

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: e falkenstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:31 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

A healthy, productive nation requires quality, affordable healthcare for ALL its people, not just the rich

Those who have pre-existing conditions should not be denied care. 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,

Erica Falkenstein
NYC

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From: Alicia Robinson [REDACTED]
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My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My close friend has spent the past 3+ years on the waitlist for a kidney transplant, and with the side effects associated with his illness, he literally relies on Medicaid to keep him alive. I am a 45-year-old self-employed woman with controlled high blood pressure who takes a small dose anti-anxiety medication and might not be able to have insurance without the ACA allowing my minor pre-existing conditions not to be a barrier for my ability to receive insurance. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Alicia Robinson
Washington, DC

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Finance Committee,

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The collateral damage done to SSI, Medicaid, food stamps and eventually Social Security and Medicare will devastate families like mine where everyone in the house is on SS and Medicare based on age and heart trouble plus more, SSI and Medicaid and Food Stamps because of medical disability from heart attack, undergoing in home kidney dialysis under SSI and Medicare or limited SSI and Medicaid after lung cancer and losing one lobe totally. Eventually a death sentence for all of us.

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Finance Committee,

As a practicing occupational therapist and member of the American Occupational Therapy Association, a professional organization included in the list of virtually every health care organization that opposes this bill, 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.

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Oakland, California 94619

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From: Dana Smith <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Pleas oppose the latest cruel Trumpcare

Finance Committee,

Not only is this Graham - Cassidy bill even worse than its predecessors for Americans counting on health overage, but it gives a (yet another) tax break to a wealthy corporation.

Please oppose this bill and persuade your colleagues to oppose it too.

As always, we're counting on you.

Dana Smith

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Diana Heymann
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

West Hartford, Connecticut 06110

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gregory Malueg [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:27 PM
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Beloit, Wisconsin 53511

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Mary Gasper
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

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John Steponaitis
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Francisco, California 94109

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Melanie Gillman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Hello!

Me name is Melanie; I'm an author and a professor living in Tulsa, OK. If Graham-Cassidy is approved and the ACA is repealed, I will be one of the millions of Americans who will lose my health insurance. It is unconscionable that the US government would seek to deprive health care from so many of its citizens. Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy!!

Melanie Gillman
Tulsa, OK

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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Ashley Carter
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Frenchburg, Kentucky 40322

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Justin Wharton
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Orleans, Massachusetts 02653

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jeri Butlien [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Say No to G-C

Dear Senators,

As a concerned citizen and someone who has lost several family members to cancer, I am writing to implore you to not pass the Graham Cassidy Bill.

How can you in good conscience vote on the proposed legislation without fully understanding the impact (i.e., without a CBO score) it will have on your constituents? Your constituents are the citizens who elected you and placed their faith in you...not the special interests with deep pockets that may be "gently" persuading you otherwise.

Please reject the current proposal and aim to do right by the American people by taking the time to work out a solution that will help, not hurt, our most vulnerable neighbors and loved ones.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my viewpoint.

Sincerely,
Jeremie Butlien
Southington, CT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jerry Hamilton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare for America

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare version. It is ironic that this hateful piece of legislation was created and named for someone who was part of the Healthcare process. A physician takes an oath to first do no harm. How is it conceivable that a one-time health professional would author this to:

- 1) Eliminate federal protections for people with pre-existing conditions
- 2) End Medicaid as we know it
- 3) Defund Planned Parenthood (ending basic Healthcare for untold numbers of Women)
- 4) 32 Million Americans will lose Healthcare coverage altogether

From my perspective, it appears that the only Americans who would not be adversely affected would be those in the the top 1% income bracket. Those Americans would experience an extra bonus in the resulting tax breaks. The GOP message to the remaining 99% then is: "Too bad, so sad for you".

Growing up and receiving an American education, I was taught that elected officials are public servants, who serve for the better common good for all the citizens of our nation. That this piece of legislated Healthcare is even being considered is unfathomable. And, for what purpose? Enriching political coffers? Ensuring that the 1% control all monies? Ensuring that there is no middle class?

Please demonstrate that you serve this nation with compassion and that you are in your position to serve the better common good of an entire people. Do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Sincerely,

Gina Hamilton

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Celia Mellinger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

I am fully opposed to the Graham Cassidy bill. I don't believe rushing through a hearing without a CABO score can possibly be considered responsible lawmaking.

I urge you to listen to the medical professionals, the patients, even the insurance industry itself about how this bill would negatively effect care and the economy in this country.

Please go back to Congress, work with Everyone, and come up with a better, more stable, more just bill for our health care.

Thank you,
Celia Mellinger

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Randy James [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:35 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

I have a preexisting condition. It may ONLY BE high blood pressure but it is still a preexisting condition. Please support the CITIZENS of OUR COUNTRY instead of GREEDY, FAT UNCARING BASTARDS that only care about FATTENING their OWN FAT ASSES like that fat jerk that some how got elected as our president! Who SHOULD be TARRED AND FEATHERED then run out of the country. What a FAT, GREEDY FOOL! He is and embarrassment to OUR Country!

Randal L. James

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jonathan Rouse [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please vote against the Graham-Cassidy "Health Care" bill

If it passes I may will either die or go bankrupt. Most likely both.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Joyce Szufliita <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: vote no on Graham Cassidy

Graham Cassidy is not an improvement on the ACA. Please do not vote on this bill that will not fully cover pre-existing conditions.

Best,
Joyce Szufliita
[REDACTED]
Brooklyn, NY 11215
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Stephanie Ann Sims [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017 - Stephanie Ann Sims

To: Senate Finance Committee

From: Stephanie Ann Sims

Date: September 22, 2017

Re: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

Americans deserve to not just have health coverage, but affordable coverage. The former without the latter doesn't help people but instead hurts them.

I'm not yet a parent, but I plan to have children. And I have no idea what health challenges, if any, my future children will face. But I do know that, God forbid, if one of my children is born with some life threatening condition that I shouldn't have to decide between saving my child and going into life altering debt or my child dying.

The Graham-Cassidy Bill doesn't insure access to affordable care to all Americans for preexisting conditions. And that is unacceptable.

Americans deserve better! Please do not allow this bill to replace the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you, kindly,

Stephanie Ann Sims
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anne brady [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill

Dear Senators,

Please show that you care about Americans by voting against this bill. You make insurance unaffordable for millions of Americans who have pre-existing conditions. This bill would allow states to remove the protections put in place to protect people from price gouging by insurance companies. To pass this bill is heartless and cruel and goes against everything a Christian would do. Please vote NO against this heartless unChristian and un-American bill.

Anne Brady

Alabama resident



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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marylea Adams [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:36 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO Graham Cassidy

I am a middle class American, and the Graham Cassidy bill sounds like a disaster for families like mine. There's no way we could ever afford the premiums that have been suggested. We also have 2 children in their early 20s and we worry about their welfare. Their jobs do not provide healthcare, few do these days. The country wants and needs single payer, or to keep Obamacare which is working. But, as usual the Republicans just want to keep their corporate donors happy. Please do not pass this.

Marylea Adams
San Jose CA

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: K Wegner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:36 AM
To: gchcomments; gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Vote NO on the upcoming Republican Senate Healthcare Bill!

Listen to the experts...

It “violates the precept of ‘first do no harm’” and “would result in millions of Americans losing their health insurance coverage.” – *American Medical Association, which represents doctors.*

It is “the worst healthcare bill yet.” – *American Nurses Association.*

It “would erode key protections for patients and consumers.” – *American Hospital Association.*

The “process [in the Senate] is just as bad as the substance. ... Most Americans wouldn’t buy a used car with this little info.” – *AARP.*

The bill will “weaken access to the care Americans need and deserve.” – *American Heart Association, jointly with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the American Diabetes and Lung associations, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the March of Dimes and others.*

“This bill harms our most vulnerable patients.” – *American Psychiatric Association.*

It would hurt “consumers and patients by further destabilizing the individual market; cutting Medicaid; pulling back on protections for pre-existing conditions.” – *America’s Health Insurance Plans.*

It “would lead to a loss of health insurance for at least 32 million people after 2026. ... By repealing the ACA’s coverage expansions and cutting deeply into the Medicaid program, the Graham-Cassidy bill threatens the health care of as many as 100 million people, from newborns to the elderly.” – *Sara Collins, The Commonwealth Fund.*

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Wayne Perkins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:37 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Stop trying to kill me

Dear Gop

Stop trying to kill me and millions of others. I am sick and tired of having to combat the evil republican party everytime they decide to kill people. Stop being killers. I am sick of this and hope the entire country knows who is to blame . GOP.

I hate you

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: melindyrose . [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:37 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: For heaven's sake defeat the repeal of ACA

Have some humanity!!!
How far we have fallen.

Melinda Skilondz

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Philip Papworth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:37 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposed to Graham Cassidy

This is being railroaded through without considering input from medical providers and reckless endangerment of families.

Please stop attacking American families who need The Affordable Care Act in place.

Phil Papworth

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carmen Collins [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:38 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

Despite the fact that am I in the middle of Hurricane Irma PTSD as a Florida voter I have to write this letter about this health care debacle.

Stop Graham Cassidy.

Short and sweet. If you are willing to have YOUR insurance be this new crappy Cassidy-Graham bill, which seems to be a pretty good deal for insurance companies but not any actual sick people, then by all means. Let's proceed. No? You want to keep your cushy health care? Yeah, then we should have what you have.

Pre-existing conditions should be covered. GUARANTEED, not up to the states. When faced with a choice to do the right thing or make money/get gain for political purposes, seldom do people choose "right."

Lifetime caps. Really? Who does that help?

Medicaid is there for people who really need it – like our veterans and those who are disabled.

And don't you think we all deserve to clean up from the natural disasters (and that excludes the one that is our president) from the last two weeks and have a detailed set of hearings, debates, CBO scores, doctors weighing in, etc.?

Matthew 25:34-40 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me. . . . Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Voter in 34202
Carmen Collins

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: John Bulman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:38 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am concerned about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because it will throw tens of millions off health care insurance. This is unconscionable and criminal. Do the right thing or give up your own insurance packets. We will vote you out of office...

John Bulman

18951
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Janet Takehara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:48 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham-Cassidy!

Graham-Cassidy is a cruel, short-sighted bill, built for political expedience on the backs of the disabled, chronically ill and the working poor. I demand that you put what is right ahead of electoral considerations and block this travesty!

Janet Takehara, M.Ed.
Chicago, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: J Masterman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:52 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Trumpcare

To Whom It May Concern:

This bill is a horrible idea and it should be stopped!

Remember your constituents and remember we vote!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julayne Masterman-Thomas

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Geneva Saint-Amour <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please do not pass Graham Cassidy bill

I can take a lot of space and say a lot of stuff. But we are both busy people, just trying to get by. Each doing what we do.

Please keep working on this until a solution is found which does NOT penalize the American people but instead gets us closer to offering reasonable, comprehensive, non-discriminatory medical care. You know, something similar to what every other leading nation does!?

Thanks for taking the time to count this email.

Geneva Saint-Amour
www.slowcarfasthouse.com

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Steven Cheek <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No

Regular Order!

The abysmal popularity of the Congress damages our democracy. Congress is despised because of the despicable tactics used by GOP leadership.

The process used by GOP leadership to keep this healthcare bill away from the CBO, public hearings and real-life professional testimony of the healthcare community.

* Fear of retribution from the Donor class is a disgusting reason for breaking healthcare for hundreds of millions of USA citizens

* A ridiculous campaign promise is a ridiculous reason to pass a bill outside of regular order.

* Let this bill stand the test of scrutiny; what is the GOP leadership afraid of?

I would say shame, shame, shame on the entire GOP caucus, but, it is a horrible reality that Mitch McConnell has demonstrated he has no shame.

Regular Order!

John McCain admonished the Senate that departure from Regular Order diminishes the effectiveness and dignity of the esteemed legislative and deliberative body.

Regular Order first!

Vote No.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anita Muonio <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

Rare disease patients and their families rely on the patient protections that the Senate is considering eliminating by passing the Graham-Cassidy plan. Specifically, this legislation brings back annual and lifetime caps, limitless out-of-pocket costs, and inadequate coverage by rolling back essential health benefits. This bill would also allow insurers to discriminate against rare disease patients by charging them premiums based upon their health status, thus pricing them out of the market.

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.

Anita Muonio

[REDACTED]
Elk River, MN 55330
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jill Adams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Yes to pre existing conditions!!

Please do not vote for this bill.
Jill adams

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: People, not party

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

In your politically driven efforts to repeal and replace simply to pander to your base (and base they are indeed, so base they don't realize it is actually them you will hurt the most) and destroy the legacy of a black President who carefully established a healthcare plan for ALL Americans, knowing it wouldn't be perfect but was a start, you are a disgrace if you let an even crueller bill go through. Pretending that you think this is better just makes you look dumb, dumber than DT who thinks it protects preexisting conditions.

I'm sure somewhere deep in your recesses there is a heart, not a "bleeding heart" as you refer to liberals, but a true heart that cares for someone other than your own pockets and political reputation. Be assured that history will regard your reputation as traitors to democracy and toadies to the most corrupt President in American history.

