]  
Kalamazoo, MI [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Melissa Daunt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL

**My mom and brother** rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. They both have preexisting conditions that they must have medication for. Without it, they would die. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Melissa Daunt

Flint MI

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Elizabeth Roque [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony regarding Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

My husband had cancer that was thankfully caught early and with continued regular monitoring will never have a chance to become a life threatening condition. It would however be considered a pre-existing condition should we ever lose healthcare coverage. This would eliminate our ability to effectively monitor his status and will leave him susceptible to a very dangerous disease.

This bill is a threat to the welfare of every single United States citizen.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Roque

Belmont, MI

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Sharon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

I am a professional woman, who married a professional man, and luckily for me and my children, all of the nonsense Congress is trying to pull to deny health care to millions of Americans does not impact my immediate family of 4.

I work as a speech language pathologist, in a school located in a high-poverty area. Many of the students I work with have special needs which extend beyond a speech or language impairment, including: autism, cognitive impairment, emotional impairment, and they and their parents rely on quality affordable health care.

**I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I want to see bipartisan Congressional Effort to *improve the ACA, not repeal.***

Sharon Kramer, MA CCC-SLP  
Farmington, MI [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Vince Marshall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote No on Graham-Cassidy!

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Vince Marshall

Ann Arbor, MI



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**From:** Deb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Healthcare

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill. My husband and I are retired and cannot afford to pay more than what we currently are paying for medical coverage. In addition, my husband has a pre-existing health condition and we are gravely concerned that your plan will have an impact on our well being and finances.

Additionally, I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA and NOT REPEAL IT.

I find it terribly troublesome knowing that most republican members will be voting "yes" just so that Mr. Trump can get a feather in his cap and then republicans can say they finally did something. So sad.

Thank you.

Deborah A. Donald

[REDACTED]  
Ada, Mi. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Emily Hiber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

Dear Senators,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My child was born with autism and mental health issues. She has received much of the care she needs thanks to programs that serve those in need, such as Medicaid. As a person with disabilities, it will be imperative that she continue to have access to the therapy and medication she'll need, to be a more functional, independent adult. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Emily Hiber  
Ann Arbor, MI

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Mary Dereski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 5:35 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Stop Graham Cassidy

It is an disgrace to even consider this bill for our country. We as Americans deserve better than what is proposed and being rammed through as the Graham Cassidy bill. Although we don't even know the full extent of how deplorable it is because there has been no open discussions and no debate and NO CBO score. Do not let this bill get through. Stand for the health rights of all Americans, even those with preexisting conditions. Do the right thing and stop this bill. Let's work together on this as a bipartisan issue.

Mary Dereski  
[REDACTED]  
Chesterfield MI [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Deborah Ellis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:17 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare.

Don't we all?

Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

One of my first jobs out of college was a job in the medical insurance industry. I soon realized that without quality, affordable healthcare the great risks to my family's financial stability. Until the Affordable Health Care act this was not how medical insurance worked.

I want to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Ellis  
Port Sheldon, Michigan

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Cheryl Dischler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** oppose Graham Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Why do you continue to put forth legislation that doesn't do anything to improve access to affordable healthcare? Stop working to put profit before people.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Dischler

Macomb, Michigan

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** PAMELA STEN [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing Citizen Comment

Dear Committee members,

Because I rely on quality, affordable healthcare, I write in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill that goes to hearing on Monday. Too many people in various classes, such as mine - a senior citizen, will have their medical insurance premiums skyrocket with this shameful health 'careless' bill. Our country needs bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. There is no reason on earth that this great country can't present something that is the best for our American people, not a last-ditch effort to appease certain groups of people to fulfill a campaign promise. Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Pamela V. Sten  
Buchanan, MI

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Sharon Peters [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:48 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Healthcare Bill

I wish to voice my concerns on the upcoming healthcare bill.

- Premiums will skyrocket due to pre-existing conditions and putting back caps. People will be at the mercy of their state's actions and healthcare policies.
- Leaving states to build their own healthcare system is unrealistic. The time and amount of monies needed to build a (computer) system to handle the complex healthcare programs needed will exceed the 2-yrs that I believe the federal government requests. How will that work with the southern and western states that have just asked for federal emergency monies to help with hurricanes and the fires that have devastated those states. They will be years in rebuilding.. You going to add they take over healthcare on top of that?
- People that were affected by the hurricanes and fires have lost everything. Yet you want to add to that devastation that they are reeling from right now and most certainly in the unforeseeable future by kicking the security of having healthcare from under them. What those people are going through now will undoubtedly have health issues later on, if not now. How can you look them in the eye and tell them...sorry.. maybe you can go to family or church for support. Or you can take the easy route and tell them to blame their state for taking away Medicaid, raising premiums for pre-existing conditions, putting caps back in, basically putting families back to where they can't afford to carry insurance or go bankrupt. Not your problem... you gave it back to the states.
- How many of us need to remind you all that you were voted in to be our voice. You are NOT listening. Instead your donors are dictating your decisions. Shame on you.
- Have you visited your constituents who are going through heart wrenching health issues? Parents dealing with life-threatening situations everyday with their children, spouse, parents? With this bill, maybe the states are able to keep the pre-existing conditions without raising premiums that will be unattainable for most families or maybe they will let insurance companies dictate the policies. And what about the caps? You going to OK a bill that will tell parents that, sorry, I know your child needs this additional surgery and/or medication to live, but you just met your cap.
- With all this drama and chaos that going on in Washington, is it too much to ask that instead of dividing the country more, maybe put your heads together and just fix what we have now. The basics are there. Millions of people are able to have that sense of relief. Instead of being so dead on having your way or the highway, maybe show the country that you are trying to do the best for the people. It's OK to COMPROMISE and work with your colleagues across the aisle. It does not have to be "all or nothing".

- Once you are in office, your duty is to do what is best for all the people in your state and country.. Not the donors or lobbyists... Not for profit.
- Please stop and really look at what this bill will do to the people.. Do you really want to take away all the safety nets and add on the amount of monies that will bankrupt families and possibly send their loved ones to a worse health situation?
- A majority of the healthcare organizations are against this bill. Are you asking WHY they are against it? Have you asked what this bill will do to families? Are you asking them how they would apply fixes to the ACA, we have now? OR.... are you just wanting to ram this horrible bill through with no thought on how this will affect millions of people who will not be able to afford the premiums, be denied due to pre-existing condition and/or caps, or tell the disabled children and elderly, sorry.. you shouldn't have gotten sick.. no money for you... you're on your own.
- Are Congress and Senate willing to forgo the healthcare you give yourselves and be on the same healthcare you are telling is the best for us? Really.. because if it were up for a vote from the people today.. You would have the same as the people you represent. How would you feel about that?
- I am asking that you PLEASE read the whole bill before voting. I am asking that you quit this bickering and quit drawing a line in the sand.. I am asking you to be grownups and just agree to work on fixing ACA, what is now the law. You are playing GOD with people lives. Really.. you are putting people in life and death situations by pushing this bill through without making sure you understand what will happen if this becomes law.
- You just passed an ungodly amount of money for defense.. what are you defending? What was your thinking? Increasing our budget and our nation's deficit when approving almost double of what was asked? PLEASE.. get your priorities in order. Get out of your "bubble" and live in the reality of what is happening in our country. Easy to pass a healthcare bill just so you can say you did it.. Not so easy for us to have to live with the consequences of your actions. Please stop and think before voting.

Thank you for your time.

Sharon Peters

Allegan, MI [REDACTED]



**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Rachel Kopka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare purchased through the ACA/government marketplace. Because of this, **I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.**

The affordable care act allows my family to purchase health insurance we can afford while operating a diversified family-run farm, In turn, this allows us to produce high-quality meat, milk, eggs, vegetables and fruit for members of our community.

I wholly support a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kopka  
[REDACTED]  
Three Rivers, MI [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Robert Argue [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Robert Argue

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bridgman, Michigan [REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Chester Mahan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Chester Mahan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Boyer Falls, MI, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** kathleen list [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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kathleen list  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Midland, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Charlotte Stone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Charlotte Stone  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Oak Park, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** emily kozlowicz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

I oppose the Graham Cassidy Bill.

We need a plan that is fair to all citizens of this country. It is unfair to penalize those with pre existing conditions. I have had heart surgery to replace a valve, I have family members with MS, heart conditions and many other things.

To cause the old and disadvantaged to suffer without the benefit of health care is immoral.

Vote no.

Thank you  
Emily Kozłowicz  
Grand Rapids Mi

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Kate Pratt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Rush to vote

I am writing to express my concern that your committee might pass the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill along to the Senate floor for a vote before the CBO has had time to work up a score detailing the financial costs involved in this bill. I am from Michigan and it particularly disturbs me that my state appears to be punished in the legislation for having done the RIGHT thing for its citizens by expanding Medicare. My son is disabled and Medicare is part of the healthcare coverage he will need for the rest of his life. Please, take the necessary time to score this bill before sending it to the floor.

Sincerely,

Kate Pratt  
Independent Mobile Notary and  
President, Pinckney Community Library Board of Trustees

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Barbara Byers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Barbara Byers  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ann Arbor, Michigan [REDACTED]



**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Patrick Lelli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Hello,

My name is Patrick Lelli and I live in Ann Arbor, MI.

I am writing to urge Republican Senators to vote no on the Graham Cassidy bill.

Every day I am ashamed by the actions of Republicans in power. This bill is evil and wrong and you know it.

Please don't do this.

Thank you.

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• Patrick

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**From:** Roberta Marine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Roberta Marine  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Lansing, Michigan [REDACTED]

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Carol Avigne  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Brownstown, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Nanette Betts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Nanette Betts

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Clio, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** William Drescher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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William Drescher  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mason, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Susn Bourgault [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Susn Bourgault

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Westland, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** C R [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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C R

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Lake Orion, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Lou Ann Thom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Lou Ann Thom  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Lansing, Michigan [REDACTED]



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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:11 PM  
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Doristeen Taylor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Superior Township, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Kathleen Davis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Kathleen Davis  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Marquette, Michigan [REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Valerie Kosaka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern:

My two children and I depended on the ACA for about two years for healthcare coverage after my husband passed away due to cancer, after the COBRA coverage from his healthcare benefits ended and before I was able to find a job with healthcare coverage. Our situation is by no means unique: almost all non-wealthy Americans are one healthcare or employment catastrophe away from being unable to count on employer-sponsored healthcare.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, which is being rammed through with no time to adequately vet the cost through the budget office or assess what the plan requirements might be.

Sincerely,

Valerie Kosaka

Novi, Michigan

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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Thelma Crymes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
W.bloomfield mi., Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Karen Shultz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:26 PM  
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Athens, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:25 PM  
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Manley Edwards  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Eastpointe, MI, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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Jerry Bierens

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Milford, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Jackite Scott [REDACTED]  
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**To:** gchcomments  
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Jackite Scott

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Grand Blanc, Michigan [REDACTED]



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Bob Railey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Bob Railey

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Marquette, Michigan [REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Kim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy-Heller Healthcare Bill

Re: Senate Finance Committee hearing on Graham-Cassidy-Heller healthcare bill  
From: Kim Judge

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 48060

I am writing to express my strongest opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill that is currently before the committee. Despite the statements made by its defenders, it is obvious upon reading it that this bill would be a disaster for healthcare in the United States. The Senate's hurry to rush the bill through has precluded a full CBO score, but the best-available analyses indicate that millions of people would lose their health insurance. Not only would this be devastating for these people personally, but their communities would suffer as well. Hospitals and nursing homes, often the largest employer in a region, would be forced to close due to lack of revenue, putting hundreds of thousands of people out of work and affecting the economies of every state.

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill would be a catastrophe for me because ....I am self-employed and forced to purchase individual healthcare through the ACA. The premiums are unaffordable today, so I cannot fathom the outcome if this horrendous bill passes. As a side note, I am also a healthcare insurance agent. I am in total agreement the ACA needs to be repaired. But repealed...a big, fat, unequivocal NO from this Michigan gal!!

As you can see, the outcome of this bill is not simply important to me--it is a matter of life and death. I hope you will do the right thing and vote **NO** on this **evil** bill.

Sincerely,  
Kim Judge  
BCBSM Insurance Agent

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Eastpointe, MI, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 PM  
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**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Jerry Mawhorter

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Royal Oak, Michigan [REDACTED]

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Rob Jenkin

[REDACTED]

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walled lake, Michigan [REDACTED]

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Holland, Michigan [REDACTED]

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Mike Trahan  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Gaines, Michigan [REDACTED]

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Sandy Robey  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Traverse City, Michigan [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chesaning, Michigan [REDACTED]

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Claude Beavers  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Lansing, Michigan [REDACTED]

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I would be dead without the ACA, and this new incarnation is no better than previous ones. PLEASE do not let this happen to the American people.

P.J. Coldren  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Saint Helen, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Angela Patrick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Finance Committee,

For nearly all her married life, my mother was a stay-at-home mom, and in the days before Obamacare, if a person didn't have insurance, they didn't go to the doctor. My mother nearly died while waiting to get on Medicaid so she could have a pacemaker installed. She also suffered with severe arthritis in her knees for years because she had to put off total knee replacements, all because she didn't have employer-sponsored health insurance.

The newest version of Trumpcare would take away access to healthcare for 32 million people, people like my mother, who lived her life exactly the way Conservatives say a woman should live her life--completely financially dependent on her husband. Obamacare came around too late to be of a lot of use to my mother (although I'm sure the premiums on her supplemental insurance are lower, and her health care costs overall are somewhat lower) but for myself and my siblings, the knowledge that we can't be denied insurance or charged more because at our ages we now have pre-existing conditions is a huge blessing.

Is Obamacare perfect? No, of course not, but this bill, Graham-Cassidy, does not fix Obamacare, or fill in the gaps that the more affluent middle-class families fall into. It simply allows millions more people to crash through those gaps to their deaths.

Also, hidden in this bill is a \$20 billion tax break for the highly-profitable medical device industry, which has \$230 billion in profits stashed offshore on which it has not paid a dime in U.S. taxes. The employer-sponsored health insurance I currently have doesn't even cover medical device rentals!

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Angela Patrick

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Lansing, MI, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** leigh graves wolf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Leigh Wolf

Commerce, MI

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Leigh Graves Wolf, PhD  
Assistant Director, Hub for Innovation in Learning and Technology

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

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Sincerely,

Mary Katherine Smith

Owosso, Michigan

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**From:** Will Fitzgerald [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Please work on a truly bipartisan upgrade to the ACA, and show America that Congress can get things done.

The Graham-Cassidy bill would seriously harm people I love, and make the business climate more hostile.

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Will  
Fitzgerald

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Kristin Dziczek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I stand opposed to the graham-Cassidy bill

I have health care through my employer, and make a decent living. My son and I also have a few relatively minor pre-existing conditions. Obamacare protects us for pre-existing conditions; Graham-Cassidy does not. I will not have the freedom to leave my employer or start a new business if my premiums get jacked up as I've been reading in the legitimate mainstream press. I oppose the bill.

Kristin Dziczek

[REDACTED]  
Ann Arbor, MI [REDACTED]

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**From:** Diana Munch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

My family really relies on quality affordable healthcare. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because it's the absolute worst one ever proposed. I am self-employed and my husband has a pre-existing condition. Before the ACA, I had to buy insurance with a \$5000 deductible just to be able to afford some for myself, and it didn't cover anything. My husband's health insurance company had him over a barrel. They could charge him whatever they wanted, and he couldn't switch because he couldn't risk losing his health insurance. We paid over \$1000/month just for health insurance premiums, which didn't include prescription drugs or lab work or doctor office visits. Our medical expenses were over a third of our yearly income. With the ACA, we have affordable healthcare, with our premiums covering a lot more of things like doctor visits and lab work.

My sister is handicapped and is on Social Security disability. She currently has good coverage with her insurance and Social Security, but if this goes away, her medical bills could be astronomical.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to *improve* the ACA, not repeal it. Even better would be to have a bipartisan Congressional effort to institute Single Payer Healthcare, as they do in countries with a more progressive healthcare system than ours.

Sincerely,

Diana Munch  
Southfield, MI



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**From:** Lisa Kramer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

To the Senate Finance Committee Members,

I implore you to please consider the affect on the American lives this bill would have with greater weight than any prospective political outcome. None of us can predict when we or a loved one might be affected by a significant illness or other physical challenge, and the vast majority of us have something that insurance companies might classify as a "preexisting condition".

Thank you so much for helping to protect families with pre-existing conditions from potential financial devastation. There's got to be another way forward other than this bill...Bipartisan collaboration would be a great start.

Thank you,  
Lisa Kramer, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** msalath [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

I live in rural northern Michigan and I'm very concerned that this bill will negatively impact our rural hospitals. Please, take your time and FIX Obama care -- don't replace it! It's the right thing to do and it will save lives. Lives are more important than campaign promises!

Respectfully,  
Pat Salathiel

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Amy Moehle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare.

Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Our long and difficult story with affordability of insurance for a full-time working family was a difficult path, but the ACA was the first step in a remedy, a much needed remedy.

Follow John McCain's lead, oppose Graham-Cassidy, lets work together to get affordable healthcare into the hands of all and work together to get a healthy healthcare system that every citizen deserves.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Amy Moehle

Beulah, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Allison Richards [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Don't repeal ACA

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

My story with the ACA is that it has allowed me to survive and receive the treatment I need! Don't repeal it. Just don't. It's stupid and selfish to even think that this is a good idea.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Because that actually makes some goddamn sense!!!

Sincerely,  
Allison Richards  
Clarkston, Michigan

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**From:** Carolyn Green [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I oppose Graham-Cassidy bill because it would negatively affect myself and my family financially.

I urge you to see a bipartisan congressional effort to improve ACA, not repeal it. This issue affects all Americans and we need you to carefully and thoughtfully work to improve the ACA. We need you to do this legislation with input and information from many avenues and voices before you vote.

Carolyn Green  
Traverse City, Michigan  
[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** eileenmacdonald [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

Dear reader,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with affordability is that my youngest daughter relies on the Affordable Care Act exchanges to receive health insurance, since she works in a service job that does not provide health insurance. She has chronic health problems that certainly could cause her premiums to rise beyond her ability to pay if this Graham-Cassidy bill passes. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Eileen MacDonald

[REDACTED]

Huntington Woods, MI [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** maxine Carron [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Trumpcare, version three

Hello Finance Committee, my name is Maxine Carron and I am a U.S. citizen, registered to vote, my zip code is 48047. I am a working tax payer and I am asking that you not allow the passing of the latest version of Trumpcare. I have a preexisting condition and will be priced out of insurance if this passes. This means I will lose my home to the bank, lose my 401K and little bit of savings and die young. I am a single mother and this will also leave nothing for my son to inherit. My son also has a preexisting condition and I currently buy health coverage for him out of pocket due to the deductibles, I am already struggling. I ask that you work in my families best interest and represent us and stop this bill. You work for the American people and this bill undermines most of us. I ask that you divert a catastrophe that will cause great pain and suffering to millions of citizens and veterans whom have trusted you in office to represent us. Do not repeal the ACA, either fix it or give us Single Payer, I will gladly pay higher taxes for coverage. Thank you for your time.

Maxine Carron  
[REDACTED]  
Chesterfield MI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Some Senators may be well intentioned in their support of the Graham-Cassidy Bill. Others simply do not care about their constituents. They support this bill in order to get rid of another bill President Obama signed into law.

The Graham-Cassidy bill will cost Americans more than they currently pay for insurance under the ACA. While the ACA is not perfect, it is better than the proposal known as the Graham-Cassidy Bill. Why are you wasting your time with such a horrible bill?

It is your job, as Senators of the United States of America, to represent the people of the USA. The same health care should be provided for all Americans.

Please support health care for all Americans. A new health care bill that is much better than the Graham-Cassidy Bill is needed.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Yeager

[REDACTED]  
Ishpeming, MI [REDACTED]

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**From:** Barb Zupin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA pending vote - I oppose it

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I urge you to see a bipartisan congressional effort to improve ACA, not repeal it. This issue affects all Americans and we need you to carefully and thoughtfully work to improve the ACA. We need you to do this legislation with input and information from many avenues and voices before you vote.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Zupin  
Traverse City, Michigan [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

I think the current healthcare bill that is proposed is cruel beyond measure. It will literally make people watch their children die of a curable illness. It will force people to file bankruptcy. Medicare for All would benefit everyone, including corporations. This is the only compassionate way to treat healthcare. As a human right. We are the richest country in the world but those riches are being drained away from the middle class and going to the wealthy. You cannot call yourself a true Christian without compassion. Please, please do not pass this horrid legislation.

Vivian DeMartino  
Muskegon, MI. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Lisa Riedel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

As an advanced practice nurse and as a person with a permanent spinal cord injury, this bill will hurt the people I care for and myself in enormous ways. It is an awful bill. It should not even be considered. It has not been vetted in normal process nor given a CBO score. Health care is too important to rush.

Lisa Riedel CRNA, DNP  
West Bloomfield, MI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Emily Drennen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposing Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. All three of us have disabling health conditions. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would actually like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to expand the ACA into a single payer program, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Emily Drennen

Ypsilanti, MI

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** N Bonaventure [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposing the Graham-Cassidy bill

Hi,

I'm seventeen-years-old and my family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

I hope you will choose what the people of America need and can rely on. After all a healthy country is a good country.

Sincerely,

Nadia

Beulah, MI

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**From:** wendystef1964 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill -Opposed  
**Attachments:** IMG\_20170922\_122943.jpg

Please see attached letter. I am opposed to this bill for the same reasons stated.

No CBO, no Vote. This should be standard practice.

Please consider the Citizens of the USA, the experts in the Medical field and the opposition from the down-ticket Republicans.

Thank you,

Wendy Stevens

Michigan Resident.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone



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**From:** Marta Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

To Whom it May Concern,

I urge you to reject this bill that will do serious harm to so many people. Short term gains in reduced funds for medical coverage will devastate families with mild to serious medical issues, forcing them to refuse life saving medical care and be more likely to be forced into bankruptcy.