Be human, humane... REAL. Create a bill that fixes the current plan and enriches this country's citizens and treats all people with dignity, not your own wealth. It is clear that many in your party have not even READ the bill. You are hellbent on destroying, not on building. DO YOUR JOB. Let your legacy be putting people first, not your corrupt and pathetic party.

Sincerely,

Dee Grimm (a disgusted constituent of the evil and callous Bob Goodlatte).

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Renee Aubuchon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please vote no.

Dear Senators

Please vote no on the Graham Cassidy Bill. The health of millions depends on your vote, and for some it may even be a life or death matter.

I understand that this is a rushed vote to meet a deadline at the end of the month for how many senators it will take to pass healthcare legislation. The American people deserve better than for you to rush passage of a bill just to say you passed something.

Please think about low income and middle income people who will suffer with the changes this bill makes. The rich do not need more money, especially at the cost of taking healthcare away from the working people.

Sincerely,

Renee Aubuchon

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Reconsider Graham Cassidy

To whom it may concern,

Among other horrific reasons, this is no way to run any business let alone the most Powerful democracies on the planet. This restructures 1/6 of the economy, rips Healthcare from 32 million souls, DOES NOT cover those with pre existing conditions And will kill the most vulnerable in the country, the elderly the sick and children.

It is no secret that this is being designed by billionaire donors, but that is not how are Country is supposed to work and in your hearts you know this to be true.

Every medical group has come out against this as well as bi partisan governors.

There is no reason to not return to order, work together and fix the existing plans, unless your goal is unimaginable cruelty, pain and suffering. HOW MUCH MONEY IS THIS WORTH? What if this affected you? Your children? Wives? Parents? What would You say to this? I ask that you remember your oath to protect and defend, your commitment to being "pro life" WE SEE YOU and understand this is an attempt to give tax cuts to the rich instead of doing your job to help Americans. ALL OF THEM NOT THE 24 % that think this is ok.

HISTORY WILL NOT REMEMBER YOU FONDLY FOR CAUSING PAIN, SUFFERING AND DEATH TO YOUR OWN CITIZENS.

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Meredith Wheeler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the new Republican healthcare reform

I am an American living in France, where I have had the luxury of experiencing both French and previously British health care (as my husband is British).

These horrible new plans of the Republicans will cut off health care to women and others who really need it.

I want to go on the record as OPPOSING this awful legislation.

Sincerely,

Meredith Wheeler
U.S. Citizen

St. Martin de Dauzats
Lautrec 81440 France

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gary NLa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill: Vote NO

The ill-conceived Graham-Cassidy bill will harm millions of people, and it will not even have the benefit of a Congressional Budget Office analysis. Passing this bill would be cruel and irresponsible. Vote no.

Gary Nla
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GarynLA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nicole Reed <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Gillibrand, Kirsten (Gillibrand); schumer, scheduling (Schumer)
Subject: I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Good morning,

My name is Nicole Reed, and I'm a 45 year old woman living in Brooklyn, NY.

In April of 2016, I was laid off from a full-time job that provided me with health insurance. Thankfully, I was able to afford insurance through Obamacare. From May-December 2016, I paid \$321.34 for MetroPlus Healthcare.

Starting in January 2017 to present, I have qualified for Medicaid. This service has been invaluable to me.

During this time, I've been building my own business. It has good days and bad days. Through it all, I sleep soundly at night knowing that I am covered in case of emergency.

I spent much of my 30s as a freelancer without health insurance. I'm old enough now to realize how reckless this was; but then again, I could not afford health coverage until Obamacare.

The Graham-Cassidy Bill is a sham. I'm proud that my U.S. Senators, Mr. Schumer and Ms. Gillibrand, plan to vote NO on this bill. My U.S. Representative, Jerrold Nadler, has declared this "the cruelest plan yet."

I thank the members of Congress who represent me and my community for their clear-headed opposition to this bill.

Lastly, I am open to reforming Obamacare through bipartisan efforts. If there is room for improvement, let's talk about it. For instance, I do not want future generations to be saddled with debt from current health needs. I want the United States to be a solvent nation. I believe we can both live solvently and guarantee healthcare for all our citizens.

Thank you for reading.

In the spirit of love for my country,
Nicole R. Reed

Nicole Reed

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Tobi Ojo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care bill

My Name is Tobi Ojo from Edgewood Maryland and I would like to give my opinion on the Proposed Health Care bill

As a person who has a preexisting condition, I am worried that the Health Care bill will deny people coverage due to having a preexisting condition.

The health care bill will drastically cut medicare and medicaid funding and allow the states to decide if they want their citizens to have health insurance or not.

I'm pleading and urging every Republican member of congress: Don't pass the Graham-Cassidy bill, It will hurt people like me who have preexisting conditions and I and many people may be denied coverage.

Don't pass this bill: Think of people in your family who may have a preexisting condition, think of your friends and other people you love.

Thanks,

Tobi Ojo

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Stephanie Thorson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: comments on the Graham-Cassidy bill

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy "health care" bill.

First, to push a vote on a bill that would affect 1/6 of the U.S. economy without a complete CBO analysis is unconscionable.

Second, if the regular order of the Senate is something you care about, then know that pushing a vote on this bill without hearings and debate makes a mockery of that order.

Third, this bill is cruel. It is heartless. It strips coverage from those who can least afford to pay for care, from innocent children, from the elderly. It's not merely a question of people "who should just get a job" -- can you expect a baby with a congenital heart defect, a person with stage IV cancer, or an elderly person with dementia who relies on Medicaid for their nursing care to go out and "just get a job"?

Its potential impact on women, even young healthy women, is especially appalling. It rolls back reproductive rights, and considers pregnancy a pre-existing condition. It allows insurers to charge women more than men. It forces new mothers to choose between spending time with their newborn or keeping their Medicaid coverage.

It disproportionately affects women of color -- 30 percent of black women and 24 percent of Hispanic women are on Medicaid. It hurts white women too -- 14% of white women are on Medicaid.

This bill is morally wrong. Do not allow it to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

Sincerely,
Stephanie M Thorson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patrick MacBeath <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:52 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No on Graham-Cassidy

Hello,

I don't know how this bill could possibly help the American public based on this data.

Please enter this statement into the record:

Graham-Cassidy-Heller (ACA Repeal) Simple Summary

Repeal and replace is back. Take it seriously. Here's what it does

- ✗ Estimated 32 million will lose coverage within 10 years (not yet scored)
- ✗ Ends Medicaid expansion. Health care for 11 million low-income adults.
- ✗ Ends all subsidies for the exchange, replaced by a smaller and declining "block grant"
- ✗ Block grant doesn't have to be spent on same population
- ✗ Cuts coverage for low income seniors, children and people w disabilities by 7% by 2026 with a "per capita cap"
- (Yes, that's right-- a block grant **AND** a Lee capita cap)
- ✗ Ends Federal protections on pre-existing conditions, life time caps and essential benefits. 50% of states expected to do so.
- ✗ Ends all cost sharing payments to low income Americans
- ✗ Ends all funding for coverage by 2026; cuts \$250 billion between now and 2026
- ✗ Average state cut of 17% through 2026, 100% afterwards
- ✗ Averages would be dramatically different: 20 states estimated to lose 35-60% of funding to move money to rural, red states
- ✗ CBO has not estimated impact on premiums, but likely 20% spike next year
- ✗ Would likely be presented to the House as "take it or leave it" if passes Senate
- ✗ Provide no funding for recessions, natural disasters, public health emergencies, or price spikes
- ✗ Targets women's health/family planning
- ✗ Uses the same "50 votes" only partisan technique to pass; upends all bipartisan progress of the last 2 weeks

Source: Centers for Budget and Policy, CBO prior estimates

Thank you,
Patrick MacBeath

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jean Korder [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:02 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Congressman Rodney Davis
Subject: Graham-Cassidy HealthCare Bill

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to formally express my deep concerns that the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill that will be under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee on Monday will have a detrimental effect on my family.

As a retiree, I am concerned that the bill proposes waivers that would allow insurance companies to charge different premiums based on age.

As a woman, I am concerned that the bill proposes waivers that would allow states and insurance companies to deny coverage for essential health services like maternity and reproductive care.

As a human being, I am concerned about losing essential health benefits for all. Waivers changing the status of what is — and isn't — an essential health benefit could also impact people with pre-existing conditions and undermine prohibitions on annual and lifetime limits for insurance coverage.

As a citizen, I am deeply concerned that the regular rules of order and due process are being flagrantly ignored and abused in order to achieve a perceived "win" for the Republican party. A "win" in this manner and with these results is a LOSS for millions to affordable, adequate health care.

I beg you ALL to get back to convening your 'bi-partisan' committee and give them TIME to work on a true solution to affordable, adequate health care for all citizens and to seek a solution that is actually reviewed by the CBO and has the support of the many citizens' groups who have some knowledge and expertise in this matter.

Sincerely,
J. Korder

[REDACTED]
Urbana, IL 61802

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Joseph Weisnewski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Title Of Hearing: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017

Mary Weisnewski
[REDACTED]

Seattle, WA 98125

To whom it may concern,

Along with the AMA, the American Public Health Association, the Federation of American Hospitals and so many, many more in the healthcare industry, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy. The bill will kill and bankrupt so many hard working Americans, and children of those hardworking Americans. And you, the legislators that put it in place and support it, will not have to live by its rules. The reasons to oppose this are too numerous to mention. It hurts the people of this country (other than the extremely wealthy or legislators) in such a devastating way.

How can you people be so cruel to try and put something like this in place? I don't understand the mean and evil thoughts that must be behind it? Money alone? This country stands for something better than killing it's middle class, poor, elderly, and children. Because that is what it will do. You will be killing people literally, and also financially.

Anyone who votes for this cannot call themselves a Christian, because to be that one has to love ones neighbor. And this is hate and evil.

Do not let this through.

Mary Weisnewski

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Matt Austin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

Rare disease patients and their families rely on the patient protections that the Senate is considering eliminating by passing the Graham-Cassidy plan. Specifically, this legislation brings back annual and lifetime caps, limitless out-of-pocket costs, and inadequate coverage by rolling back essential health benefits. This bill would also allow insurers to discriminate against rare disease patients by charging them premiums based upon their health status, thus pricing them out of the market.

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.

Mr. Matt Austin
[REDACTED]
Papillion, NE 68046
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Liz Brooking <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:02 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The Disaster Repeal of the ACA

To the Senate Finance Committee,

The heartless Graham Cassidy bill to repeal the ACA is a death sentence for many, a bankruptcy for others. Is there ANYBODY you know who doesn't have a pre-existing condition by the time they reach their 50s? Try to count the number of people among your constituents who have been struck by tragedy - an illness or accident that was both life threatening and expensive?

Before the ACA my brother was removed from the insurance roles while in his early twenties. He had suffered a psychotic break and within just 20 days, he was deemed uninsurable for life. He had already reached his lifetime cap in less than a month and before he had lived 1/4 of his natural lifetime. His care cost my parents more than one million dollars back in the 70's. He is dead now but I hate to imagine what this discussion would mean to and for him.

How can you even consider a bill that is so clearly a cut to essential medical services in an attempt to pad the pockets of the rich at any cost to the rest of your constituents?

At what point did we lose our empathy, our compassion, and all sense of human decency in this country?

At what point was lying an accepted form of discourse for our representatives - all (including the POTUS)? The secrecy and slimy tactics to slip this in at the last hour to satisfy your wealthy donors is not at all lost on us.

At what point did the most fortunate among us decide that those who aren't are simply not worthy at all?

I am disgusted by our government.

I am beyond disheartened by our "president."

I am sickened by your so called "family values" and the warped priorities of privileged, vengeful and dishonest men.

We are not all fools and the under-educated you clearly think we are.

We know a bad deal when we see it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brooking

Proud Democrat

Embarrassed Citizen of the United States

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rosa Hernandez [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Bad bill

It's not ok to vote on a bill without a proper CBO score that would affect 1/6 of the US economy.

It's also not ok for people to lose Medicaid in states that chose to expand it because you're redistributing money to states that didn't expand.

This bill is completely irresponsible and the American people will never forgive you for that.

Rosa Hernandez

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: postgarys <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: healthcare bill

32 Million Americans could lose coverage, radical change to Medicaid and diminished funding for every state, 90 seconds of debate? If you want to keep your campaign pledges start by keeping your pledge not to touch Medicaid benefits. Reject this bill.

Thank you,

Gary Sunshine
Beacon, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Karen P <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GrahamCassidy hearing

I am writing to urge you to vote no, or however you do it, on the GrahamCassidy bill. As the parent of children who were born with spontaneous, unpredicted genetic conditions (daughter had hip dysplasia, which was correctable but left her labeled as "a preexisting condition" and son with NF1, which in turn caused heart and spinal problems that have resulted in 16 surgeries to date) I can say that we barely afford the health coverage and deductibles we have at this time, but do not mind the sacrifice so that my son gets the appointments and care he needs, but if premiums and deductibles went up, and preexisting conditions were prohibited or extremely more costly, I don't know what we'd do, but we certainly wouldn't have coverage, or our home.

I also know many, including cousins and a sister-in-law, who without Medicaid would not get the care they receive for their disability and assisted living care. I just don't understand why it has become so important to strip people of not only their healthcare, but of their livelihood that will now go toward staying alive instead of supporting their family, home and town. That money could be put back into their local economies, which are struggling, instead of more people losing their homes, filing bankruptcy, or whatever just to try to stay alive or keep their kids alive.

I agree that healthcare needs some changes, but work together in a bipartisan fashion to combine the best ideas from both parties...not this!! Thank you for your time.

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- *Karen Pence (yes, that's my name)*

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jane McIntyre <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy is NOT the way

I am writing to register my objection to the Graham-Cassidy option to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Are you kidding me? It will hurt millions in very real physical and financial ways. Please do the right thing and do not approve this travesty.

Thank you.

Jane McIntyre
Millis MA

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dan Wolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:52 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Repeal replace

I understand why you want to make good on your pledge to repeal and replace Obamacare. But you can't do it with something you slap together that's only going to destroy the Republican Party worse than Obamacare destroyed the Dems! Follow John McCain's advice and do it right!

Dan Wolf

Sent from myPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Julia Sexton [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:02 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Stop Graham-Cassidy Bill

This is a terrible bill that will eliminate healthcare for too many citizens, and end up costing the state and local health agencies millions of dollars in trying to keep a healthy population.

Julia Sexton
Arlington, TX

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Life is so hard, how can we be anything but kind?

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: A L Rinker [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:52 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: mental illness is a real illness

Please vote to include mental health. Just like cancer and heart disease, mental health treatment is necessary to the well being many people in our country. Thanks!

Audrey Rinker
Bloomington, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Noonan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham Cassidy

The cap on the federal funding of Medicaid that is proposed in the Graham-Cassidy bill, will have a devastating effect. I am asking you to please vote AGAINST the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Mary Noonan
[REDACTED]
Norwalk, CT 06851

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jamie Thompson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:54 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

This bill will destroy our healthcare system and the way it is being rammed through the senate with no CBO is destructive. I implore you to STOP, step back and work together to fix the ACA!

Thank you
Jamie

Jamie Thompson
[REDACTED]
Senior Project Manager

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mariellen Ward-Kane [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:54 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am concerned about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because

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it will strip people of Healthcare, it would increase insurance costs for those with preexisting conditions. My husband currently has cancer. We would go bankrupt with the Graham-Cassidy Bill. My elderly mother would not be able to afford to live in an assisted living facility that she pays for out of pocket, instead she would be a ward of the government. Do not let this bill pass!

Mariellen Ward-Kane

Mariellen Ward-Kane

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: s w <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:55 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Hello,

This bill is so bad. It is the worst option we've had so far. Obamacare may be flawed but this bill is not the answer. This bill will hurt people.

It is frustrating to me that this bill is even being considered. Don't do it.

Thanks,
Suzanne

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gregory Stroud [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:56 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare and Impediments to Business Growth

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am in the process of spinning my work off into a separate consulting business focused on issues of transportation and planning. The purposeful introduction of chaos and uncertainty into the insurance markets by members of Congress are a significant impediment to these business plans.

I am writing respectfully to ask that the Senate vote down Graham-Cassidy, a bill which serves only to worsen such chaos; to roil rather than settle the insurance markets; which poses no solutions, makes no hard choices; which in no way helps Americans secure better health care; and which threatens the efforts of job creators like myself.

Sincerely,
Gregory Stroud

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Valerie Landrum [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:56 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am concerned about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because
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This bill does not provide adequate care for anybody. The cuts to Medicaid are inhumane. My sister had a massive stroke a few years ago and is confined to a nursing home. She requires a ventilator to assist her breathing. The facility she's in is just one of the few in the Baltimore area that provides all the services she needs. I wonder what happens if that facility loses Medicaid funding?

Valerie Landrum

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: RONALD CAMPBELL. [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:57 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: taking citizen's healthcare

Please do not support the GOP bill to repeal the ACA and take healthcare from millions of Americans. Whatever the justifications, they do not warrant leaving millions to die because they can't afford insurance. Those voting for this bill will be judged harshly by history. Don't Do It!!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Courtney Sch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:41 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please do not pass it

Dear Representatives,

I ask that you truly consider the negative implications that bill has for the American people. I am a full time employed wife and mother. I am a hard working, contributing member of society. I also have my own health insurance that covers my immediate family. My husband is also a hard worker, but works for a small company that cannot afford to offer health insurance plans to their workers. He is a golf professional (as in running a golf course, not playing on a tour) at a high-end public course. He has two degrees and a PGA certification, however without me he would have to sign up for Obamacare. We are both productive, involved members of society however one of can easily get insurance and the other cannot if we were to not be married. If the economy would take a turn for the worse and I were to be let go from my job then my whole family would need Obamacare.

We currently only have one child, however we would like to add one more. If states have the right to allow pre-existing conditions to not be covered that makes me concerned that if we have a baby that has a pre-existing conditions and we somehow lost our current insurance we would not be able to afford to care for his or medical needs. If a law is passed that defunds Planned Parenthood then you have a lot of women having unplanned pregnancies and/or not seeking prenatal care. Then when the babies are born they are more likely to have existing medical conditions which could make them uninsurable.

We as a country need to find ways to care for our most vulnerable members fo society (children, elderly, disabled). We cannot keep going on this selfish every person for themselves path that we are on or we will self-destruct.

Please know that I am not just going to write this and forget about it. My husband and I are registered voters who look at the voting history of candidates before providing our support.

Sincerely,
Courtney McIntire

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:45 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care

Please take the time to review the objections and concerns of all the stakeholders in health care. Don't rush such radical changes through without considered and thorough examination of the consequences.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Terry Krongold [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:46 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

I am against the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill will decimate Medicaid for millions. Leading healthcare experts have said this is bad for Americans.

Please don't do this.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth Plonka <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:56 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments for the hearings on 9/27/17

Regarding the Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017, I strongly oppose this bill as I will any bill that leaves more Americans uninsured and vulnerable to discrimination by insurance companies because of pre-existing conditions.

Elizabeth Plonka
[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60640

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jan Baxter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy repeal of ACA

This bill will have an extremely detrimental effect on millions of Americans! Senate Republicans are trying to trick people into believing that it covers pre-existing conditions, when in reality they KNOW that states will use the waivers in the bill to opt OUT of all the ACA Essential Health Benefits, leaving people with terrible insurance. And that doesn't even begin to address the fact that insurers will be allowed to raise the rates (unlimited) of people who get sick! And the cuts to Medicaid & converting it to inadequate capped block grants to states will end that program as we know it. This will be devastating! Red states will help far fewer people with far less. Millions will suffer from this bill; it will hurt the economy terribly, and many will die without proper care. There is also the problem of funding, which is left uncertain after ten years. This uncertainty will, again, be terrible for the economy! If the Senate GOP passes this bill with NO hearings, NO debate, and NO CBO SCORE, Americans will never forget and never forgive! This is the worst piece of legislation I've seen in my 65 years on earth! Americans deserve much better than this abomination put forth merely to keep a craven political promise to a base that does not understand the severe consequences. DO NOT pass this bill!

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: helen canter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Proposed Healthcare Bill

I am very concerned about the implications of this bill on our most vulnerable citizens. Fast-tracking a bill without a CBO score feels both irresponsible and callous. The Graham-Cassidy eliminates protections for people with pre-existing conditions (and yes, I know it bounces a lot of this back to the states but this will still cause millions to lose coverage). It brings back some of the problems we had before the ACA: lifetime caps, annual caps, charging older people more, the ability of insurance companies to charge whatever they like. The Graham-Cassidy bill is a massive funding cut to states and it penalizes the states that accepted the Medicaid expansion which is appalling to me. It punishes the states that cared enough about their constituents to help them obtain healthcare at a reasonable cost. In order to cope with these cuts, states will have to either slash programs or raise taxes. Neither are acceptable.

As an older person who spent my life savings on my own care before needing to go on Medicaid, this will impact me personally. I did not ask to become infirm and I spent decades working, saving, and paying my bills.

This bill was written in secret with no input from the other side. It doesn't have CBO score. It is getting pushed through to meet the September 30th deadline. Please do not do this to Americans!

Thank you.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathleen Ernst <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

I am appalled at the mindless cruelty at the core of this bill. Is "keeping a campaign promise" more important than the will of the people, the insurance industry, patient advocacy groups, doctors and nurses' organizations, and even the insurance industry? Is slamming through a grossly flawed bill without due process or study, one that will bring suffering to millions of Americans, an acceptable way to govern? And death to many? The senators involved are paid by American citizens, and have healthcare, yet they are gleefully trying to kill American people who rely on the ACA. Shame on all involved. DO NOT PASS THIS EVIL BILL.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anne Forrest [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Help after Brain injury

Greetings--

I'm writing you because I'm concerned about the effect of this Senate Bill for people who need rehabilitation after concussion/brain injury and suddenly need insurance for medical and rehabilitative services after an accident, or fall or unexpected event.

I am all-too-familiar with this journey after my own car accident by the Lincoln Memorial in 1997 which left me with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Having a TBI was not in my plan!

When I was diagnosed by a top Washington Neurologist, my injury was considered "mild" because my loss of consciousness was minimal. After my TBI, it took years to get to appropriate treatment for various reasons. But appropriate treatment got me better, and helped me to recover from 2nd grade reading skills and 3rd grade math skills as well as memory and other cognitive deficits that were originally not detected until I got to the right rehabilitative doctors.

I am trained as a PhD economist and was the Senior Economist at the Environmental Law Institute, before my accident. As an economist, I had car insurance for a rainy day. I also had health insurance and disability insurance through my employer.

I would have thought I was covered in the event of an accident.

I'm grateful for my health insurance that paid for me to begin to re-gain my skills when I found the doctors who were knowledgeable enough to get me to vision therapy, cognitive rehabilitation, Physical therapy, occupational therapy and other therapies.

I'm grateful that my difficult journey has helped others and that my journey has helped influence military policy according to Representative Pascrell, Co-chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force. I was the first non-military, non-pro athlete to speak about my journey to recovery on the Congressional Panel for Brain Injury Awareness Day in 2011 and received a standing ovation.

I'm grateful for the coverage through my health insurance company for many reasons. Health services , turned my life around and gave me the building blocks to rebuild a new life.

And one of the reasons I am grateful to my health insurance company was that they took the approach that if my doctors said I needed care, and that care met reasonable criteria, they paid what they had agreed to pay.

The other private insurance companies in what I thought was my safety net through the private market insurance did not see their contract with me in the same way as my health insurance company. I fell through more safety nets than I knew existed. Thank goodness for the federal government and the money I paid in while I worked, because it was that safety net that caught me and gave me income so that I could continue my journey to getting better and speaking and eventually volunteering with the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) to practice and regain skills and help others.

What I know now, from volunteering at BIAA, is that early treatment for traumatic brain injury is cost-effective and efficient. And those who do not get appropriate treatment live diminished lives, need more social supports and can be a drain on resources. Sadly, according to a researcher at Tufts University, Dr Laura Lorenz, people with injuries like mine either get to appropriate care after their injury and get back to their lives,

or things just keep getting worse for them. It's an either/or. We know now that many end up homeless or in jails simply because they couldn't get rehabilitative services and supports after an unexpected event.

My story was written up in The Washingtonian in 2007. Dr Lorenz told me recently that this article is considered the best short article about brain injury. I hear from patients from all over the world and my story has helped others get to the help they need.

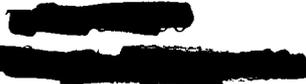
From my point of view, it's short-sighted to cut funding for rehabilitation. No one expects to have an accident which is why we have insurance. I would much had faster knowledge translation so that I could have gotten to resources faster after my injury and be back to work and back to my life than the path I had!

I never expected that even with the many advantages I had, starting off in the middle class, having insurance, going to the best schools, and with many contacts, among other advantages, I would have such a difficult time after injury. I fear that people in my shoes who have concussion or brain injury will have a worse time than I, if rehabilitative services are not a standard part of insurance benefits as a result of this Bill. That would be a shame if patients did not have the resources to benefit from tremendous advances in our understanding of better treatments and knowledgeable translation.

Anne Forrest, PhD

International Speaker & Advocate; Blogger @ www.aplasticbrain.com

Chair, Brain Injury Association of America's Advisory Council;
Research Contributor;
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine member


Sent from my phone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Taylor Cooke [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No to Cassidy-Graham healthcare!

This is a terrible bill. Republicans have admitted it is bad and/or don't know what is in it. Please vote no!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Brittany Giroux Lane [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No on Graham-Cassidy bill

Please vote no on the Graham-Cassidy bill. This will destroy healthcare of so many people who deserve more than this. My sister is only alive thanks to the ability to get access to affordable care through the Affordable Care Act. We need to continue supporting people with pre-existing conditions, continue supporting access to women's rights and stop putting profits and private enterprises health over the health of the American people.

-Brittany Giroux Lane
[REDACTED]

New York, NY 10011
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Watts, Emily [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Written Testimony for Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing
Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017

Emily H. Watts, Ph.D.
[REDACTED]

Lake Forest, IL 60045

Members of the Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing. I am in opposition to this bill.

For more than 40 years of experience in teaching children with significant disabilities (e.g., those with an intellectual disability, deaf-blind, epilepsy, autism spectrum disorder, speech/language disorders) and working with their families, I have seen the benefits of Medicaid in school settings and in adult community-based services.