Health insurance as a purely market-based solution does not work in alignment with the hippocratic oath: 'first do no harm'. This is likely why nearly every reputable medical organization, all 50 state medicaid directors, dozens of Governors, and everyone who has been impacted by serious health issues strongly opposes the Graham-Cassidy bill.

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In the end cutting medical funding and coverage will harm our economy as well as ruin people's lives.

Sincerely,

Marta Johnson  
1343 Logan SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Consistent voter, MA in Political Science and mother to a baby born with congenital heart disease.

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Sincerely,

Marta Johnson  
[REDACTED]  
Grand Rapids, MI [REDACTED]

Consistent voter, MA in Political Science and mother to a baby born with congenital heart disease.

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**From:** Julie Tackett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Re: Senate Finance Committee (SFC)/ Hearing to consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal / September 25, 2017

Re: Senate Finance Committee (SFC)/ Hearing to consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal / September 25, 2017

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to give my statement for the record for the SFC Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal, September 25, 2017.

As a US citizen and a resident of Michigan, and as a mother, I am deeply troubled by the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal before the SFC. This bill will result in more than 30 million people losing insurance coverage, and it is blatantly partisan (it is astonishing that certain states are singled out for penalization based on their political party makeup (majority Democrat)).

Millions will face bankruptcy, my own family members included, if this bill passes. Many, many people will die. Needlessly.

It is clear from the last go-around with an ACA repeal attempt that the vast majority of citizens favor fixing the ACA rather than a repeal. And according to an article in the Guardian, the press to pass this bill is based on the Republicans being promised a war chest of \$400 million in campaign funding from wealthy donors. This is a clear conflict of interest and does not serve Senators' constituents. In fact, this bill THREATENS the lives and livelihoods of their constituents, and yet, unbelievably, it is up for consideration.

Please kill this bill. It is inhumane and unAmerican. It is hateful and should never have seen the light of day.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Julie Tackett  
Livonia, MI

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Martha Krieg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; CSS, NDR (Stabenow)  
**Subject:** Cassidy-Graham Bill - please, NO!

Dear Finance Committee Members:

I am 69 years old, with Type II Diabetes. I am retired and depend on the insurance my husband has through the job he retired from, plus Medicare.

My husband has had some typical elder-male problems. Any threat to our insurance coverage is a threat to our financial stability as we live the last decades of our lives. A senior often is not in a position to go back to work to earn money to cover care that he or she thought was going to be well covered.

My granddaughter was born in 2010 with a congenital liver defect that required a pediatric liver transplant two weeks before her first birthday. That first hospital stay cost over a million dollars. She will be on anti-rejection drugs for the rest of her life. Both of her parents work, but without adequate insurance, they would have been bankrupt - AND trying to cope with a very sick child. They still face heavy bills every year, in addition to the time they must spend on doctors' appointments and hospital visits to keep her alive. She's a sweet, intelligent, and very active girl - but she needs medical care to remain that way.

Please do not allow this Cassidy-Graham bill to gain traction. It will leave millions of Americans, even hard-working ones, with insufficient insurance. Pre-existing conditions are not the fault of the person who has them; they just are. Pregnancy is a normal, desirable condition - not something people should dread because of the expense.

Not only is it clear that this Cassidy-Graham bill would be disastrous for individuals, it will wreak havoc on the stability of the insurance and health-care industries. We need instead to properly fund the ACA, stabilize the insurance situation, and ensure that medical professionals are properly paid so that they will stay in the field and available to all of us, rich or poor.

Sincerely,  
Martha Fessler Krieg  
Ypsilanti, MI [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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In addition, rare disease patients and their families rely on Medicaid for life-sustaining and life-saving care. Under the Graham-Cassidy plan, federal funding of Medicaid would be substantially weakened by per capita caps and block grants, resulting in states potentially delaying or outright refusing coverage for necessary care.

I am asking you to stand up for the rare disease community by opposing the Graham-Cassidy plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mrs. Susan Long

[REDACTED]  
Saline, MI [REDACTED]  
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Saline, MI [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Until there is a sane and workable bi partisan bill that provides affordable access to health care for all citizens, without lifetime caps, without penalties for preexisting conditions, without limitations that will cause people to suffer and die from lack of care, there should be NO REPEAL OF THE ACA.

80% of voters in this country do not want Graham Cassidy, a hastily cobbled together bill that will cause great harm.

Please put people first: not the special interests; not large corporations which want to be given preference over ordinary human beings; people first!

Say no to the Graham Cassidy Bill. Children's lives, people's lives, are in your hands.

Marilyn Lessem  
[REDACTED]  
Huntington Woods, MI [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jason Moon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham -Cassidy bill

September 21, 2017

Attn: **Senate Finance Committee**

Dear Senators:

As a constituent concerned about preserving access to lifesaving mental health and addiction services, I am writing today to urge and request your support for preserving recent gains in access to coverage and care for people living with mental illness or addiction.

Recent health insurance data show that Americans with mental health and substance use disorders are the single largest beneficiaries of Medicaid expansion. Nearly one in three people who receive health insurance coverage through the Medicaid expansion either have a mental illness, substance use disorder or both. If the Medicaid expansion were to be repealed, this population of vulnerable Americans would be left without access to lifesaving treatment, driving up costs in emergency room visits and hospital stays.

I am also concerned about the impact that Graham-Cassidy plan to restructure Medicaid as a block grant or capped program would have on people who rely on Medicaid for addiction and mental health care. By reducing federal investment in Medicaid, these proposals would shift costs to states and place individuals' coverage at risk – potentially leaving millions of Americans without access to needed mental health and addictions treatment in our state and communities.

**Please work with your colleagues to protect our nation's most vulnerable patient population and preserve their access to prevention and treatment.**

Thank you for your hard work and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Jason P Moon

[REDACTED]

Lansing, MI [REDACTED]

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**From:** Amanda Crowell Itliong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Concerns from a 38 year old on Medicaid

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you so much for your public service! I've also devoted my life to public service and I continue to use the moments I have left to improve my community and my country! I'm writing you today to encourage you to hear and understand stories like mine and how we would suffer under the proposed Graham-Cassidy-Heller Healthcare legislation.

When I was 29 I had a very successful career teaching and advising student leaders at Stanford University. Suddenly, through absolutely no fault of my own, I found out I had ovarian cancer. It was shocking and over the past 9 years it has been incredibly tough on my body, my career, my family and my finances. I'm currently living with cancer for the 4th time and I'm no longer able to work. I still contribute to my community as much as I can when I can, and being in an NCI Clinical Trial also helps others with my disease. I am so thankful to be on Medicaid right now and I hope to get better enough in the future to continue my work and impact as a social entrepreneur. I want to be able to help so many others like me to return to the workforce despite chronic illness. The ACA and access to affordable coverage, despite my pre-existing condition, will make that possible. Without the ACA or a similar guarantee for those of us with chronic illness, we are simple left to bankrupt our families and then die.

We must prevent unnecessary bankruptcies and deaths because of lack of affordable care. Please hear from us. Please understand us. Please give us the chance as Americans to make a positive impact on our communities as long as we can! Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,  
Amanda Crowell Itliong  
[REDACTED]  
Rochester, MI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Amanda Crowell Itliong  
Patient Experience Speaker and Dialogue Facilitator  
SheHive Community Curator  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Amy Lynn Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy-Graham bill opposition to be entered in the record

To Whom It May Concern -

I'm writing to implore the Senate to vote NO on this disastrous legislation. I am one of the millions of Americans who has been helped by the Affordable Care Act. And although it's not perfect — it needs improvement — the current repeal bill would leave millions of us without insurance, fighting for our lives or in bankruptcy.

The bill has not been through appropriate hearings and vetting, including a CBO score. This bill is being rushed through simply to appease political donors and supporters. Every medical society, all of the state directors of Medicaid and consumer groups are all calling for this legislation to be stopped. Even insurance companies, who would be allowed to charge people like me with pre-existing conditions more under this legislation, are in opposition. It will not only cost lives, it will throw our healthcare system and insurance markets into utter disarray.

I live with type 1 diabetes. My costs are nearly half what they were before the ACA, and I don't qualify for a tax subsidy. I don't know how I'll be able to afford insurance — and, therefore, the insulin I need to stay alive — if my rates go up to \$1,500 a month or more, which is exactly what will happen.

There are millions of people facing even worse, including those battling cancer and lifelong disability. I would like to go on record as saying this legislation is heartless, cruel and life-threatening, and anyone who supports it should be ashamed. You will have blood on your hands.

Stop this ridiculous crusade to repeal the law and work with the Senators who are trying to forge a bipartisan solution to shore up the markets and improve Obamacare. They are good public servants. Those who simply want repeal to prove a political point are threatening the lives of innocent Americans.

Amy Lynn Smith  
[REDACTED]  
Birmingham, MI [REDACTED]

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**From:** Merilee Shipman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Chris McClain; Merilee Shipman  
**Subject:** Please read my sister and her husbands story

In 2011 when he was 58, my husband was diagnosed with an incurable blood/bone marrow cancer, multiple myeloma. Multiple myeloma can be suppressed by treatments with different chemotherapies, but as time goes on it stops responding to the treatments, one by one, until there are no treatments left that can keep it in check. Multiple myeloma is a relatively rare cancer, accounting for roughly 2% of new cancer cases each year. The 5 year relative survival rate is 48.5 % according to NIH SEER data. When not well controlled, multiple myeloma destroys areas of the bone (lytic lesions). It also causes bone pain, kidney impairment or failure, anemia, edema, DVTs and PEs, frequent infections and other less frequent problems. Since multiple myeloma is rare, patients experience better outcomes when treated by multiple myeloma specialists at major hospitals that have clinical research programs.

My husband has experienced many complications since 2011 from his multiple myeloma: Infections; impaired kidney function (even kidney failure at one point); three separate episodes of DVTs; one episode of multiple PEs in both lungs; broken ribs; a broken jaw; osteonecrosis of the jaw; and a broken femur that required two surgeries in 2016. In the second surgery, a large section of his femur bone had to be removed and a partial hip prosthesis implanted. This was because the myeloma had destroyed the femur to the extent it fractured, despite the first surgery when a rod was put down the center to stabilize it.

In 2011 when he was diagnosed, we both worked full time and had Blue Cross medical coverage through my employer. Although my husband had to drive 3.5 hrs one way to [*Hospital*] to receive his treatments, he continued to work until 2015 when the demands of work and toll of multiple myeloma caused him to become totally disabled. I also stopped working in 2015 to care for him. We took COBRA medical coverage through my employer when I stopped working, and in Jan. 2016 purchased Blue Cross through [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov) (ACA coverage). Based on our pension income, we received a subsidy in 2016 and again in 2017 to help reduce our monthly premiums. We purchased a Blue Cross Silver Saver Plan which has an annual \$8,000 Deductible (\$4,000 for each of us) and \$9,000 Out of Pocket Maximum (\$4,500 for each of us). The original monthly premium is \$1,732, our subsidy is \$914, so we actually pay \$818 per month. We consider it affordable because it's essential we have this coverage.

Since 2011, my husband's medical bills have been more than \$200,000 annually, with the exception of 2016 when his medical bills were more than \$557,000. (While our Blue Cross was billed this amount, the hospitals receive a reduced amount per the contracts they have with Blue Cross). My husband is currently in a clinical study and the study drug he receives is provided by the drug company at no cost. Every 21 days he also takes an oral chemotherapy, Revlimid, which costs just over \$10,000 each time.

We are extremely, extremely thankful that we could purchase excellent medical insurance through ACA coverage. I've read that a Republican proposed plan would put my husband into a "high risk pool. I've also read that some states that used high risk pools prior to ACA charged very high premiums, did not adequately cover those patients' needed medical expenses, capped the total payment amounts, and some even ran out of funding—leaving patients uninsured.

I worry a great deal about what will happen when the Republicans repeal and replace the ACA. And since my husband will turn 65 this year, I worry about what the Republicans plan to do with Medicare once they're done with the ACA. I appreciate the opportunity to give the ACA workgroup insight into our situation.

Chris and Dave McClain

[REDACTED]

Vanderbilt, MI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** stronga7 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearings to examine the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal

Anna Strong  
[REDACTED]

Holt, MI [REDACTED]

Hearing Date: 9/25/17

Hello,

My name is Anna, though I also go by Elliott. I want to tell you all a story about myself and it starts with an exercise in the imagination which I am borrowing from my support group.

Imagine you are in a dark room with no windows. You can't see anything. There is someone else in the room with you and they have a baseball bat. They hit you in the head and the pain is so bad it sends you to the ground. Before you can do anything, they hit you again. The pain is so severe at this point that you're seeing flashing lights, you feel like you're going to throw up, and you're so dizzy you can't tell which way is up. Every time you move to get away, you're hit again in the same spot in your head.

That, for many of those in my support group, is an apt way of describing a migraine attack. For many of us, these migraine attacks happen daily. For myself, these attacks happen around 5 times a week. I have been suffering migraines at this rate for the last 2 years and I have watched as my grades in my final year of college suffered, and I've struggled to maintain relationships with my friends and family while also holding a job as I battle this pain. You see, migraines are common and yet they are one disease that many neurologists simply say is untreatable.

In the last 2 years, I have tried 25 different prescription medication regimens, been hospitalized twice, and rotate through two types of 'rescue' medications that help shorten the attacks. However, I can only take those medications sparingly because if used frequently, they trigger more migraines. It's a tricky disease to manage. Many of us attempt to get disability but don't qualify and so we bounce from job to job, pushing ourselves every day to put food on the table and afford our medications.

I lucked out in the spring of 2017 when I found a medication that finally worked. It was one that wasn't typically used as a rescue medication for migraines, but it provided me with a little bit of relief each week. Just having those two to three extra days where I wasn't in pain energized me so much and my relationships that had deteriorated over the last year and a half began to strengthen again. But then, the office I worked for had to start letting people go as they entered financial hardship.

When I was laid off, I lost my health insurance. My new job does not offer it. The health insurance I can afford does not cover this rare drug. The one rescue medication that did work for me is no longer covered and costs \$300.00 for one bottle of 10 pills. Instead, I rotate through two other medications that don't really do much but can take the edge off so I can stumble through my work day and collapse at home instead of at work. I

worry every day how long I can continue this sort of treatment to my body because chronic pain like this does not take just a mental toll but a physical. I'm struggling under our current system, yes, but the solution isn't to make my situation *worse*.

This bill strips away what little protection I have - protection against discrimination for my pre-existing condition, protection against sky-rocketing prices that I couldn't afford for my health care because of my pre-existing condition, and a mandate that businesses provide health insurance (the mandate is what made my employer offer a small contribution to help us afford our own insurance). These few protections are the difference between teetering on the edge and falling off for me. With my health care, while I struggle in finding an adequate rescue medication, I at least can visit frequently with my primary care physician to make sure I am keeping my other medical conditions in check (frequent ear infections and IBS - another inflammation-based disease that often goes hand and hand with migraines). Under ACA, I can manage and stay employed. Without it, I don't know what would happen.

I ask you instead to put yourself in that dark room with me for 5 days a week. There's no relief - ever. How long would you last? How long before your body gave out? Without ACA, I'm trapped in that room all on my own with no hope to ever get out. ACA gives me that chance. ACA allows me to go and see neurologists and try new medications - just because I haven't found the right one doesn't mean it exists.

So when you go to vote on this bill, think of me and the millions of others like me. The ones who are trapped in that room through no fault of their own who need someone to help them. Don't lock the door on us. Don't leave us behind.

Sincerely,  
Anna Strong

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**From:** Kari Falk [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

I urge every senator to vote no on this bill. I have a pre-existing condition. Eleven years ago, I was diagnosed with Anti-phospholipid Anti-body syndrome. If you are not sure what that is, ask Dr. Cassidy, he should know, after all he is a doctor. It is an auto-immune disease. I will have to be on coumadin for the rest of my life, which I hope will not be cut short because of this bill. I need to have my INR-blood checked, every 2-4 weeks, depending on how my body is reacting to the meds. I was in the hospital for 3 weeks, eleven years ago, because it took that long to figure out what was wrong, and how they were going to treat it. Then for the next 3 years, I was seeing at least 4 doctors at least every 3 months, and some of them every month. At the time, I was working and had healthcare from my job (I was an educator for 33 years). I also am and epileptic, and take meds for that. And I am also a woman, and I get yearly checkups to make sure I don't have any women related cancers. Now, I have retired, and am on a fixed income. I still receive healthcare as part of my pension (actually, my husband is also a retired teacher and I am on his policy). If this bill passes, employers will have the option to change the way they give healthcare to their workers, or may even decide it isn't worth having healthcare as a benefit any more. If this bill passes, and insurance agencies are allowed to decide how they plan to charge people with pre-existing conditions, my pension will not be enough to cover the life saving services I now have. And if that is the case, I would assume I would need to go on Medicaid, which you plan to cut. So I assume, your goal is to make sure anyone who is being kept alive because of their affordable healthcare, should just die, and stop worrying about living a normal life, and being able to decide if they want to eat, or buy their medicines. His bill is a travesty. It is not humane, nor is it affordable for anyone who is not a millionaire, in fact, if millionaires get deathly ill, this won't be affordable to them either. But you, being in the Senate will be exempt from this bill. If you really care about your constituents, either make sure you are not exempt from this bill and give up your ACA healthcare, or vote no. All citizens of this country are watching you. And just because the republicans ran on repealing and (maybe) replacing the ACA, it is an abomination to think that anyone wants you to repeal the ACA and leave over 32 million people without healthcare. We are watching. And we will remember who you are if you vote yes on the Graham-Cassidy deathcare bill.

kari falk,  
Michigan



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**From:** Joe Tyrrell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Disgraceful

The subject line says it all. This bill is a complete disgrace to our American values of due-process, compromise and fairness.

Joe Tyrrell

Farmington Hills MI

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Daniel Moerman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:15 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** CSS, NDR (Stabenow); Peters, Senator (Peters); McCain, Senator (McCain)  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My understanding of this bill is that it will be even worse than the anti-ACA proposals which preceded it.

Millions of Americans will lose insurance; being born with a medical condition will entail "previous condition. . ."

Don't do this!!!

Dan Moerman, Michigan, 48198

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Daniel E Moerman  
William E. Stirton Professor Emeritus of Anthropology  
University of Michigan-Dearborn  
Research Associate, Botanical Research Institute of Texas

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**From:** Natalie Rhymer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Trumpcare bill

Senators,

This is a terrible bill. Punting your responsibility to the states -- and taking away funding at the same time -- is cowardly. Trying to pass a bill so the GOP can secure campaign money is deplorable. The majority of your constituents and hundreds of healthcare organizations denounce the bill. Millions of people will lose coverage, including the elderly, disabled, and children. My autistic son could be one of those people in the very near future. There were others working on a bipartisan solution. This is what the country wants. The Graham-Cassidy bill is selfish, greedy, and despicable. Disgusting. Horrific. This bill should never see the light of day. Work on a compromise that generally works for everyone instead of ramrodding this through so that the GOP can get paid. NO on Graham-Cassidy!

Natalie Rhymer

[REDACTED]  
Berkley, MI [REDACTED]

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**From:** Elizabeth Antkowiak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy disaster

Please do everything in your power to kill this proposed bill. It will affect my 4 year old grandson who has life threatening food allergies. He needs affordable coverage or he will die if accidentally exposed to peanuts or sesame seeds.

I have an elderly 86 year old aunt who lives in a residential center in Washington DC She is able to live independently because of the support offered there at St Mary's Court, due to her Medicaid and Medicare coverage.

My husband and I are retired and if our health plan coverage increases at a rate of 20%, out of pocket; that represents a considerable hardship to us.

The Graham Cassidy Bill, proposed is basically a way to redistribute monies from health care to offer relief (?) to the very wealthy. That is unconscionable.

Fix the ACA - Put the American people first

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Antkowiak ( and David )

[REDACTED]  
Alpena, MI [REDACTED]

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Elizabeth Antkowiak  
[REDACTED]  
Alpena, MI [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Christopher Matthews [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:52 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I Urge You to Oppose Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

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**It is deeply flawed legislation that promises to hurt many Americans**, and it is all the more **dangerous and frankly shameful due to this bald-faced effort to rush it through your venerable body semi-secretly**.

**America should be better than this. I urge you to make us proud.**

Sincerely and with great alarm,

**Dr. Christopher Matthews**  
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**From:** Tina C [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy proposal

Good morning. I'm a voting citizen from Michigan, and I would like to offer my thoughts about the proposed Graham-Cassidy bill that would repeal the ACA.

I ask, urge, and plead with all voting members of Congress to oppose this bill, as its impact on the economy has not been fully evaluated. No CBO score has been derived, so too much is unknown.

But more important is the human impact -- the loss of coverage for pre-existing conditions and cuts to Medicaid, most importantly. Despite mealy-mouthed attempts to indicate that pre-existing conditions will still be covered, the truth is that they will not be for everyone. And think about the impact on our mobile workforce. People frequently move from state to state for jobs. What was covered in one state may not be covered in another. For this reason, the protection for pre-existing conditions **MUST** be a nationwide mandate. It simply cannot be left to each state's discretion. (Similarly, this is a problem of equity for out-of-state employees who would have different coverage from those living in the same state as the company's home state.)

And the cuts to Medicaid are unconscionable. Seniors, economically disadvantaged, and disabled citizens rely on Medicaid as the sole source of coverage for healthcare. We cannot strip a penny away from these programs!

This bill, it turns out, is likely worse than the previous proposal, in that it does not even offer funding for addressing the opioid crisis.

No matter the pressure you are under from wealthy campaign contributors, I urge you to reject the Graham-Cassidy proposal. Please work together to improve and strengthen the ACA. The People do not want the ACA to be repealed. Please represent the will of the People -- ALL the people, not the wealth fringe elements.

Thank you.

Tina Creguer  
Plymouth, MI

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**From:** Calcaterra, Lindsay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:44 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

I am writing to express my extreme concern with the Graham-Cassidy health care bill. As the Vice President of an organization that serves individuals with disabilities, this bill would be a disaster for those we serve who rely on Medicaid to live at home with their families or in the community with a meaningful, valued life. Under the bill, my state of Michigan would be forced to design a new health care system with \$3 billion less in Medicaid funding. This is almost certain to result in less individuals being covered and those who currently have Medicaid coverage, enduring devastating service cuts. Other dangerous provisions in the bill such as allowing States the right to waive essential benefits and erode key protections for consumers means that those with pre-existing conditions could be charged far more for insurance, in essence making it unaffordable to them, and those who can buy insurance will have much less coverage. Millions will lose coverage under this bill, and with virtually no limitations on what block grants can be used for, there is no guarantee that vulnerable populations such as those with disabilities will continue to receive Medicaid coverage.