This bill will severely hamper current efforts and eliminate services altogether for some families. I know this is true because, over the years, social services and school district funding have been negatively impacted by federal cuts to state programs where I have taught (e.g., Tennessee, Nebraska, Illinois). One of my families had a 4 year-old daughter who needed oxygen 24 hours a day. The funds to provide that life-saving medical need was in jeopardy and the family had reached their insurance lifetime cap. What would happen to this family, today, if this bill passes? Ask yourself.

This bill will result in hurting children and families.

Respectfully,

Emily H. Watts, Ph.D.

Retired Faculty, Illinois State University

ewatts@ilstu.edu

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jayme Klein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:57 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern,

The passage of Graham-Cassidy would be a catastrophic disaster for millions of Americans. The Affordable Care Act saved my health when I was laid off from my job. To purchase healthcare through COBRA would've cost me \$700 per month. Through the Affordable Care Act, I was able to pay \$150 per month for comparable coverage to receive the care and take the medication that I desperately needed.

As a woman, the defunding of Planned Parenthood is a disgusting, cruel and misinformed act of political treachery. Do not deny women the cancer screenings and preventive care that they depend on, and who can often not afford through traditional medical means.

Jayme Klein

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Hardin-Quarles, Nellie C [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:57 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL

My name is Nellie Hardin-Quarles and I live in Avon, Indiana, formerly a resident of Merrillville, Indiana. My child Bianna Claborn-Quarles, who is fourteen years old and a "special needs" child since birth suffers from lower extremity paralysis, neurogenic bladder, scoliosis, dental problems and physical impairments that will limit her for the rest of her life. She is a very bright child, who loves to draw and dreams of working for Disney someday, as a graphic artist. However, if the Affordable Care Act is in any way amended or changed by the GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL, Bianna may end up unable to receive the health care and treatments she needs, her medication, physical therapy or appliances that she may need to walk in the future. She gets care from her Primary physician, Urologist, Riley Children's hospital, and formerly from Shriners children's hospital in Oak Park, IL. Bianna is in constant need of a wheelchair, incontinence supplies, and assistance through local caregiving entities. She attends school and receives services through Cummins and Kindred of Indianapolis.

I want Bianna to have a future, where she can be an independent adult and live her life to the fullest. Is it her fault that she was born with a disability? I think not. By the way, did I mention she had a Neuroblastoma when she was born? Through the technology of today's modern medicine, it has been removed and she attempts to go on throughout each day, learning growing and trying to live her life as normally as possible.

If the GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL is passed, I am afraid any chance for her to receive care through Medicaid may be diminished or terminated. I ask that this attempt to change the law be terminated and consideration of the "many" who depend upon this insurance, as a means of simply "living", be upmost importance to the governing body of the state of Indiana.

I am a single parent who adopted four "special need" children, who all have a medical condition. I adopted them out of love and their need for attention, medically and emotionally. The Graham-Cassidy bill would hurt my child and family. I strongly urge Congress to reject it.

Sincerely,

Nellie C Hardin-Quarles
[REDACTED]

Avon, In 46123

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gretchen Mills <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:58 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Personal Story from Gretchen Mills

Hello. My name is Gretchen Mills. I can say I live most of my life without insurance. Not by choice.

My parents couldn't afford insurance in the 70s because they were tradespeople. Highly educated, however owning their own business (a printing company called: The Sign of the Cabbage) they couldn't afford it and the US was just getting used to it, I was born in 1972 when regulations were lifted.

After I turned 18, I was no longer on my mother's policy once she started working for the city, obviously, because something has gone awry with parents now having to carry the burden of insurance for their kids until they are almost 30. And this leaves out children with NO parents, or parents without insurance because they don't get it through their job and can't afford market prices.

For 8 years I didn't have insurance after my son was born, there was no Obamacare for me to look for. He qualified for help from the state, but I made too much to qualify myself, how does that happen? A lot of illnesses happened to me during that 8 years, and begging for help at a free clinic that is open once a month really doesn't help. My mental health was suffering. My physical health was suffering.

I met my now ex husband who also didn't have insurance and he was a type 1 diabetic. Type 1. I searched and searched for a job with insurance and had to take a job as a secretary, which was never my goal in life. I want to open my own business. I can't because I am stuck. I can't lose my insurance. When I divorced my husband, it was because of his illnesses. That sounds horrible, but I couldn't watch him slip in his health, and if you have ever known a type 1 who doesn't always take care of their health and has blood sugar spikes to over 500, you don't know how awful that can be. They hallucinate, get really nasty, and I just couldn't take it.

Myself, I have invisible, pre-existing conditions. I decided to fix my mental health and went broke that year because of my deductibles. I went to therapy every week, I went through countless med trials (disability offices recommend two weeks off for every med trial. Do you think I could do that? NOPE.) I did all the right things, had insurance, and went BROKE. Then the next year I signed up for a higher plan, lower deductible. But in the meantime...

I was unfortunate, brain sick, weak immune system and suddenly I couldn't walk. I COULD NOT WALK. My doctor couldn't get me in and said go to emergency room. I said no! And cried on the phone until they fit me in. I was diagnosed with fibromyalgia. This is a real disease and painful. I had to do another drug trial and found the right meds. Lyrica makes me insane, like I literally can't drive or function so I can't take that. When I have a flare I can't just sit in bed because I have to work.

Oh! And my first colonoscopy (had to get one early b/c my mom had colorectal cancer at a young age). I had a cancer causing polyp removed. Then came the fun stuff:

During all of this I caught C-diff from general public, not from using antibiotics, not from being in the hospital, but community based. Basically this means I ingested someone's poop, not by choice, obviously. I don't lick butt holes. This bacteria ate all of my good bacteria in my intestines. I had a fecal matter transplant. It didn't take. Then comes the renewal of the deductible. I had to have a second fecal matter transplant. It didn't take. I

am still paying off a 900 bill from a procedure that didn't take. I had to have a THIRD one, and now I am hopeful.

Do you know what C-diff is? It means I went to the bathroom up to 15 times a day and through the night. I cramped. During my tenure fighting it, I have lost 15 pounds, which doesn't seem like much but I lost it fast. I weigh 114 pounds now. I worked through my first c-diff. I worked. WORKED. Going to the bathroom up to 15 times a day. If I had worked in a factory or elsewhere, I would have been fired. The ONLY reason I am not fired is because I have a director whose wife has gone through my story. I had to bleach everything all the time. I had to throw away all of my cosmetics. I can't afford new cosmetics. I now wear no make up.

I learned to take time off. I got on FMLA, which doesn't pay anything where I work, just time off so you won't get fired. I used all of my vacation and sick leave trying to heal. I had to use my extra leave we get for floating holidays. This means when my work place shuts down for a week over winter, I will be unpaid. As I write this I have 4 hours of vacation, 4 hours of sick time.

I've had to move in with my mother. My son basically lost his mother for a year because I was so sick I couldn't go anywhere, or do anything. I was terrified I would soil my pants or spend the entire time in the bathroom. I had enough energy to work, barely. I cut down hours. I dropped off a board of directors that I was so proud to be on.

I'm sitting here having a fibro flare again. I was at the dr's yesterday for a yearly check up. I asked if I can up my fibro meds & I am at the maximum for that. She said it is exasperated due to my c-diff. I can't take antibiotics. If I take antibiotics, I will have c-diff again. If I have to go through this again, I don't know what I will do. I have to get colonoscopies every three years due to the polyp. I would have died if I had not had insurance. I would have died. My case is so unique and sever, I would have died.

I didn't ask for preexisting conditions. No one does. Life is a preexisting condition. I went broke, broke. broke having insurance. No one goes broke in other countries with universal health care. Basically you are handing out a death sentence with this new bill. I remember the 80's/90s when insurance companies could deny you insurance based on preexisting conditions. I knew a nurse, a NURSE, with MS who could only afford catastrophic insurance because she was not insurable in the early 2000's.

It is also a gross oversight that insurance companies get to decide what medical care I can and cannot get.

I held a sign up at the first protest in Lincoln, NE that said: I have preexisting conditions and I am terrified my country wants me to die. This was with the first repeal and replace.

A country depends on the lives of the healthy to be wealthy.

A country needs to take care of it's population.

My name is Gretchen. Gretchen Mills. I have preexisting conditions. Change the policies, make this insanity law, and I guess I am on the death sentence list. My name is Gretchen Mills. My name is Gretchen. I am a mother, stuck in a profession that doesn't help my mental health, because I am so much more than a secretary. I am an artist, I have a lot to offer the world. But I can't start my own business. The American Dream is dead. My name is Gretchen. Don't let me die.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:58 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

It is unfathomable to me that you could consider acting on a bill that affects one sixth of the economy and every American without hearing and a thorough analysis from the CBO. It is shameful that you are abandoning fundamental democratic principles to push through a monstrous piece of legislation that not one supporter has been able to describe accurately or justify honestly. There will be monumental losses as a result of this bill and those who support it and try to push it through will face fury from voters in 2018.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Laura Kornak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:55 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Proposed Legislation

Hello,

I'm writing to you today to ask how you could vote on proposed legislation without fully understanding how will impact the lives of Americans? Seniors and the disabled cannot afford this. Please have a heart and take this into consideration. You would not want people to suffer would you? Thanks for your help. Laura Kornak

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Terri Longfellow Fuller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:00 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

Hello,

I am writing about the proposed Graham Cassidy bill for changes to the ACA. Surely, by every measure, this is not a good bill.

First, I ask Congress to delay a vote until a full CBO score is received. How can there be a vote without fully understanding the impact on every American?

Second, I am gravely concerned about the changes to pre-existing condition rules. As very healthy 50-somethings, my husband and I have happily paid for unused insurance benefits for decades. This past weekend, my husband had a small stroke. While we rejoice that he has fully recovered and shows no deficits in testing, we are fearful that we have acquired a pre-existing condition. Without proper insurance coverage, a more serious health crisis could bankrupt us.

Thirdly, I am horrified by the predicted increase in costs, and the millions of Americans who would lose existing coverage.

Please do not pass the Graham Cassidy bill!! Instead, return to regular order. Let's work on bipartisan improvements to the ACA for the benefit of all Americans.

Best regards,
Terri Fuller
Avondale Estates, GA 30002

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Wendylevy [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:00 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect affordable health care for all Americans!

The ACA saves lives & improves quality of life for Americans The Graham Cassidy Bill will devastate our country & be a willful genocide by neglect - unaffordable healthcare is no healthcare!

Vote no on repeal of ACA ! Vote No on Graham Cassidy bill !

I will never vote Republican again for any office if the GOP passes this repeal/replace scam

Wendy Batterson
USA

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Erica Schultz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:59 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy proposed bill

To Whom It May Concern,

I don't care who you believe in or if you believe in anything, but, as an elected member of the United States government, you SHOULD believe in legislation that will HELP the American people, not harm them.

Literally TENS OF MILLIONS of people will go without coverage if Graham Cassidy goes through. Is that something you want on your conscience? You can make peace with your maker or believe you're just worm food, but either way, this will hang on you until the day you die.

You may outlive the tens of millions of people you will doom to an early death because of this bill, but you cannot outrun the great equalizer which is the frailty of humanity and death.

I believe in a higher power that I will call "God." And if you believe in a higher power, I ask that you look deep into your soul and think about what your higher power would want you to do. Because any entity worth praying to is one that is on the side of peace and prosperity for ALL humanity, not just a select few swimming in gold and green.

Search your conscience and make the right choice. DO NOT VOTE FOR GRAHAM CASSIDY.

Sincerely,
Erica Schultz

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: roberta.gallant [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:58 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Nicole LeBlanc
Subject: Attention - My Concerns about the Medicaid Cuts

Dear Senate Finance Committee members:

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Roberta Gallant and I live in Concord, New Hampshire. I belong to People First of New Hampshire, the Capitol City Self-Advocacy Group, the Self-Advocacy Leadership Team, North East Advocates Together, ABLE New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities. These organizations offer people with developmental disabilities an opportunity to speak up and advocate for themselves.

Every Tuesday, I work at the New Hampshire Bureau of Developmental Services to earn a paycheck. At the Bureau, I bind the *Know Your Rights* handbooks with a binding machine, photocopy, put folder packets together, assemble binders, label items, place inserts in the *Transition* handbooks, and stock shelves with reams of paper for other people in their offices to use when they need some more paper. Seldom, I enter people's street address on the computer in my office.

From Noon to three o'clock every Monday and Wednesday, a Direct Support Provider at Community Bridges, works with me. She helps me with grocery and retail shopping, takes me to my medical appointments, etc. Due to the Medicaid cuts, I do not

want to lose any of services and programs because they meet my vital needs. I am completely against the Graham Cassidy bill as it will take my hospitalization and surgical operations away from me. Senator Graham Cassidy's Senate bill will jeopardize my independent daily living and life, housing, transportation, and destroy my other needs.

Respectfully,

Roberta Gallant

[REDACTED]

Concord, NH 03301-4009

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gretta Zammiello [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:49 PM
To: gchcomments

Good afternoon,

I am writing to oppose the Graham Cassidy bill on behalf of my Son Benjamin. He was born at 30 weeks weighing 1 lb 12 oz. He has been diagnosed with many health conditions and has received multiple surgeries, treatments, and therapy. He continues to need these services and without medicaid, he would not be able to receive these services. These services saved his life and they continue to increase his quality of life. Please take his and other special needs children's situations into consideration before voting on this bill. This is their lives and future you will be voting for or against. Thank you for your time.