I find it extremely reckless to ram through a bill that re-orders one-sixth of the nation's economy and affects the lives of tens of millions of citizens on a strictly partisan basis with no meaningful hearings and no CBO score. Further it is unconscionable that the Senate would simply ignore the concerns of almost every national health care organization including the American Medical Association and almost every national disability and chronic disease/health care organization, the AARP, all 50 State Medicaid Directors, 12 bipartisan state Governors, and even insurance companies like Blue Cross Blue Shield who have all voiced strong opposition to the bill.

I strongly urge you to vote no on this bill that will reduce access to affordable care, destabilize insurance markets, and create a erode consumer protections.



**LINDSAY CALCATERA**

Vice President of Growth and Communication  
MORC, Inc.

[REDACTED]  
Clinton Township, MI [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Sunny K [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Statement for Hearing

I would like to keep my health insurance through the Affordable Care Act.

I couldn't afford a plan before the act was passed. I'm one of the healthy people and I don't mind paying to help those less fortunate than myself.

If the ACA is repealed I won't be able to afford health coverage. I'm a 59 year old woman and while I'm healthy now I think we all know that could suddenly change. With all the money we pay to our Senators and Representatives I'm finding it difficult to believe you can't build on the ACA and come up with something that works for all Americans. If you worked in corporate America and couldn't do any better than you're doing now you'd be fired. Where would you get your health insurance then?

Sincerely,

Sunny Kaye

[REDACTED] Rochester Hills MI [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Margaret Shamel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Have you known anyone with a brain injury? If not, I just want to ask you a question. What would you want for your loved one? The best care they can receive? Or only get to a certain stage in recovery and then be left at that stage or worse, for the rest of their life?

Most of you in the Senate do not have to worry about what will happen to you or your loved ones because you have benefits that the rest of us do not have. But, if you could find some compassion in your heart, you need to stop this bill from passing. It would be almost comparable to sending our loved one back in time to the horrific days of asylums for mental illness. I think we have grown way past this point in our understanding of brain injury and mental illness. So, please do not send us backwards in time! People with brain injuries deserve to receive the best treatment for as long as they live.

Thank you!  
Sincerely,

Margaret Shamel  
[REDACTED]  
Traverse City, Mi [REDACTED]

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**From:** Daniel Beatty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to GCHJ

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to make known my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill currently under Senate consideration. The contents of this bill are a baldfaced, shameful attempt for Senators who promised a repeal of the Affordable Care Act to save face with their constituents; this bill violates a number of important tenets of ethical legislation, and provides no net value to the United States of America. The amount of real, material harm that this bill would introduce to US citizens if it became a law is absolutely unacceptable, and the Senate should reject it in the strongest possible terms. I will vote against any legislator who supports this bill in any capacity.

Thank you,  
Daniel Beatty  
Brighton, MI, [REDACTED]

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**From:** Heather M [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearings to examine the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal on 9/25/2017

Hearings to examine the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal on 9/25/2017

Heather Mayo

[REDACTED]  
Belleville, MI [REDACTED]

Hello,

My name is Heather Mayo. I live in Belleville Michigan. My son James is 15 years old, and was diagnosed with extensive Crohn's disease this January. He spent several weeks in the hospital until we could get him Humira to try and control his condition. He had lost so much weight, he was 80 pounds at his lowest . If we had not been able to get this medication he might have died. As it was, the doctors had to fight on the phone for days with Medicaid to get it for him. It wasn't even their first choice. I am grateful for all of the time they spent and luckily my son is now doing much better, back in school for this year and getting his strength back. His doctor was thinking maybe he should go on double doses of Humira but he also knows that it is almost impossible to get them to approve it. It is ridiculously expensive, thanks to the drug manufacturers.

If this bill passes, I am afraid for his life. Crohn's is a chronic disease. As of now he has to have one shot per week to control his condition, in addition to the other medicines he takes. He is going to have to be on some sort of medication for the rest of his life. I don't know what his future holds, but I hope he can get through college and get a good job and insurance. Live the American dream. But he will have a pre existing condition that he has no control over and never wished for. From the sound of this bill, he will automatically be subject to higher rates, get cut off, pretty much anything the drug companies and insurance companies want to do.

My husband is on heart meds and blood pressure meds. If he no longer qualifies for Medicaid, what will happen to him? The only reason he got on it was because of the expanded medicaid under the ACA. What will happen to my other kids with asthma? To my relatives and friends with cancer, depression, etc?

With all of the chronic conditions and disabilities the citizens of our country have, you are dooming them all if you choose profits over compassion and care. If you keep the population healthy, it can only benefit our economy. Or are we all that disposable, as long as you get that dividend check?

Sincerely,

Heather Mayo

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**From:** Michelle Stewart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments submitted for Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal (Hearing on 9/25/2017 @ 2PM)

To the Honorable Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I wish to submit into the record my comments on the referenced bill.

I ask all who will listen: please reject and vote no on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson (GCHJ) Bill. I think we can all agree, the Affordable Care Act is far from perfect. However, the proposed GCHJ Bill instead attacks the most vulnerable in our society: our elderly, our children, our veterans, the disabled, and the poor. This is unacceptable and immoral. I ask for the Committee and all members of Congress to return to regular order, and look instead towards a bipartisan effort to solve the issues with the ACA in lock-step with industry, medical professionals, care providers, and economists to fix it. THIS BILL IS NOT THE WAY.

I want to briefly tell my story and how the ACA helps save my life. In 2006, I was a healthy young 32 year old who had rarely been ill a day in my life. I had a great job as a state employee and felt better than I had in years. I had started losing weight and exercising to train for a 5k. I caught a cold in January 2007 that I couldn't shake and slowly became sicker and sicker. By February 2007 I had to be hospitalized due to diabetic ketoacidosis, and it nearly took my life.

After that, I found out I was a Type 1 diabetic. I learned that it was a very serious condition, but with proper care and management, I could live a long full complications-free life. However, many things terrified me: what if I lost my job? I would not be able to get insurance other than COBRA, which only lasted 6 months. What if I got pregnant? How could I afford to safely manage my care being a Type 1 diabetic?

When the ACA finally went into law, I had the freedom to switch jobs knowing I could get health care no matter what. I didn't have to worry about lifetime caps due to pregnancy, or complications. Much of my managed care would be provided based off of Federal standards outlined in the ACA. It changed my life.

In closing, I believe every American can agree that we need to work together to address the myriad of concerns around health care costs and coverage. We need to look closely at the economics, controlling costs, and increasing quality and availability. That will only be accomplished with bipartisan efforts, not by a partisan bill that abolishes Medicaid, removes pre-existing condition protections and standards, and puts a huge strain on state budgets.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Michelle Stewart

[REDACTED], Grand Rapids, Michigan

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**From:** Jan Olsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I Oppose Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal bill. Although the Senate hasn't done their due diligence to the American people by having the CBO analyze the bill (what kind of representation is that - voting in ignorance?), what we do know is that it would result in millions fewer people having health coverage, the cost-of coverage going up for many people, and it allows states to decide whether pre-existing conditions will be covered, which is in effect saying that pre-existing conditions won't be covered if you are unlucky enough to live in the wrong state. Numerous healthcare-related groups have condemned this bill. Even Blue Cross Blue Shield has denounced it, as well as the CEO of Kaiser Permanente, the American Medical Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Hospital Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, and on and on. All oppose this bill.

If some of the marketplaces are not working under the ACA then fix that, don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

-- Jan Olsen  
Haslett, Michigan



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**From:** Debra Hoffman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please stop this bill

I hope that the members of the committee will stop this rushed, ill-advised attempt to repeal Obamacare at all costs. You do not need to look very far to find hundreds of your own constituents who will be gravely harmed by its implementation. Please slow down, resume bipartisan discussions and find a better solution. If this process has been divisive, imagine if it was replicated across 50 states.

Thank you for your time,  
Debra Hoffman  
Scio Township, Michigan

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**From:** Rich Cook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Bill

I am writing to have my statement entered into the committee hearing for this ill-considered bill.

From everything I have read, this bill was hastily written, and the implications have not been fully explored. The insurance industry has argued it will take away consumer protections, and undermine safeguards for people with pre-existing conditions. Furthermore, it will reduce coverage and cause chaos in insurance markets.

I have several friends who are self-employed, and finally have health insurance they can afford, thanks to the subsidies in the ACA program. A couple of them have serious medical issues, and fear they may die if this bill passes and they can no longer afford or get access to insurance.

Senators' first responsibility is to serve the public, not their party or their base. Passing this bill will do a huge disservice to the American public, and will cause a huge amount of suffering. I pray that members of the Senate will reconsider taking this cruel and heartless action, and work together in a bipartisan way to improve the existing system.

Sincerely,

Rich Cook

[REDACTED]  
Ann Arbor, MI [REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Carr, Elizabeth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Apposed to the Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am writing to express my apposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill that is currently being considered by Congress. This bill is poorly designed and would cause millions of Americans to lose health care, impact individuals with pre-existing conditions, and violates AMA policy. I am strongly apposed to this bill and believe that we need a bipartisan bill that is not run through Congress as fast as possible to avoid apposition. This is ridiculous and I am embarrassed by my governments' inability to work together and come up with a bill that helps Americans rather than hurts them.  
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Elizabeth Carr DVM PhD  
Diplomat ACVIM & ACVECC  
Chief of Staff LA  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Michigan State University

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**From:** Susan M. Woolner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Senate Finance Committee

**Importance:** High

Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden, D-Ore., today issued the following statement on the announcement of a single committee hearing on the Cassidy-Graham-Heller health care proposal:

“Even setting aside the disastrous consequences the Cassidy-Graham-Heller bill would have for Americans across the country, the Finance Committee cannot adequately examine a proposal this massive in a single hearing and without a full analysis from CBO,” Wyden said. “What Americans deserve is a full debate on Cassidy-Graham-Heller with multiple committee hearings and markups to expose the harmful consequences of this legislation. This is a sham process that makes a mockery of regular order.”

I request that this statement be entered into the permanent record for the Senate Finance Committee Hearing on Monday.

**Susan Woolner, CPXP**  
Neurosciences Patient Support &  
Community Partner Coordinator

**Mercy Health**  
**Hauenstein Neurosciences**  
[REDACTED]  
Grand Rapids, MI [REDACTED]

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**From:** Potempa, Kathleen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:08 PM  
**To:** .gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Health Care Bill

Senators, It is hard to imagine a bill that could be more cruel to millions of Americans. This bill is opposed by the American Medical Association, American Nurses Association, American Hospital Association, AARP and many others. Few Americans themselves approve. Who is this bill suppose to help? If you are working for donors and not constituents perhaps you need to rethink why you were elected. Perhaps many of you do not even know what the bill says or will do for health care - if so please educate yourselves before you vote. There are republican and democratic experts from whom you can seek expertise - please do not vote for this bill. We can do enormously better.