Gretta Zammiello

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mike Zea <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:49 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Importance: High

I implore the committee to stop this bill. It is an inappropriate fix to the ACA and needs more work.

It affects those least able to afford health insurance and the most vulnerable in America; the aged, the disabled, those who haven't yet earned a Medicare entitlement due to suffering injury early in their work lives. It will, simply put, have a detrimental effect on Americans.

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: kimberly alldread [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:45 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask you to please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. I have suffered with asthma since my early 20's. I am almost 40 years old. I did nothing wrong that caused me to develop asthma, but I have it nonetheless. I am fortunate in that my asthma is mild and can easily be controlled with a prescription albuterol inhaler. However, as I get older it has become harder to breathe and I rely on the inhaler more with each passing day. I already do not speak out to my doctor about my asthma out of fear of how much the potential treatments will cost me. The co-pay for a simple albuterol inhaler is fairly expensive, so most of the time I do not get it filled. I am scared that if I tell my doctor about it, then he will present with me with a more expensive treatment plan that I know I cannot afford.

In addition to the price of asthma related treatments, I am scared as to what the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill will mean for me since I had a partial hysterectomy in 2016. Because of the partial hysterectomy, I must take an estrogen prescription to keep my hormone levels stable. I currently have to pay between \$150-200 for a two month supply of the estrogen gel that my specialist recommended to me. I can only afford to have this prescription filled once or twice a year if I am lucky.

If the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill passes, I am terrified as to the potential out of pocket expenses I will incur through no fault of my own simply because I am a woman. I fear that my surgery and condition will be held against me as a preexisting condition. I had a partial hysterectomy in April 2016 because the specialist that I was referred to thought I was exhibiting signs of endometriosis. In addition to the pain caused by that, I was in terrible pain each month due to cysts on my ovaries. Hence another reason my specialist wanted to perform surgery. Most importantly though was the fact that a transvaginal ultrasound showed that I had two uteruses. It sounds crazy I know, but it is a real condition called bicornuate uterus. I wish I could accurately convey to you the amount of pain I have lived with for almost 20 years because of PMS and years of being misdiagnosed by various doctors.

In closing, I want to provide you with a little background on myself. I have been working since I was 16 years old. I have had my own medical, dental, and vision insurance through my employers since I was 19 years old. I went to college and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree. I've done everything that my parents and the world taught me that I should do as an adult. Please do not punish me and millions of other people by taking away our healthcare coverage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Alldread

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Stop GrahamCassidy

You very well know most Americans need Affordable Health Care (AKA Obamacare). Do the right thing and stop #GrahamCassidy - stop the MedicaidKiller.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tatiana Basanez

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Chris Bram <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No on Graham Cassidy

I am writing to let you know that I believe the Graham Cassidy Bill is wrong. The Senate has no business passing it. It helps nobody and causes only pain. Why are you wasting your time and the time of the American people on it?

Angrily yours,

Christopher Bram
[REDACTED]
New York, NY 10014
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Tommy Reilly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy Graham Bill

How can they do this . No CBO score ,ONE hearing on a bill that affects millions of people and affects 1/6 of the economy. People who are pushing it haven't even read it. I saw Jeff Flake this morning on Morning Joe and he could not say with any confidence if the bill was 3 pages or a thousand. He's just going to vote for it so the President can have a win. These people are going to hell. Tom Reilly

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lesley Bevan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Sean Cooper
Subject: Please don't pass Graham Cassidy

Hello,

I survived cancer a year or so ago while my husband, simultaneously, battled a debilitating and mysterious auto immune disorder. Those were our darkest days, yet we prevailed. Surviving these illnesses is bittersweet if it means we can no longer afford health insurance under the Graham-Cassidy Bill. With two hefty pre-existing conditions under our roof, insurance for our small family of three would bankrupt us. We feel fortunate to have put our health issues behind us for now. Others are not so fortunate. Please don't pass the Graham Cassidy bill--instead, work to create a more humane system that leaves no one behind.

Sincerely,

Lesley Bevan
Chicago

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Angela Roberts [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Statement for Monday's SFC hearing

September 21, 2017

Senate Committee on Finance
Attn. Editorial and Document Section
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Dear Sirs and Madams:

When I was 6 years old, my family took a day trip to Monroe Reservoir, a 10,000-acre manmade lake southeast of Bloomington, Indiana, where boaters, campers, water-skiers and fishers congregate. It was a hot summer day and since I was a curious child, I happily waded in and dunked my head into the murky brown water, swimming around and exploring.

A few days later, I lay in a hospital bed on the east side of Indianapolis, dehydrated, weak and unable to keep any food or liquids in me. After several days of testing, doctors determined I had shigellosis, an intestinal disease spread through contaminated water.

Thankfully, I recovered. But my intestinal tract never seemed quite the same; over the next two decades, the aftermath of the infection seemed to cause a cascade of ill effects. In my late 20s, after several years of increasingly desperate symptoms which ultimately resulted in my being unable to eat any solid food for a week, I was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis.

A chronic disease of the large intestine, ulcerative colitis occurs when the lining of the colon becomes inflamed and develops tiny, open sores. Like other autoimmune diseases, UC is believed to be caused by the immune system attacking healthy cells as if they were foreign invaders; in some cases, autoimmune responses can be triggered when you're fighting off an infection and your immune system goes into overdrive, targeting healthy cells as well.

When ulcerative colitis is active, people suffer from severe diarrhea, blood and mucus in their stools, weight loss and abdominal pain. At its worst, you can't get out of bed or go to work. Medications can help reduce inflammation, but there is no cure.

UC also is a very expensive disease. The first-line-of-defense medications that reduce inflammation have no generic options and cost thousands of dollars a month. Complications can be incredibly costly as well; 25% or more of people with UC end up in the hospital, some needing parts of their colon resected to remove diseased bowel. Worse yet, UC increases the risk of getting colon cancer. It's critical for people with UC to take their medications every day to reduce the risk of cancer and to also have regular colonoscopies with biopsies that could indicate the presence of precancerous cells.

In many ways, I am a poster child for ulcerative colitis treatment. My disease was caught early, I have never been hospitalized, and I have only had one ER visit in 24 years. And yet it is a preexisting condition; for more than two decades after I was diagnosed, private insurance companies wouldn't insure people with the disease, and employer-sponsored plans could refuse to cover the condition for a year or longer.

I first learned the reality of preexisting conditions in the 1990s. My husband, Joe, and I both worked in the healthcare industry in marketing and client services positions. It was a volatile time for healthcare in the United States; many insurance companies and hospitals were merging or acquiring smaller organizations, and rapid changes to Medicare and Medicaid funding on the national and state level prompted sudden layoffs as businesses scrambled to balance their books. As employees who were not providing care to patients, Joe and I were especially vulnerable, and several times we were either laid off or we resigned because our departments were so short-staffed that it was impossible to get the mounds of work done.

Every time we changed jobs and subsequently insurance, I was vulnerable to not having my UC covered. At one point, I sought out a therapist to cope with a stressful job situation. After I had paid for several therapy visits and had filed for reimbursement, my new insurance company denied coverage because my patient records indicated I had been treated for depression in the past. Ultimately, I had to stop seeing the therapist because I couldn't afford the weekly visits.

At that time, my UC was really flaring; stress doesn't cause the condition, but it can make it worse, and I was taking three different medications costing hundreds of dollars a week. I held my breath, wondering when I might show up at the pharmacy and be told that the insurance company wouldn't cover my drugs. Thankfully, no insurance company ever asked how long I'd had an inflammatory bowel disease, but I lived in fear that I would suddenly have no prescription coverage.

Finally, my disease went back into remission and I was feeling so good that Joe and I decided to try to get pregnant; a few months later, I took a new job to escape a toxic work environment, and our baby plans got put on hold because pregnancy was a preexisting condition. I couldn't take the chance that my maternity care wouldn't be covered if I turned up pregnant before my new coverage took effect.

HIPAA, signed into law in 1996, was a game-changer for me and millions of other Americans. Several years after it was passed, employers had to begin providing coverage for preexisting conditions to new employees as long as they had not experienced a lapse of more than 63 days in insurance coverage and could prove that through a certificate of creditable continuous coverage. Whenever we applied for insurance with a new employer, a human resource professional would ask Joe or me for a certificate from the previous employer's insurance plan.

Because most employers had a waiting period for insurance, when we had to, we paid premiums through COBRA, a law that allowed people to maintain coverage through a previous employer for a short time, in order to avoid a lapse in coverage. COBRA premiums were brutally expensive, but we paid them anyway. I also filed away every certificate of creditable continuous coverage, even though most of the time only the most recent one was required; I feared that at some point, the law might change and I would suddenly have to prove that I'd had continuous coverage for years.

After experiencing flare-ups of UC while pregnant with both of my children, my disease went into long-term remission. I continued to take my medications every day, but decided to be even more proactive. After visiting a functional medicine professional and having blood tests done, I discovered that I had a number of food allergies, including gluten. Since I went on a restrictive diet eight years ago, I have had no sign of active disease.

While I remained physically healthy, however, rising insurance premiums took a toll on my family's finances. In the spring of 2009, Joe found out that his employer-sponsored health insurance plan was raising its rates again — beginning the next week. While most employers typically pay the bulk of premiums, his employer only paid a small fraction of them. We had already seen our portion of premiums jump from \$7,000 to \$14,000 over several years, and suddenly we were paying \$21,000.

Panicked, I called my financial planner, who, in a lapse of judgment, suggested we just drop the coverage. No way, we said. By then, everyone in our family had preexisting conditions; we needed insurance to cover our medical expenses, and we certainly couldn't afford a gap in coverage that could keep a future plan from covering all of our conditions for a year or more. Plus, we wondered, what if one of us suddenly gets diagnosed with cancer or is seriously injured in an accident? I had read plenty of media reports of people going bankrupt over unexpected medical bills.

I then called an insurance broker and inquired about private insurance. Sure, he would look into some options for us, he chirped. Then I told him that I had UC. Suddenly his tone became lukewarm. He promised to call me back, but never did.

And so Joe and I did the most rational, responsible thing we could — we cut out every unnecessary expense, dug in and both looked for new jobs. Ultimately, I was the first one with a new job offer, and so I gave up a successful freelance business I had built over 10 years in order to get more affordable insurance coverage.

That was March of 2010. Ironically, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law two weeks after I started my new job. Once its provisions took effect, people with preexisting conditions no longer had to worry about getting coverage, either through employer-sponsored plans or private. HIPAA certificates showing prior creditable coverage eventually were longer required. The millions of us in the United States with preexisting conditions collectively breathed a sigh of relief.

When the marketplace exchanges opened in 2014, Joe — who had started a private therapy practice and didn't have access to an employer-sponsored insurance plan — suggested we consider a private plan so that I could return to freelancing.

We were in our late 40s, and it was the first time in our adult lives that we could realistically consider both of us being self-employed. Even though I loved my job, it was a tempting idea.

Republicans, however, had already been talking for four years about repealing Obamacare, and I didn't want to take the chance that I would lose coverage again. What would we do if suddenly we lost our private health insurance and we couldn't find new employment quickly enough? I couldn't take any chances with my family's health and finances.

That was three years and a presidential election ago. Now, this fall, yet another disastrous plan has been unveiled that could cause millions of Americans to lose their health insurance over time. One thing is already clear: people with preexisting conditions are vulnerable, either because 1.) insurance plans will be able to charge premiums so high for people with various illnesses that they will be unaffordable or 2.) essential health benefit provisions will be eliminated, leading insurance plans to eliminate coverage for expensive diseases like mine.

So where does this leave my family and me? I really don't know. Right now, I have an affordable, employer-sponsored plan that covers some of our medications and procedures at no cost under preventive rules of the ACA. (I still pay full price for the UC medications until I've met my yearly deductible, and then I pay 20%.) We have a high-deductible health savings account, but not so high that we can't afford it. In the past few years, we've met our deductible within the first few months of the year and have met our out-of-pocket max sometime

in the fall, allowing us to have prescriptions and doctor visits covered for several months at no charge. Between deductibles, copays and non-covered services like hearing aids for my husband and functional medicine visits for me, we still pay over \$15,000 a year in out-of-pocket expenses — and yet we can afford that because we have good insurance and viable incomes.

For the life of me, I can't understand why any lawmaker in the United States could believe that any of these plans offered up by the GOP are a reasonable alternative to the ACA. And after years of conversations with my friends and family about the ACA, I have to believe that this Obamacare repeal is not in anybody's best interest.

True, I have had friends who told me they could not afford private health insurance under the ACA, because of the many benefits that plans are required to offer today; that genuinely distresses me.

But other friends have complained that their premiums were so high that that they had to drop their gym club memberships or that they could have gotten cheaper insurance that was non-ACA compliant but would have had to pay tax penalties — and yet they had preexisting conditions that would have made them entirely uninsurable through a private plan before Obamacare existed.

In fact, in my social media feed, these latter complaints — ones that are steeped in misunderstanding of the law — constitute a cacophony of Obamacare complaints, and sadly, their voices seem to be drowning out those for whom ACA repeal could be catastrophic. In some cases, the Obamacare protesters and the potential victims of its repeal are one and the same, but they don't yet realize it.