Kathleen Potempa, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Professor

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University of Michigan School of Nursing  
[REDACTED] Ann Arbor, MI [REDACTED]

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**From:** David Haig [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Your bill is deplorable

Your "healthcare" bill is deplorable. Throw it in the garbage and get to work on a bipartisan bill. If you can't do that, please, hang on tightly to the bill as you throw it in the dumpster.

David

D. A. Haig Construction

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Ann Arbor MI [REDACTED]  
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**From:** William Kelley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Graham-Cassidy Bill - OPPOSED

To Whom it May Concern,

Good evening; my name is William Kelley, and I am currently enrolled as a Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan. I am writing to provide comments on the Graham-Cassidy healthcare legislation being considered.

First, I would like to discuss the process under which this bill is being pushed. This is an absolute sham, and it reeks of hypocrisy. Many GOP leaders spoke loudly against the process by which the Affordable Care Act was passed--a process which included months of hearings, public debate, a town hall in which President Obama debated Republican Congressional leaders on the merits of the bill, hundreds of Republican amendments being accepted into the bill, and a total of over a year's worth of work from start to finish, and eventually passed with a 60 vote majority in the Senate.

Now, Republican leadership is using a process not meant for major healthcare legislation to try to force through a bill with only 50 votes (bypassing the normal bipartisan process) with no real hearings, no floor debate, and, frankly, no defense of the bill on its substance. You are attempting to pass a bill simply to pass a bill, rather than trying to create impactful legislation, and that shows in the substance of the bill.

More important than my objections to the process are my objections to the substance of the bill. Graham-Cassidy unnecessarily punishes states that embraced the ACA by taking away their current funding and distributing it to states that willfully chose to reject the ACA and hurt their residents. This is incredibly unfair to states that made a good faith effort to make the ACA work (with resounding success, in most of those states). Additionally, the massive cuts to both the federal subsidies and Medicaid in Graham-Cassidy would leave states with not nearly enough funding to set up functioning marketplaces on their own. This legislation will kick 32 million people off of their health insurance, cause premiums to rise, bring back discrimination against those with pre-existing conditions, and destroy the current healthcare marketplace.

Further, it creates a 2-year period in which all 50 states have to have individual legislative battles over what kind of healthcare system to create, which, as the GOP should know, is an incredibly complex political issue that most states are unequipped to handle. Most states would simply rather continue under the Affordable Care Act (as evidenced by Republican governors such as Brian Sandoval and John Kasich coming out in opposition to Graham-Cassidy, and even recent comments from the insurance commissioner in Mississippi!).

Now, here's where it gets even crazier. The funding in Graham-Cassidy completely expires in 10 years! This legislation creates a healthcare fiscal cliff, after which all federal funding for healthcare systems will expire, and states will be left to pick up the tab! "A future Congress will appropriate those funds," you'll say, but that's simply impossible to tell, and we have precedent to suggest that that will not happen (see: Welfare reform).

Wait; there's more! Graham-Cassidy has practically no restrictions on what the block grants to states must be used for, other than a vague suggestion that they be used on healthcare. This effectively creates a slush fund, wherein politicians can decide to do whatever they want with the money so long as it's tied to healthcare. People need a functioning healthcare marketplace, and state legislators are not equipped (or do not care enough) to make that happen given free reign with this money.

I am fully in favor of giving more money to states whose marketplaces are struggling under the current law. Interestingly, there's a simple step those states could take if they wanted to--they could expand Medicaid! Instead, those states are choosing to harm their residents in order to make a political point, which is shameful.

If Graham-Cassidy was such a good piece of legislation, Republican leadership wouldn't be trying to bribe Lisa Murkowski by offering to exempt Alaska and allow them to keep the ACA.

Stop the madness; stop trying to rush a half-baked piece of legislation that will hurt millions of Americans. Go back to the bipartisan hearings in the HELP committee, where Patty Murray and Lamar Alexander were making serious progress at improving our healthcare system.

If this legislation passes, it will be the most devastating and morally bankrupt piece of legislation to ever pass the US Congress, and I will work tirelessly to make sure every Republican legislator who voted for it is defeated in their elections.

Do the right thing.

William Kelley

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William Kelley  
Ph.D. Candidate, Chemical Engineering  
University of Michigan  
NSF GRFP Fellow



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**From:** Stephanie Jean [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; ASlavitt@senate.gov  
**Subject:** Bill to Repeal ACA

Hello,  
please do everything in your power to uphold "The Peoples" need for the Affordable Care Act. The repeal is a blatant disregard of the needs of the majority of Americans for whom the burden of healthcare is exorbitantly heavy.

Thanks.

Stephanie Jean  
Detroit, MI

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**From:** Debra [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Age 61

I'm a healthcare professional I work as a per diem Mammographer which means I save women's lives by early detection imaging for breast cancer. I don't have insurance w/o ACA and that was just taken because they say I make "too much money" for expanded medicAid. I don't make enough to afford my rent car payment and INSURANCE because I'm only guaranteed 6 shifts a month so I pick up more which has NOW made me ineligible for expanded Medicaid. I'm going to have to get ins from the exchange and likely won't be able to afford it. AMERICA NEEDS SINGLE PAYER MEDICARE FOR ALL. YOU IN CONGRESS get Cadillac plans for life. I PAY FOR THEM but I get nothing? I vote in every election now I can't even count on my vote because RUSSIA OWNS US and you're doing NOTHING thus far to purify our voting process. I have considered leaving USA many times. Why should i have to? Born and raised here. I'm so livid and ASHAMED AT AMERICA. Pres Obama not Hillary Clinton would have allowed the GOP to screw us. The republicans all deserve prison. Those who've voted for a TRAITOR should get a PD and be sued by those of us who voted clean! Shame on you ALL

DEBRA N  
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Sent via Debra's iPhone

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**From:** image\_mkr\_1 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Dear Senators,

Three years ago at the age of 41, I was diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer that had metastasized to almost every bone in my body and was causing compression fractures in my spine. It had been only 7 months since my last mammogram. I had been taking several exercise classes and was probably in the best shape of my life, but I went from healthy to terminal basically overnight.

I have been extremely lucky to have had a good response to treatment. I'm on several drugs which I receive as a 3 hour infusion every 3 weeks. Without insurance, those infusions would cost over \$30,000 every three weeks. This doesn't even include the cost of doctor visits and regular tests and scans to make sure the cancer is still held in check and the drugs aren't damaging my heart. I will likely be on these drugs for the rest of my life. I still work full time and am lucky to have good insurance, but as you can imagine, I would hit a "lifetime limit" fairly quickly. A return to such limits would likely be a death sentence for me and many others like me. I ask that you consider our plight when you vote on the Senate's new repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

I urge you to vote no.

Thank you,

Donda Walke

[REDACTED]  
Milan MI [REDACTED]

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Charlotte Mayhew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members—

I am writing to register my *vehement objection* to the Graham-Cassidy bill.

The Graham-Cassidy bill puts tremendous financial and emotional pressure on those of use who have the misfortune to be chronically ill.

I have been dealing with multiple autoimmune conditions for 30 years. I got Graves' Disease at 22 years of age. No one knows what causes Graves' Disease. In my mid-30's, I was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, which also has unknown causes. A few years after that, I was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, which is also a poorly understood autoimmune disease.

I have insurance through my husband's employer. The Graham-Cassidy bill would make the health care premiums we pay skyrocket.

My daughter was diagnosed at 3 years of age with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Her arthritis went into remission at age 9, but she then developed the eye inflammation that often accompanies RA. She has been dealing with that for 10 years. Her pre-existing conditions would make her health insurance premiums go through the roof, even though the only care she needs is yearly eye exams to make sure the condition is under control.

Millions of people in this country rely on health insurance to help them have the best possible health in difficult circumstances. Many of them are your constituents.

Please oppose this disastrous bill.

Thank you,  
Charlotte Mayhew  
Ann Arbor, MI

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**From:** brian colfer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare:

Hi this is Brian Colfer from Sterling Heights Michigan. I oppose the graham casidy bill because I would lose my medicaid if it were to pass.

## **Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Karen Houghton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Comments

September 21, 2017

Senate Finance Committee

We are writing concerning the Graham-Cassidy bill that will soon be consider by the Senate. Our son was born with hydrocephalus; he has endured multiple surgeries, shunt infections and takes medication for seizures. We can remember clearly watching as the votes were tallied to pass the ACA. We were thrilled. Our son would now be guaranteed healthcare at an affordable cost. There would be no lifetime caps on his benefits. He could not lose healthcare if he became ill. He would never face medical bankruptcy in order to pay for his healthcare and many other benefits. And this is true for millions of others with preexisting conditions.

Now the Graham-Cassidy bill takes away his protections for affordable and comprehensive healthcare given his preexisting condition. Likely, he would be placed in a high-risk pool that is woefully underfunded, with high premiums and deductibles. These high risks pools have no record of success. In addition the Graham-Cassidy bill would bring back annual and/or life time limits that could result in bankruptcy to our son and millions of other Americans. This bill is a huge step backward for our son and millions of other American with pre existing conditions.

In addition the Graham-Cassidy bill would eliminate healthcare for tens of millions Americans, and make drastic cuts to Medicaid. The cuts to Medicaid would greatly impact seniors and needy children. This is not the action of a compassionate and wealthy country.

We will fight to our last breath to defeat anyone who votes to take these benefits from my son and millions of other who need and deserve affordable healthcare. If we lived in Canada or any other developed country my son and others with preexisting conditions would have affordable healthcare.

Sincerely,

Mark and Karen Houghton

[REDACTED]

Huntington Woods, [REDACTED]

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**From:** Joseph & Laurie Mold [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill

Dear Senators,

I am expressing deep concern about bringing the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill to the senate floor for a vote before a full Congressional Budget Office assessment has been conducted. Expediting the process of passing something for a 'win' is irresponsible to all American citizens especially the most vulnerable who are at risk to lose insurance coverage or essential benefits.

Please do not bring this up for a vote until it has been thoroughly analyzed and the impact it would have on citizens would be fully understood. I expect our representatives to make educated, rational, responsible decisions on behalf and to benefit all of Americans. Not egos, or industries or lobbyists, but for real people.

How can you in good conscious vote on a bill without knowing how many Americans would lose coverage or how they would be impacted? It is my understanding that although little is known by the public about the bill, essential health benefits including maternity care, substance abuse treatment, hospitalization and prescriptions would not be protected under this legislation.

I don't think you'd want negative impacts to be heard after you pass something. That should be something you know before voting.

I ask that instead of rushing through something for a win you wait until after all the facts are in and a thoughtful debate to consider the bill can be conducted.

Please vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Respectfully,

Laurie Mold  
[REDACTED]

Gladstone, MI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Cathy Anders [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reckless changes to Medicaid

I live in Michigan and have a 25 year old developmentally disabled son who has a multiple medical conditions - seizure disorder, anxiety, intellectual disability and resulting emotional and behavioral issues - who is dependent on a complex set of Medicaid funded supports - neurologist, therapist, psychiatrist, in-home community living supports, job coach support for his work at a preschool and much involvement with family and our local nonprofit the Arc of Midland. It has taken years and the efforts of many in our community - both paid professionals and family and volunteers - to structure an independent life for him where he is included in the community - going to work, living in his own home, participating in community activities. As a business owner and manager, it is inconceivable to me that the U.S. Senate, with such little consideration or study, would propose substantial changes Medicaid - twice! - without a long period of study and input from individuals with professional expertise about healthcare and disability. Although I think that it is obvious that I strongly disagree with the so-called proposed changes to Medicaid, I would also add that as a business professional (MBA, 40 years business experience) my respect for the Senate going about such important work in a reckless way - twice! - undermines my confidence in the entire institution - and that includes both sides of the aisle. There may be something to President Trump's desire to clean the swamp after all..

Cathy Anders

Kayvala Consulting  
[REDACTED]

Midland, MI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Emily Olsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Statement on Graham-Cassidy

I remember the first time I was turned down for temporary insurance because of my type 1 diabetes a year out of college. My year of Americorps was coming to an end and I needed a few months of coverage to tied me over between ending Americorps and starting grad school.

I was otherwise healthy, working, had good grades, and the denial made me feel like in spite of all those things my life had no value. You need insulin to survive Emily? Too bad, go do us healthy people a favor and go die.

There's this thing called the American Dream, which, last I checked goes something along the lines of no matter who you are, where you come from, if you work hard, you can make it here. Well I work hard. I'm a pastor at a small church in MI, and I live for the people I serve. But without the protection afforded me by Obamacare, I will be reduced to my illness. No matter my compassion, my skills, my hard work, none of that, none of me, will matter anymore.

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Emily Olsen  
[REDACTED]  
Beaverton, MI  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Leslie Rott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:39 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Graf, Alex (Stabenow)  
**Subject:** Comment on Graham-Cassidy

I am one of millions of Americans with a pre-existing condition. And based on what I've read, I could see insurance premiums that would cost me more than I earn in six months.

Graham-Cassidy would effectively destroy my life and make it worse than just living with multiple pre-existing conditions.

Our society is built on the idea of the American Dream. Not only would Graham-Cassidy destroy my life, it would destroy my dreams. I have a PhD, and yet, I won't be able to afford food or rent, and definitely won't be able to afford the medications I need. If I won't be able to afford my medication, I won't physically be able to work. And I know that our government will make it impossible for me to get disability benefits if I can't work. And if I die, I know the government won't pay for my funeral.

So basically, you are throwing the baby out with the bath water. You are taking a leaking ceiling and rather than fixing the leak, you are tearing down the whole house. Does that make any sense? Didn't think so. And neither does this bill.

As politicians, you have power. And with that power, comes responsibility. So voting for a terrible bill simply because of campaign promises to "repeal and replace", and following through on those promises at any cost, is an abuse of power and dereliction of duty. Replacing something good with something that is far worse is simply not an option. It shouldn't even be on the table.

The productivity that this country will lose for all of us who become too sick to work without having the necessary coverage we need to function, will be profound.

And it profoundly saddens me that to make yourself feel better, you will potentially hurt and/or kill millions of people.

So please, if you believe in the American Dream, if you believe that America can and should be a positive example for the rest of the world, and if you want to use your power for good, vote no on Graham-Cassidy. The ACA is not perfect, but Graham-Cassidy is much, much worse.

I didn't ask to be sick. It's not something I planned on happening at age 22. And I have been fighting for nearly a decade to live. Graham-Cassidy calls all of that into question.

I hope that you will not turn your back on the millions of people that aren't hurting you by needing healthcare, but will be very hurt by not having it.

Where is our humanity? What happened to empathy and compassion? Please step and prove that all of these things still exist in our government today.

Leslie Rott

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Leslie Rott

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Michigan (2013)

M.A. Health Advocacy, Sarah Lawrence College (2015)

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GRAHAM CASSIDY HEALTHCARE BILL

**Hello**

**I am giving my opinion of the latest proposed Health Care Bill proposed by Graham and Cassidy.**

**This will be the most cruel bill ever introduced into the Congress of the United States. It will seriously hurt many millions of Americans. It is opposed by every entity in the healthcare community and organizations like the AARP who have a very large membership. Every entity that really understand the implications of the bill oppose it.**

**This subject is extremely complex and it is absolutely clear that all the work done so far has been terribly poor and exemplifies incompetence. The people who have crafted this law should lose their jobs. They are either totally incompetent or do not care if they hurt millions of Americans or both.**

**People keep throwing around the subject of preexisting conditions, that subject alone is extremely complex not at all simple as some imply it is. Saying you are for covering preexisting conditions alone is meaningless. You need a very carefully crafted definition of how preexisting conditions will be handled. The preexisting condition obviously must be available at a sensible cost, that protection is part of the ACA .**

**It is hard to believe I can be surprised at my age(71) but I am surprised by what I consider is the cruelty of this bill. I have been watching Politics for probably 54 years and have never witnessed anything like this. Dwight Eisenhower who I saw when I was 10 is spinning in his grave. He cared about people. The American people are not cruel they will reject this kind of behavior at the polls. The American people also expect competent work.**

**Passing this bill would be unconscionable and mean spirited. If it passes and ends up becoming law it will be the worst self inflicted wound ever inflicted on our country. Americans do not do these kind of things to each other , it is immoral to hurt the less fortunate in our society. The anger will be unbelievable .**

**It is time to quit trying for some quick fix and recognize the complexity of this problem and bring in the kind of smart knowledgeable people that we have in America to work jointly with the Democrats on this problem. The people who should work on this must be experts not people that started working on this in**

**January . Their are smart experienced people out there they need to be brought in. Many of the experts have spent their whole lives working on health insurance issues.**

**Obviously we need changes that do not hurt the people of America. I believe it can be done but it cannot be cobbled together. We also need common goals.**

**This evil bill must be rejected.**

**Tom Vaughan**

**[REDACTED]**

**Shelby Township Michigan**

**[REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED]**

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**From:** Ruth Scodel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

This is a terrible and deeply dishonest bill. It will, literally, kill American citizens. And on principle, no legislation should be passed without analysis from the CBO and without full hearings and transparency. That it is on the table at all is a disgrace to the Senate.

Ruth Scodel  
Ann Arbor, MI

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Margaret Schankler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:05 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to stop the Graham-Cassidy bill for the following reasons:

- 1) There is no full CBO score. Doing something this drastic without a full understanding of the number of people affected and the costs is reckless.
- 2) After recent failed attempts at repealing the ACA, American citizens of all political persuasions breathed a sigh of relief. We were hopeful that voices calling for bi-partisan action within "regular order" to fix the ACA would be heeded. Americans overwhelmingly do not want this. Please hear us!
- 3) The bill places an impossible burden on states when federal funding is eventually cut off.
- 4) Allowing states to decide if insurers can set caps and charge more for people with pre-existing conditions is not protecting people with these conditions. It is pretense.

These are just the reasons that come to the top of my head this morning. There are dozens of valid arguments against this bill, and reams of legitimate research showing just how harmful the provisions in past iterations of this bill this will be. We suspect this one is even worse. Perhaps that is why it is being pushed forward without independent CBO analysis.

Stop. This. Now.

Respectfully,  
Margaret Schankler  
Michigan Resident



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**From:** Sherrie Brindley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy health care bill comments  
**Attachments:** IMG\_20170727\_113803.jpg

Good morning,

I am writing to beg you to please vote NO on the Graham Cassidy health care bill.

We, as Americans, have a responsibility to do better than this for our citizens. Our current Healthcare leaves too many people without health care or with high cost plans.

We have a one year old grandson, Charlie, who was born with arthrogryposis, a rare condition, in which joints are fused in place. Fortunately for Charlie, there are effective treatments, therapies and surgeries that will make it possible for him to lead a productive, independent life.

His parents are educated and dad has a good job with Healthcare but they still need extra support to get access to all of the treatment Charlie needs.

The ACA made great strides in improving access to health care for millions, like Charlie. Improvements DO still need to be made but this Graham Cassidy bill does not address the real concerns of the people.

It's shameful to create provisions that are unfair to women (don't you have wives? daughters?), and that leave more people uninsured.

This plan is essentially a Republican plan - - the party that claims to be "pro life" - - and was created without bipartisan participation in a rushed hurry to meet some artificial deadline.

If you are pro life then please create a plan that is respectful to women, the poor, and other vulnerable populations.

The county is tired. Tired. Of these nonsensical partisan parlor games that you are playing with our lives while you enjoy a lavish Healthcare package yourselves.

Vote No. Vote No for Charlie's sake. Vote no because America can do better.

Then get to work creating something better.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Brindley  
Alanah Pryor  
Adam Pryor  
And Charlie's whole big family...of voters.  
Plymouth, Michigan

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Tim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Whom It May Concern:

This bill is appalling. This will cause the deaths of millions of Americans. Young Americans who are not even old enough to vote yet so they don't have a say and older Americans who have diligently allied themselves with the Republican Party: the party that is so vigorously fighting to repeal the Affordable Care Act. While this will not affect me currently because I am "lucky" enough to have private health insurance, for now, it will affect close family members of mine.

One of those family members is my 72-year-old mother, the mother that raised five children on her own after my father got drunk and killed himself in 1985. When the day comes when I can no longer work (I was diagnosed with advanced multiple sclerosis over two years ago and found myself shopping for a wheelchair before I graduated from college with my Associates degree), which it will occur, I will find myself at the mercy of the Graham-Cassidy bill as it is known and will forever be known as should it pass. Sen. Graham and Sen. Cassidy will forever be known as the architects of legislation that kills millions of Americans. There is no doubt millions will die if this bill passes. As I said, I am not concerned for myself; I am very concerned for the millions of lives it will destroy. It will "destroy" them, of that there can be absolutely no doubt. The blood of every single person who dies because they can no longer see the doctors they need to see will be on the hands of Sen. Cassidy and Sen. Graham who have so proudly put their names to this. You know who else is names have gone down in history as villainous murderers? Names like Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Benito Mussolini, Pol Pot, Saddam Hussein, the list goes on, but I hope you get my point. Would anyone like to be added to this list, because they surely will if this bill passes? I don't think anyone in our nation wants to be included in this list. The senators whose names are on the bill will surely make that list as they are the architects who so proudly put their name to it.

Please feel free to call me and ask about my opinions and how I feel, that is if you're brave enough to face what you are doing.

Write lavishly and edit concisely.

Tim

*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. William Butler Yeats*

Professional Skeptic and Eternal Academic  
Amateur Philosopher and Disability Advocate

Tim J Myers  
Disabled Thoughts, owner  
Petoskey, Michigan



*Tim J Myers*

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**From:** Kevin Hogan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Request to reject Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committee,

I urge you to reject Graham-Cassidy-Heller in favor of the bipartisan bill the Senate HELP Committee was considering. Graham-Cassidy-Heller would cause 32 million people to lose their health coverage while destroying Medicaid and harming some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, seniors and people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hogan

Ypsilanti, MI

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Margaret [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:47 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** concerns

Hello,

On behalf of The Arc Muskegon, Michigan please consider the challenges to services and supports to people with I/DD this current proposal will present. While we do appreciate the efforts to create appropriate, needed and effective medical and mental health services to serve more, this normally fails due to the continued push for the status quo and asking but NOT listening to advocates, people with disabilities, families and local providers.