I have followed health care reforms efforts closely since the 1990s, first as a health care marketing professional and later as a consumer of health care. Although I am worried about what will happen to my own family, my main fear right now is for my friends and family members who face imminent catastrophe if various parts of the ACA are repealed: children who were born premature or had a serious illness at a young age who will max out of the lifetime health benefits and have no insurance coverage; friends who won't be able to afford ongoing cancer treatment; friends who could lose their homes or literally die.

We truly need a national dialogue about the ACA and the millions of people who are still uninsured, in part because they can't afford the premiums. But to throw out Obamacare with no regard for the lives that will be destroyed is callous and immoral.

This is not what an industrialized nation looks like. This is not what my country looks like. There is no universe in which this is the moral choice for our nation. I implore all senators to vote against this heinous bill.

Sincerely,
Angela K. Roberts

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of David Kohl [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham Cassidy

I oppose any healthcare reform that does not move toward single payer.

I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill on the grounds that it does not move toward single payer, and is to be voted on before it can be evaluated by proper committees.

Healthcare is a national problem that needs to be handled nationally. Moving money and power to the state level where corruption and gerrymandering are multiplied by a factor of 50 is not going to fix anything for anybody.

~David Kohl

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Statement for SFC healthcare debate record

Hello,

I would like the following statement entered into the record for the senate finance committee hearing regarding the Graham-Cassidy bill:

I was in a car accident when I was 24. The woman who hit me was texting and lost control of her car, striking me head-on, killing my grandmother in the passenger seat and severely injuring me. After a year of recovery for several broken bones and torn ligaments, I was nearly 100% back to normal with zero functional limitations and only scars as a reminder of my injuries. When I got a job as a contractor with a small non profit and had to purchase my own insurance, I was denied because of "pre-existing conditions," and told to apply for a high risk pool. The pre-existing conditions cited as reasoning for the denial were my healed fractures from the car accident. Luckily, soon after this, the portion of the ACA which prohibited discrimination based on pre-existing conditions was enacted and I was able to get affordable health coverage. This bill will destroy that protection. The republicans can pretend that people with pre-existing conditions will be protected, but that is a lie and those of us paying attention also know it's a lie. States will get to decide whether people with pre-existing conditions will be priced out of insurance and most of us will be. I am a completely healthy young woman and to be denied health insurance because of healed fractures is beyond comprehension. This bill must not pass. It is craven and abhorrent. Anyone who supports the bill is lying to their constituents and if they aren't lying, then they clearly don't understand the substance of the bill. The republicans must give up their blind, racist agenda to remove anything that President Obama had put his name to. Stop saying the ACA is failing and stop intentionally trying to make it fail. Fix the parts of it that are broken and stop acting like children in a schoolyard. Do not pass Graham-Cassidy.

Thank you,
Sarah Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Beth McCullough [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Repeal

Dear Committee Members:

My family and I are beneficiaries of the American Care Act of 2009. My son, Jonathan, was diagnosed in 2001 with Asthma. His symptoms have improved to where he no longer needs daily treatment, however, because Asthma is listed as a pre-existing condition, he will not be eligible for coverage (again) if the ACA is repealed. Alternatively, based upon the wording of this proposed bill, he would be eligible for health insurance, but at a higher premium or through a waiver of any coverage for "any asthma related care." This insurance claw back bill written by Senators Graham & Cassidy does not put Americans first, as often touted by our current President. This bill will do more harm to the American populace than any prior claims of harm due to the enactment of ACA.

I understand the desire of the Republican party to make good on their 8 year promise of Repeal; however, in the interests of representing this country as each of you have been sworn and elected to do, this bill has been reviewed and shown to cause more harm than good. The current thinking and mantra of adhering to "Party lines" and rebuking bipartisanship within Congress since (at least) 2008 is not how our government and her elected leadership should act. Country before party, it's the true American way and will go farther in making America "great again" than the currently traveled course.

Please do not repeal the American Care Act via the Graham Cassidy proposal. The harm that one bill will cause to the millions of Americans you have been elected to represent outweighs any failed promises made over the last 8 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gray
Nashville, Tennessee

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Amy Serino [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment

I write to express my objection to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson healthcare bill. Never before have I made a public comment on legislation, but I feel compelled to do so now. I am a working mother of two who is deeply troubled about the devastating impact this legislation would have upon the most vulnerable and least empowered of my fellow Americans. It stands to re-order a significant percentage of our economy, and has been rushed through without meaningful deliberation. It is opposed by numerous nonpartisan groups with the greatest wealth of knowledge about the American healthcare system. It is bringing us in the wrong direction for the sole purpose of placating those who wish to check the box saying that they have "repealed" the signature legislation of a president from a different party. Please listen to the voices of those who will be left without affordable access to healthcare as a result of this legislation. We can and must do better for the citizens of this country.

Amy Serino
Andover, MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Diamond, Judith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: judi.e.diamond44@gmail.com
Subject: Cassidy Graham Bill

As a two time cancer survivor I strongly oppose the Cassidy Graham Bill. I fear that it would deprive millions of much needed medical coverage and would make life saving drugs and care beyond my reach if the cancer returns.

Please do NOT put party above people.

We are your constituents and we will remember. Please work toward a bipartisan plan for repairing health care.

Judith Diamond
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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Krista Feezel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I'm scared!

I'm frightened of this newest healthcare bill. My husband has a heart condition and survived cancer. We are seniors on a low fixed income. Both my daughters work, have worked since they were 15yrs old and this bill would jeopardize their coverage. Jamming this through without proper vetting, without a CBO score, without serious open debate is just wrong. I feel like it's all because you didn't like the previous president and you are taking your vengeance out on us poor rural Americans- the same ones who got Trump elected.

Please slow down and do the right thing.

Krista Feezel
Richmondville NY 12149

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa Swanson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

I wish to weigh in on the proposed Graham Cassidy bill before the Senate. As someone with cancer (a pre-existing condition) who is also approaching the age of 60 (next year) I probably will not be able to afford health insurance if the Graham Cassidy bill passes. My cancer is incurable, but I am very lucky and have not required treatment for it to date. That could change. It is not at all acceptable that I would have to go without health insurance until I turn 65 and qualify for Medicare. (Which assumes Medicare is still available for those of us at 65... if you change that to some kind of subsidy-assisted program then I will probably die without healthcare.)

I also have another pre-existing condition that requires me to get monitored yearly for a recurrence of pheochromocytoma, which is a very rare type of adrenal tumor. I need access to a qualified endocrinologist at least once a year. Since this bill severely limits Medicaid, I can see that is not an option for me. (Probably not an option anyway as I make too much money.) So, instead of having affordable healthcare, I will become impoverished trying to pay for unaffordable healthcare.

While I'm on the subject, I would like to weigh in on Medicare for All. I do believe that if you remove the horrendous bill that large corporations are forced to pay for overpriced health care plans, you will stimulate the economy no end. Why the republicans are not interested in this is beyond me. I think it would be fabulous to finally join the rest of the industrialized world and offer healthcare for everyone. The vast majority of countries in the world offer this, why not the U.S.?

Thanks,

Lisa Swanson
[REDACTED]

Address:
[REDACTED]

Manchester, NH 03104

Phone no:
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Claudia Willett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Re: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal (9/25/17)

Senators:

Your responsibility is to we the people. Not to you the political establishment, or your party, or your lobbyists.

You cannot support this bill and consider yourself pro-life when you are considering endangering hundreds of millions of lives for political points leading up to a midterm election cycle.

Do better. Make a reasonable bipartisan approach at rehabbing ACA, not simply dismantling it.

At the very least, give this bill the chance to get scored by the CBO properly before moving it ahead for votes. If it's a good bill you'll get 60 votes after 9/30.

Do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Claudia
MA resident

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lynne Gulizia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Bill

Both my husband, mom and sister have fought and beat cancer. If GrahamCassidy takes away coverage for pre-existing conditions, they will not be able to afford insurance if it recurs. I don't want to lose my loved ones. Please improve the ACA, but do not repeal it and try to replace with this bill that would eliminate coverage for so many people. We will all be only a moment away from bankruptcy, debilitating illness or death without the ACA. Do not take us backwards.

Lynne M. Gulizia
San Diego, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mina Price <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

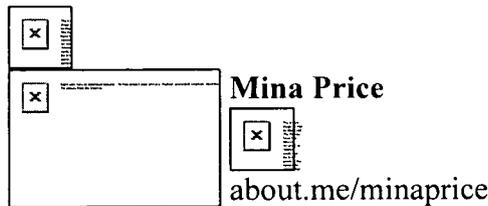
Do you understand how all of this impacts everyday people? I have depression, have had back surgery, I have high blood pressure and acid reflux from a four inch hernia that so far I have been able to keep from having surgery on! I work full time and I have health insurance through my employer. Any one of these things could put me in a position to not be able to work. If that happens how would I get healthcare?

I live in Alabama and as you know this state is as red as they come. If Alabama is put in charge of these block grants are they going to make sure my pre-existing conditions are covered with whatever healthcare we have? I trust the federal government way more than I do my state government right now and considering everything that is going on that is saying something.

I am a single 51 year old social worker with two kids on my family plan. My 23 year old is still in school, working and going to school. Her employer will not provide healthcare for her. What happens to my kids if something happens to me? How will they get health insurance that covers their pre existing conditions? They both have mental health issues.

Please give me the piece of mind to know. That if something happens and I can't work we will all be covered in an affordable way. You have the lives of many in your hands! I have worked at the same agency for 27 years. I would not be able to work if I was not blessed with good health insurance! My back surgery cost a quarter of a million dollars. Because of that I am still fully employed. What happens if insurance companies go back to capping benefits? Will I make it to 65 without hitting the limit?

Please consider those of us that are just one accident away from being unemployed or without affordable insurance! We are trusting you with the most precious gift we can have which is good health. I trust Washington way more than I do Montgomery! Please help me and my family and vote NO on this new bill! Thanks for your time and service!!



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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: J Sinicrope <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

The proposed bill merely says states must propose a plan to deal with existing conditions. There is no penalty for false statements. No process to change or requirement to state plan has changed. No mechanism to review or punish insurance companies for their actions. No definition or criteria for affordable. No criteria for what is or is not to be included in basic insurance plans.

No discussion community vs medical underwriting. No prohibition on CAPS lifetime or otherwise.

No parity to raise states who did not expand Medicaid; instead states who expanded are penalized.

Funding from federal ends in 2026. What happens after that.

Increases in medical cpi are not the same as cost medical care indexes. There will be a decrease in Medicaid block grant to the states.

The transfer of wealth goes to tax cuts and not to medical care.

This bill is designed to meet political need of the Republican party to post a "repeal" of the ACA. It is not to create a better, less expensive, high quality health care system.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: susan white <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a former high school teacher and middle school principal. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003. Therefore, I am an individual with a preexisting condition. I served for thirty years as an education professional. I am not wealthy. I cannot afford an increase in premiums. In addition, my son, who also teaches and coached in one of our country's high schools, is a juvenile diabetic. He is in the same situation as his mother. Please consider us. Do not make it any more difficult than it already is.

Thank you,

Susan White Edmondson

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Brian Felch [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Urging You Not to Pass Graham-Cassidy

Hello,

I'm concerned about a number of issues pertaining to this Graham-Cassidy amendment:

- 1. The process undertaken to get this amendment to the floor prevents the American people from knowing what it does** before it passes. By the time this amendment makes it to the floor, if it makes it to the floor, we will have had less than 2 weeks to make ourselves aware of how this would change healthcare for every American citizen. That's completely unacceptable.
- 2. Punishing states that expanded Medicaid for their people is reprehensible.** Framing that punishment as though it's a correction for an unfair system is atrociously cynical. States that didn't expand Medicaid have no business complaining that the states that did are getting more federal money. If they want the money, they should expand Medicaid. People benefiting from Medicaid expansion in Kentucky should not lose coverage, and their state should not lose resources, simply because Texas decided not to take part in a program that was available to them.
- 3. It improves the lives of, from what I can tell** (after having only a few days to look at this amendment before you guys try to ram it through the Senate), **absolutely nobody while at the same time making life harder for many many hardworking American citizens.** How many citizens will suffer as a result of this amendment? Let's wait and let the CBO tell us. And then let's get back to regular order and let's pass a bipartisan healthcare bill that's going to stick around.
- 4. It further entrenches the regrettable precedent** (set by a different President and different Congress) **that healthcare can be legislated by only one party.** That said, it would be less troubling to me if the Republican party had a 60-seat majority. But they don't. So we're left with the potential of 50 senators + the Vice President legislating healthcare for an entire nation. We need to be setting a better example of democratic government, both for the world and for future Congresses.
- 5. This bill maintains the status quo wherein America has a lower percentage of insured citizens than any OECD country outside of Chile.** It is not a partisan statement to say that that is an embarrassment, and we can do better.

Thanks for your time. Please don't let me down.

- Brian Felch

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Shantese Wilkinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:08 PM
To: gchcomments

My name is Shantese Wilkinson.

This is my story:

I was 21 and an undergrad in college (2012) when I found out I had a 4.7cm brain tumor and needed a two part surgery. I had Medicaid at the time because I wasn't making enough money to afford Marketplace insurance as a Library Assistant on campus. The first part of process involved a craniotomy, and the second required a transsphenoidal procedure six months later. When I went in for the first surgery they told me that the full process would be fully covered by the insurance company. With addict parents leaving me to be raised by my grandfather, who lived on a fixed income, this process being nothing monetarily was a blessing and a necessity. At one point, I was willing to forego the surgery because I believed that the financial burden would be substantially more then the income I received from my close to minimum wage job. My decision to undergo the surgery was at the behest of my doctors; they warned me that by not undergoing the surgery, it was not a question of 'if' it would kill me but how quickly it would take. Being a person, initially, of moderately good health, I trusted the doctors and agreed to have the surgery. Thankfully, it was a success with minimal carryover. I went back to school two months later and finished with a bachelor's degree one year later. I was the first in my family to graduate from college.

At 23 (2014), after unthinkable pain in my back and failing treatments across several specialists, the doctors found a degenerated, herniated disc between my L5 & S1 vertebrae. By now, I was employed as an assistant conductor with our local train company and had employer-sponsored health insurance through the marketplace; it was a first for me to never be turned down for a procedure, prescription, or test. They tried medicinal drugs, no dice. They tried epidural shots, no dice. So at 24 (2014), I had a spinal fusion. It...didn't actually work. Or, it didn't work so well. Two months later, my GP found that I had diabetes, which I didn't have up to the spinal fusion. After three doctors and a few hospital visits, we've surmised that it is Type 1.5 (yeah, that's a thing). Before we figured that out, I was in the hospital with DKA because the the type 2 medicine wasn't working. I was in the hospital for 6 days.

I was no longer working for the railroad because of the damage in my back, but I had been accepted on a Graduate Fellowship to the University at Buffalo. With the fellowship came health insurance through the marketplace, which covered every procedure and test to keep me alive. The insurance covered the hospital stay and one other thing: while they were putting IVs in me to prevent me slipping into a progressed state of DKA, typically unconsciousness or a coma, the doctors found a clot in my neck. They couldn't tell me where it was going or where it had come from, but they surmised that I see a Hematologist when I was released. Right before my 25th birthday, I was notified that I have the Factor V Leiden mutation, which more than likely caused the blood disorder that created the clot.

I'm now 26. My wife and I applied to Medicaid for my co-pays and coinsurances as they mounted to \$4,000 in the previous year. I see doctors upwards of 50 times a year for my various disorders and ailments. My tumor is back, I have another degenerated, herniated disc above the first, and the likely course is another surgery.

I take care of my family. I'm finishing the coursework for my Masters degree this semester. And I hope to be rid of these complications soon enough. I don't have the kind of parents available that could've kept me on their insurance until I turned 26, I don't have kids, I created a publishing company to continue being a productive member of society... I just, also have these weird occurrences with my health. So without the ACA, I wouldn't be here sending this out. I do not take handouts, and I do agree that the ACA should be fixed. I believe that there shouldn't be some blanket qualification for who can work; but with the understanding of the intricate and changing dynamic of today's families in mind, those who can work, should work. I believe that insurance companies shouldn't be able to justify leaving the market simply because they're being told to do what insurance companies do: insure people. I believe that those who promised health care should stick to that promise because my life isn't politics, it is My life. Without the ACA, without Obamacare, without whatever you want to brand it, I would be dead. That means something to me, to my family. I voted. I vote in local elections, I vote in larger scale elections. And if I didn't - for those who don't, our representatives are still supposed to stand for them, for all of us. That is why, with all of its issues, America is still the country I'd choose. Being anti-Obama won't hurt Obama, but it will kill me. These are lives, my life. My wife's life. My grandparents' lives. Keeping and fixing the ACA should only be about that fact.

Taking away my right to Healthcare, a right that millions agree is a fundamental right like life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, so that money can be moved around without accountability and sometimes somewhere it shouldn't, is wrong. Modifying my access to Healthcare in haste, because one side can't or won't work with another, is wrong. To change just one aspect of our healthcare system without decidedly working on a full overhaul - thereby limiting those in favor to the minimum required - is not only wrong, it shows that a small few can and (without shame) will bring a reckoning to their America constituents. Congressmen do not solely represent the people in their states, they represent the people in their country. To advocate for state-to-state isolationism, is wrong. It is immoral.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Emilie Bakey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA repeal is a terrible idea

I am aware that I am addressing people who don't care if my family lives or dies as long as they keep getting fat checks from corporate interests

just please know that my child, an adult with cognitive impairment and spastic quadriplegia will suffer pain as she dies. that pain and that death are your responsibility now. that's on you.

I've been dying a little every day since her accident, so maybe you won't feel quite as responsible for my death. but I'm fully intending to haunt each of you after my death...so there's that.

sincerely,

a nobody, apparently

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elise Hertz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Healthcare Bill

All,

I'd like to share my healthcare story and how the patient protection portion of the ACA saved me.

In October 2015, I lost my job. My company of 25 people was not required to offer COBRA and they did not. I had surgery on the calendar for December to address complications of both pre-cancerous cervical cells and endometriosis. Prior to the ACA, I would have been in a terrible position--uninsured and unable to gain coverage due to that pre-existing condition. I was told the inability to have timely surgery would have resulted in the need for hysterectomy, which I also would not have coverage for--in addition to being far more expensive and complicated surgery. Fortunately for me, the ACA was in place and I bought coverage on the individual market. Though I had to start with a new deductible, my procedure was covered and completed on time. I got a new job and was able to use my new employee coverage to handle all the important followup. Overall, what could've been a problem that led to either my ill health or bankruptcy, wasn't a problem at all. Therefore, I have remained in the workforce, supporting my family and paying my taxes.

Here in Indiana, one of the most conservative states, you can bet that, once Graham Cassidy allows it, there will again be restrictions on coverage for both pre-existing conditions and for women's health. I ask you...would you rather folks like me remain in the workforce supporting their families and paying taxes or would you rather we end up disabled because we can't get treatment for our medical needs and become a drain on the system?

Please stop this bill.

Elise Hertz
[REDACTED]
Indianapolis, IN 46201
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lori Wiley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Medicaid is IMPORTANT!!!!!!

I am writing to implore your committee to oppose the Cassidy-Graham bill and any cuts in Medicaid that make the already difficult lives of people with disabilities and their family's lives even more difficult. My son, Samuel, has severe autism and is classified as mentally retarded. He lived with us for 23 years. While we feel blessed to have him in our lives and learn from him every day, the road has been a very difficult one for Sam and for our entire family. We finally made the very difficult decision to have him live in a group home setting as behaviors were getting too difficult for us to handle and we sensed he was craving more independence. We were able to find a living situation, and, thanks to Medicaid, Sam can be in a place where he is more independent, healthy, and happy. Our entire family has benefited from this situation as well. We basically lived with PTSD for years due to the erratic behaviors and constant care that was required.

People who rely on Medicaid are those who should NEVER suffer more than they already do. Taking away benefits is cruel to them and their families.

My husband and I have never asked for a handout in our lives. We have both positively contributed to the community all our lives. I am a teacher and he is a farmer and have worked very hard to provide for our children. Medicaid, however, is the only way Sam is able to live independently. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not take help away from those who need it most!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Emily Rawn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

"A bill that will have devastating effects on 1/5 of the nation's economy and the health and well being of millions of Americans shouldn't be rushed through in 10 days. Get a CBO score, get a bill that can find 60 votes. In the words of Senator McCain, return to regular order."

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Susan Van Der Maas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Health Care bill

This proposed legislation will decimate my financial security because of the latitude it gives states and private insurers to raise rates based on pre-existing conditions. Truthfully, who doesn't have a "pre-existing condition"? This plan prices out many consumers, not only at implementation, but over time as people utilize health care services. It is also a thinly veiled attempt to discriminate against women by defunding essential health service providers such as Planned Parenthood.

Moreover, I do not believe that states can administer health care on this scale with the consistency and integrity necessary to effectively service those citizens who will actually be able to afford this coverage. It will create a patchwork of coverage across the United States, and the ones disadvantaged the most will be low income and elderly. How is this fair?

I suggest you revisit the Affordable Care Act (please stop calling it Obamacare: that's a popular coined term that masks the altruistic intent of the legislation) and fix the problems. Repealing the ACA creates marketplace chaos, panders to an incompetent and ineffective president, hinders access to health care and ultimately sends costs soaring. My rates have already gone up because of the relentless drive to attack the ACA. ***Do something more productive like fixing it.***

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Joanne Healy [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

The impact on those with disabilities is unprecedented. Your actions are immoral and reprehensible.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Stephanie A. Schmid [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:03 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

My name is Stephanie Schmid. I am the sister of a brain injury survivor who had meningitis and a stroke at the age of 6 months old. I'm also an occupational therapist at On With Life in Ankeny, Iowa and have spent my career focusing on and helping individuals after brain injuries. I see the life changing effects of a brain injury on a daily basis at work and have experienced the amount of hard work, dedication and self-sacrificing love it takes to be the caregiver of an individual with a brain injury through my parents who have cared for my brother since his injury. My brother, Brad, is now 32. My parents have spent their life dedicated to caring for Brad at home to allow him to remain on the farm that he enjoys and improve his quality of life. Since high school my brother has attended a day program at Nishna Productions in Shenandoah during the daytime hours while my parents work. The Medicaid funding for such programs is critical. The funding needed to provide a quality place for him to attend each day is significantly less than it would cost for him to need to be in a skilled nursing facility or group home as he requires 24 hour care. He requires maximal assistance with transfers, dependent assistance with dressing and toileting cares. Now, when my parents are aging after caring for him for 30 years they are facing cuts in the services that have been provided for him. The day program no longer gets enough funding to allow them to provide him with a 1:1 staff member. As a result he no longer gets out in the community during the day regularly. They no longer are able to take the time and 1:1 staff it takes to get him up in his walker and allow him to walk household distances throughout the day. As a result his feet swell and he is developing sores on his feet from pressure inside his ankle foot orthoses.

As his sister I will become his power of attorney should anything happen to my parents. We have had his name on waiting lists for group homes in the Des Moines area where I live for years without any indication of openings. After years of caring for Brad now my parents are overwhelmed with the very real fear of what will happen to Brad when they can no longer care for him.

This is just my own personal families stories and struggle. I see countless similarly challenging situations for individuals with brain injuries and their family at On With Life.

Please, please do not pass this Graham-Cassidy Bill and continue to work with the current MCO's who have already negatively impacted the care individuals in the community living with disability are experience over the past few years.

Stephanie Schmid
Family member/Caregiver
Occupational Therapist/On With Life

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Erika <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:03 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Erika Jahneke healthcare personal story...

June 20, 2017

Senator Jeff Flake
Russell Senate Office Building

413
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Flake:

I am writing to ask you not to cut Medicaid. As someone with a disability, I would face an uncertain future. Without this program, that future will be much harder!

For 24 years, I have tried many different living arrangements to be sure that I can get the personal-care assistance I need (with personal tasks like dressing and showering, even going to the bathroom). For a while, I tried to be more independent, but in the end my mom was the only one who was always there, so, when her life came apart as well, at least we had each other. Government money is part of the security in that arrangement, as much as I always wanted to break down barriers and make my own way with the power of my keyboard. That didn't happen the way I'd always hoped, but I am still doing things I am very proud of.

My father is rarely in the picture, so my care falls completely to my mother. Before I got funding, she tried a full-time job for a couple of years, but the situation was both unsafe and stressful for the two of us. With me at home alone, she worried constantly that something would happen to me, and I had to wait hours just to be able to go to the bathroom. She did not make enough money to allow her to hire someone to stay with me. Now she leaves me for short periods for part-time work, but that salary is not enough for us to live on.

Medicaid has been a lifeline for us. Senator Flake, I am a constituent and want and need to feel represented! Right now, I feel as if my representatives in Congress are not thinking about me or others with disabilities when they make decisions to cut programs that make us safe and allow us to live a fuller life. Please think of me and vote against heartless cuts to Medicaid.

Sincerely,

Erika Jahneke
[REDACTED]

Phoenix, AZ 85029-5621

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From: Barbara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:03 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: grahamcassidy

why are you not working on fixing the system that already exists? are you so spiteful and hateful about obama that you will waste money and resources to replace his plan with something that is much worse and will ultimately harm many americans?

Kochs pledge 400 million to GOP if they repeal Obamacare. $400,000,000 / 32,000,000$ lose insurance = \$12.50 One life is worth \$12.50!
we WILL remember this.

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From: Beth Ferri <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:03 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Dear Finance Committee

I write to express my concerns about the latest GOP attempt to repeal the ACA known as the Graham-Cassidy Bill. I am someone with pre-existing conditions, so the bill frightens me personally. I also have a relative who has recently been diagnosed with MS and another who is battling cancer. In other words, I am in all honesty a perfectly average American citizen.

I (like all of you) currently enjoy employer provided health coverage (although mine is not paid for by the U.S. citizenry). I also know that my own coverage (unlike yours) can be taken away at any moment. Indeed, over the course of my tenure I have seen benefits come and go--chipped away here, chipped away there. What I have not had to worry about since the passage of the ACA is a complete loss of coverage, something I did experience for about 5 years. I don't know if any of you have gone without health coverage, but its a very frightening and stressful thing to have to go through. Many Americans face this reality with every brazen attempt to repeal the ACA. I wonder what they could be doing rather than worrying over their health care. How many stress related illnesses are you all causing by your stubborn attempts to redistribute wealth from the average American to the 1%?