Margret O'Toole  
Executive Director  
The Arc Muskegon

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Kathie Weinmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill will leave millions disabled, uncared for, broken

I am a 67 year old voting Michigander, with a 40 year old voting N. Carolinian daughter, her two teen-aged sons, another 43 year old voting son with two young children in VA, and a domestic partner who has three adult sons with six children among them. All of the adults are responsible members of their communities. So you know my family composition, but what you don't know is our incomes, our jobs, our health histories. I'll describe just my daughter, the 40 year old who has had Rheumatoid Arthritis since age 13. Living in America, one would expect her healthcare to be top-notch. One would expect it to be part of her citizenship, and that of her sons. But it isn't, because she is too handicapped to work regularly, is near poverty level and receives public assistance. Thank God for her Medicaid, for her SSI, she's able to work part-time and keep a roof over their heads. There is no "dad" in the picture, he left when the going got tough with his disabled wife.

If Sens Graham and Cassidy have their way with the American people, if their lies and shamefully uncompassionate "block grants" go through, my daughter may lose her healthcare. Then it will fall completely to me, a senior citizen with a modest pension (public school teacher) and social security, to support all of us. Is this the American way? Is the American dream really a nightmare?

I don't believe that is true, but this agenda of Graham Cassidy Trumpcare is a nightmare of the rich crushing the poor, and their children.

Please don't subject my daughter and millions of others to this hideous act.

Thank You,

Kathie Weinmann

You may publish my story, but don't use my last name, my daughter is a very proud disabled citizen who doesn't want her children to suffer any further for her condition.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Paula [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Honorable Senators,

Please stop the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill does not have Americans' best interest at heart, and you KNOW this to be true.

How many times must the average American citizen say NO to the obsession with repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act? As our elected representatives, it is YOUR job to do what is best for Americans. Americans need affordable, actual healthcare!! It was proven that private corporations would not provide coverage for those Americans most in need. The ACA changed that.

Vulnerable Americans -- newborns, fetuses, elderly, sick, disabled, people with preexisting conditions: ALL of us -- are counting on you to vote NO and defeat the Graham-Cassidy bill. And then, stop wasting taxpayer money, and work together on a bipartisan solution to shore up the Affordable Care Act and help make it work well for ALL of us.

Sincerely,  
Paula Wilks-Wright

[REDACTED]  
Ann Arbor, Michigan [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Michelle Wright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

Please do not pass this. I have Crohns Disease, hyperthyroidism and other not as major pre-existing conditions. I will not be able to afford insurance. You cannot guarantee that state insurance companies will not raise rates for us, so much so that they will be out of reach.  
Fix the ACA. It is immoral to cut the things this bill will remove.

I feel that this happening because the GOP has their back against a wall. Koch brothers will not give the promised \$400 mil, they are not accomplishing anything and it had Obama in the name. That's all. They are putting their pockets and party before the health of the American people.

If not for the ACA, we would be bankrupt. My husband suffered appendicitis on a flight, Michigan to Florida, and had to have EMTs remove him and bring him to the hospital for surgery . If not for the ACA, we wouldn't have been able to be covered and this emergency would have been out of pocket, totally. We would of had to sell our house and declare bankruptcy.

Do not let us go backwards. Insurance/healthcare costs have increased yes, but the rate has slowed due to the ACA. We would be paying MUCH more without the ACA.

Please be honorable, compassionate, sympathetic and empathetic. Vote NO on Graham Cassidy. Please.

Michelle Wright  
Pinckney, Michigan. [REDACTED]



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**From:** Kenneth Nash [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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In 2009, the Affordable Care Act was reviewed by three different Senate committees, received dozens of hearings and 169 hours of consideration. This week's ONE hearing is an embarrassment and outrage given the life and death matters at stake.

I urge the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee to reject Graham-Cassidy and to protect the healthcare of millions of Americans. It's also time that wealthy corporations pay their fair share in taxes! When they do, we'll be able to invest in our country's future, including healthcare for working families.

Kenneth Nash  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

NewBaltimore, Michigan [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Sandra Finkel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. So many of the features of the ACA have been positive for our family. I appreciate eliminating exemptions for pre-existing conditions, having my sons on our health insurance plan until age 26. And I care about people in the community who would lose health care under the proposed Graham-Cassidy Bill. This is politics at its worst, not careful considered policy that has had the chance to receive comments and improvements through the usual legislative process. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Sandra Finkel

Ann Arbor, MI

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Sandra Finkel, MPH  
Intentional Balance, LLC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Heidi O'Neil [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Graham-Cassidy

Please do not approve this bill. This is cruel change to health care benefits in our country.

This bill reduces health care benefits for woman & makes us second class citizens relative to health care choices for our bodies.

This bill reduces the access to health care for the most vulnerable of our society-Medicaid recipients.

Please do not turn your backs on the huge strides hospitals & all health care providers have made relative to the efficiencies & safety & quality measures that the ACA has brought forward regarding electronic medical records, population health registries, electronic pharmaceutical prescribing and multiple CMS demonstration projects that test new & better ways to deliver health care. Removal of funding for these programs will set back care delivery in our country catastrophically.

Thank you, HEIDI O'NEIL  
Midland, MI

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Kathy Oppenhuizen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Kathy Oppenhuizen

[REDACTED]  
8135 Olive Trail

West Olive, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Mary Germain [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:47 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

The greatness of a country is based in large part on how well it cares for the most vulnerable among us. This Graham-Cassidy version of Trumpcare does anything but that. Rather than make us great, it demeans us in so many ways. The wealth of those who have so much should be shared in at least the payment of taxes owed.

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Mary Germain  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Nazareth, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** William Huston [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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William Huston

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

DAVISON, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Chris Ivan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:23 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Chris Ivan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bay City, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Sara Cockrell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Support your constituents

Do not REPEAL ACA/Obamacare! Vote NO on the Cassidy-Graham healthcare bill! We want Medicare-for-All!

Sara Cockrell  
[REDACTED]  
Grawn, MI [REDACTED]



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**From:** Ed Barton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Ed Barton  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

E. Lansing, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** Monica Stuhldreier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Monica Stuhldreier

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Monroe, Michigan [REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Sarah Geddes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:53 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I do NOT support graham-Cassidy bill

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- > Please vote no on Graham-Cassidy. As an attorney who represented both parents of students with disabilities, as well as schools who provided services to students with disabilities, this bill would be DEVASTATING to these Americans' prospects of leading fulfilling lives. It would add untold stress to the lives of millions of American families. It would take America backwards. For this and a host of other reasons, not least of which the bill's failure to cover preexisting conditions (we have a nationwide guarantee of coverage now, you would take that away, and we are not fooled or persuaded by your arguments that preexisting conditions are covered under this bill. They are not.), I urge you to reject this bill.
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- > Follow John McCain's lead and go back to regular order. Pass bipartisan fixes to the existing healthcare system, such as increasing subsidies and guaranteeing disbursements to insurance agencies and mandating efforts to get folks signed up to increase the individual insurance pool. Young healthy people will become old and unhealthy one day. That's a guarantee. I'm happy to pay now to be covered later, and to help cover my fellow Americans who are not as healthy now. It just makes sense. And it's how insurance works.
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- > Get real. Stop being so mean, so short sighted, and so backward looking. Wake up. Americans do not want this bill or the "health care" system envisioned by republicans. You don't serve your donors. You serve America.
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- > Sarah G. Carroll  
> Birmingham, Michigan  
> [REDACTED]
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- > Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Gina Vander Heiden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Improve not repeal!

Dear Senators,

Our country relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. If it should pass, these two senators will forever be known as the politicians who denied fair access to medical care for their fellow Americans.

The ACA needs improving, not repealing!

Thank you,  
Gina Vander Heiden  
Grand Rapper Rapids, MI [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Dawn Hecker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Save the Affordable Care Act

Good morning --

Members of my family rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Our adult daughter is an art historian. She does not receive benefits through her employer, but has been able to purchase affordable healthcare because of the Affordable Care Act. The repeal of the ACA will create conditions that will make it impossible for our daughter to afford health care, especially in light of the fact that she will most likely be determined to have a pre-existing condition that will be exempted from coverage.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA -- which we all acknowledge could be better -- not repeal it and replace it with an inhumane bill that is not about healthcare but is about finding money to give tax breaks to the wealthy.

Thank you.

Dawn Hecker  
East Lansing, Michigan

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** William Ferry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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The newest version of Trumpcare would kick 32 million people off of healthcare, devastating working families and rolling back the progress we've made in protecting so many Americans. Also, hidden in this bill—known as Graham-Cassidy—is a \$20 billion tax break for the highly-profitable medical device industry, which has \$230 billion in profits stashed offshore on which it has not paid a dime in U.S. taxes.

In 2009, the Affordable Care Act was reviewed by three different Senate committees, received dozens of hearings and 169 hours of consideration. This week's ONE hearing is an embarrassment and outrage given the life and death matters at stake.

I urge the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee to reject Graham-Cassidy and to protect the healthcare of millions of Americans. It's also time that wealthy corporations pay their fair share in taxes! When they do, we'll be able to invest in our country's future, including healthcare for working families.

William Ferry

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Detroit, Michigan [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

Republicans campaigned over seven long years to repeal Obamacare (ACA) and they tried multiple times, really hard. Then they tried really hard to repeal and replace Obamacare. In each case, their attempts failed. I think they've kept their campaign promise. It's time to stop. Cooler heads stopped what would have meant devastating results for tens of millions of Americans and no real improvements for tens of millions (at least) of other Americans. Republicans can't keep going at this alone.

Senator McCain is right. This process has to go back to the old Senate rules, where Democrats and Republicans work out changes to the existing Affordable Care Act (let's stop calling it Obamacare and start calling it by its original name) in committees, with full hearings and real debates and actual compromises. Then let's send it to the Senate floor where it is fully debated again and where amendments can be worked out to handle compromises. All to make the Affordable Care Act work for as many Americans as possible.

You're all adults. You're here not to serve special interests or your individual donors or your individual states. By the constitution and the oath you took for office, you serve the nation. Let's start acting like it.

To repeat for your benefit: Republicans, you tried really hard to keep your campaign promise and you can run on that. It's time to move on. It's time to work with your colleagues on the other side of the aisle and do the honorable, responsible thing and fix the existing Affordable Care Act in a way that hurts no one and helps everyone. Got it?

Alan Eggleston  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Whose life was saved by the Affordable Care Act one month after his insurance took effect that first year

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**From:** andrea4481 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill! It would be utterly devastating to those Americans with pre-existing conditions.

Andrea Palmer  
Sandusky, Michigan



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:44 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA Repeal

Please, we have a family member with brain cancer that won't be able to get insurance. So many cases like this among friends and family. If you can't fix it, don't break it. PLEASE!

Denise Hurd  
Farmington MI

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**From:** Gay MacGregor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony on Graham-Cassidy  
**Attachments:** GrahamCassidy Testimony (1).pdf

Attached is my testimony for the record on Graham Cassidy.  
Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Gay MacGregor  
Ann Arbor Mi