Finally, I work at an institution that has a very highly regarded program in entrepreneurship. Many of those in the program are disabled vets who are being trained to start businesses. My relative who has been diagnosed with MS is in the tech sector. She often works on short term contracts--the new reality of US workers! She has experienced working for start ups, and for big and small companies. What she has had to do is buy her own health coverage because if you work on tech contracts--even very lucrative ones, you don't get benefits. With her pre-existing condition she is at great risk of losing affordable coverage. Without coverage, she'd likely end up in a downward spiral, from tax paying employed citizen to someone who would be dependent on government assistance. The one thing that no one talks about is how the ACA supported entrepreneurship--I am much more likely to take a risk and start a business if I know I won't lose health coverage. How many Americans are stuck in jobs they hate because they can't afford to take a risk with their benefits. How does this hurt the US economy and make us less competitive?

The ACA needs your best minds--not your lowest selves. Where are the reasonable GOP and Democrats. Work together to improve (not tear down) the ACA. Figure out a way to insure more, not less; improve coverage, not weaken it; ensure a more robust health care system, not a patchwork of care. Healthcare is a right that you enjoy--make sure the rest of us enjoy that right, too. When you are ill or infirm, when you experience a health crisis, you don't worry about losing coverage--why should I?

If whatever plan you have in mind is good enough for you and your loved ones, then we'll know its good enough for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ferri
Fayetteville, NY 13066

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kelly McLaughlin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:58 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham Cassidy ACA Repeal Law

My name is Kelly McLaughlin. I am the mom to a cleft and ADHD affected child who relies on Medicaid for supplemental insurance. Medicaid picks up the costs for his surgeries, his therapies, and his meds that regular employer based insurance does not cover. These interventions have allowed my child to grow and develop to his fullest potential. I cannot imagine that he would be able to speak, socialize or even eat properly without the help of Medicaid supplemental insurance.

Cleft affected children require significant surgeries, orthodontic treatments, speech therapy as well as school based communication supports to reach their fullest potential. Securing these services, driving to these appointments and caring for my post op child, takes a huge amount of time. Despite having a degree, I have been unable to work full time so that I can care for him. (I work part time from home) Medicaid has provided enough support that I can ensure that my beautiful 10 year old son can grow and heal as much as he possibly can.

My son will need many more surgeries in the future. Please do not make our lives that much more difficult by cutting Medicaid. And please know that shifting Medicaid to block grants is CUTTING MEDICAID.

Kelly McLaughlin
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Clarence Butler
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Redlands, California 92374

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Joel Marcus [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy opposition

Dear Committee

I would like to express my profound opposition to Graham Cassidy. Not only do friends and family members, along with my wife and I, have access to stable quality health care due to ACA, but as a physician I understand the tragedy that would unfold if millions were taken off the insurance rolls. People will die needlessly if this bill is passed.

Joel Marcus, MD
Berkeley, CA

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Pat Schmatz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:24 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hi,

I am in strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. The ACA has meant stable health care access for me for the first time in my adult life. I am an author books for children and teens, so I do not have employer health insurance. I am 55 years old and a cancer survivor (cancer-free for 6 years now) so that pre-existing condition would probably price me out of health care, despite the fact that I am fit and healthy and rarely go to the doctor.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Thank you for your work on behalf of me and other citizens.

Sincerely,
Pat Schmatz
Minneapolis, MN

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Please do what everyone who is NOT a republican Senator knows is right and best for the American people and reject this travesty of a bill.

Brian Mccollum
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Staunton, Illinois 62088

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Lea Morgan
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Mt Pleasant Village of, Wisconsin 53406 USA

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From: Barb Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:26 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: the ACA

Hello! I'm 62 and have worked my entire adult life as has my 63 year old husband. Then Multiple Sclerosis took it all away from me. For him it's psoriatic arthritis. Twelve years ago Anthem quoted us \$4000.00 a month for health insurance. What a joke - we were uninsured until the ACA saved us. I can now work 10 hours a week and my husband can have Cosentix injections, making it possible for him to support us. Our pre-existing conditions changed our lives, the ACA changed them again, and Cassidy-Graham would take it all away. Is the GOP supporting it for the \$400 million the Koch brothers would give its members? Is the GOP supporting a horrible bill simply to repeal the ACA? Millions would lose care or be unable to afford it. Those who rely on Medicaid would be devastated. I have yet to hear a single GOP member defend/explain this bill in any meaningful way. Every major medical association has panned it. My care through the ACA has me walking again. My husband's joints aren't swollen to the point he can't use his hands. Why would anyone want to take this away from us when the replacement isn't even a healthcare bill? Please, look at the numbers. Save the millions like us who depend on the ACA. Our lives literally depend on it.
Thank you.

Barb Adams
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perry harris
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chester, New York 10918

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nancy Bott [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family, like so many others, has varied health issues. My niece just had her second hip surgery for congenital hip dysplasia. Fortunately she currently has private health insurance but should she lose that she may not be able to get future health insurance as the Graham-Cassidy bill will allow states to decide how they treat pre-existing condition. Individual states may allow insurers to price people with preexisting conditions out of the market. It is clear that she will need more hip surgeries in the future and she should not have to worry about being priced out of the ability to have good health care.

It is important for our government to come up with a bi-partisan plan to correct the problem with the Affordable Care Act!

Thank you.
Nancy Bott
San Mateo, CA

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From: Jim Rosenau [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

My single largest bill is health insurance but I believe that the cost of insurance is driven by medical costs, not insurance overhead. Millions of our citizens depend on Medicaid and the ACA for coverage. While I am grateful that I can afford insurance, most are not able to. Reform the ACA to confer more at lower cost. Do not repeal it.

Jim Rosenau
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Berkeley, CA 94710

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Shirley Evans
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Kerkhoven, Minnesota 56252

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Kimberly Emerson
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Los Angeles, California 90034

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Best, Jonathan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Adamently oppsed to the Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family and millions of others rely on quality, affordable healthcare.

The Graham-Cassidy bill would increase the costs and thereby limit access to healthcare for all of us who don't have unlimited financial resources. It would also place the distribution of funds for healthcare in the hands of state legislatures with the greatest funds going to states that are Republican strongholds, in many instances strongholds attained through gerrymandering. This is partisan politics at its worst.

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan Best

Middlefield, CT 06455

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Winfield, Illinois 60190-1881

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Laura McElligott [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill is terrible

Dear Finance Committee members and staff,
Please do not support the Graham-Cassidy bill; it would be disastrous for our country.

We need a healthy population to continue to be a powerhouse of innovation, wealth, and freedom for our entire world.
This bill removes basic, consistent insurance coverage for our people. There needs to be strong coverage for preventative healthcare for all of us. This includes all forms of healthcare for women so that half the population can reach their full, self-determined productive potential. Prohibiting reimbursement to Planned Parenthood is not consistent with American values of choice of provider, choice of care, choice of what one's own life consists of... Besides, it makes those who would support such a move look petty, immature, petulant, misogynistic, and foolish.

Allowing states to treat those with pre-existing conditions differently and make their insurance more expensive unfairly penalizes those whose current health status is unlikely that of their own choosing, their own fault. There are many conditions that are congenital, genetic, accidental, etc. People with these conditions should be supported to care for themselves as best as possible in order to become and remain as productive as possible.

Allowing states to put additional financial burden on those who are older is also extremely unfair. Many have worked hard throughout their lives and are trying to save enough to be financially independent after they leave the work-force.

There are several other provisions within this bill that I find extremely troubling. However, in interests of protecting your time, I will stop for now. Each one, individually, of the points I made above should make you stop this bill in its tracks. Please do so for each and every one of our great people.

Laura Burnside-McElligott
registered voter, zip code 97459

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From: Ann Gentle <a [REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO to Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Without protection for pre-existing conditions, if my cancer returns, the cost of treatment will send my family into bankruptcy.

To push through health care policy changes that haven't been thoroughly evaluated by the CBO is inappropriate and irresponsible.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it, and let's start with more communication about getting folks signed up, not less, extending the registration period, and reducing the website downtime.

Sincerely,
Ann K. Gentle

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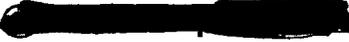
DK Sweeney

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NULL, Illinois 60610

The tweet below sums up the Graham-Cassidy bill quite succinctly. "Sad."

Thank you for your time.

K. Adams

Chris Murphy Verified account  4 hours ago

So the idea is to buy votes for Trumpcare by promising Senators that their states can keep Obamacare.

Irony, meet your definition.

The Graham-Cassidy bill would affect him by:

Destroying the Home and Community Based Service waiver that gives my son the supports he needs to live his daily life in the community.

The cost of multiple pre-existing conditions:

Autism

Bi-Polar

Seizure Disorder

Please do not destroy my family by supporting the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Sincerely,

Kim Fulmer Humphrey

[REDACTED]
Auburn, ME 04210

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[REDACTED]

\$17,000 for a pregnancy. I will not be able to help her out because I will be wiped out by my own and my son's devastating healthcare costs.

We are all good American citizens that due not deserve to have our family destroyed by a terrible healthcare bill. It is hard for me to comprehend how this bill is at risk of passing. Please vote it down.

More specific details on my son's story-

My son Daniel is 28 years old. He lives with another young man in a group home near Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He has autism and is nonverbal with bipolar characteristics and seizure disorder. He is gentle and charming, as evidenced by his frequent smiles. He has only very basic functional communication skills. He enjoys jumping on the trampoline and drumming. He also does all of his chores to care for himself with prompting and guidance, such as laundry and grocery shopping. He is proud of his volunteer jobs. He serves 12 Meals on Wheels clients during the week, as well as taking excess food from Bates College to a local soup kitchen every Saturday.

There are a number of reasons he needs an intense level of support: He learns most things in small steps practiced consistently. He has no regard for safety. He needs prompting to use his communication device and for daily living skills such as dressing himself. With these supports, he continues to learn and carry out daily functions successfully.

Over the years my family and his team learned what programs work well and what would fail him. If he had well-trained staff, no gaps in care, excellent transitions, and around-the-clock learning/supervision, he made good progress. But when this level of programming was unavailable, he would learn new aggressive behaviors like kicking, biting, or pulling hair. If he could have had the right care throughout his life, he would have not learned so many aggressive behaviors. Because he can't explain what is wrong, he can also become aggressive if he has undetected medical issues causing pain. These behaviors, learned over time, have added to the difficulty and expense of providing care.

Maine lacked the steady workforce required for him to make progress. So when he was 11 years old Dan left his family home to live in a residential school for autism in Massachusetts. A year later we tried to bring him back home by planning to create a group home nearby through an agency. As an initial step, we applied for the Home and Community Based Service waiver to fund the group home program. Though qualified there was no funding in the waiver program. It was not until he graduated at age 20, 8 years later, that we got the waiver. He was then able to return to Maine moving into the Lewiston group home where he lives today.

What is amazing is the huge difference it makes when Daniel receives the care and support he needs. With consistent trained workforce supporting him, he loves joining in community activities. The neighbors have expressed to me how they enjoy watching him on his trampoline and walking around the block. He is invited every year to the annual neighborhood summer party. He also participates in the Special Olympics. With gaps in care, his skills deteriorate, such as not using the toilet, eating with his fingers, running around without clothes on, and using aggression to communicate. With appropriate care he has dignity. Without it he is uncivilized.

Agency providers who support individuals like my son have told me that he has more skills than someone like him would have had a decade ago. Our society has moved forward in how we teach our special needs children. This has been possible because we have had strong laws like Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Also the 2:1 federal Medicaid match has supplemented his education with in-home supports, OT, and speech therapy during his childhood. The federally funded 2:1 match also funds section 21, Home and Community Based Service waiver. It has taken these laws, policies, programs, Medicaid funding, and tireless advocacy in order for him to reach his current skill level and to have the daily living supports he needs for him to live successfully in his community.

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From: Jeanne Arnold [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: testimony against Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My parents both are seniors that live on a fixed and limited income and depend on affordable health care options with no preexisting condition limitations. My son is a student and quickly approaching age 26 where we will not be able to offer him coverage anymore, and as a young person who has already had knee surgery I fear that he will be denied affordable coverage as well. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Jeanne Arnold

Brooklyn, NY

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I will lose my insurance because I have a preexisting autoimmune disorder. This will leave my daughter in college without any options for healthcare. This bill is high stakes and cannot be allowed to pass.

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Mccalla, Alabama 35111

Friday, September 22, 2017

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

Date of hearing: September 25, 2017

Lisa Zeankowski


Hicksville New York 11801

To whom it may concern,

Please allow this letter to serve as my Declaration of Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson bill.

As an American Citizen, a person living with a disability and a single mom of 3 young adults, who all have pre-existing conditions, I feel that it is my obligation to not only write to the committee but plea for you to hear my story which is also so similar to many other's stories.

In September 2002, after six long years of seeing doctors for unexplained mysterious symptoms that would come and go over those long six years and having gone through years of misdiagnosis's, I was finally diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. At the time of my diagnosis, not the onset of MS, I was only 38, a single mom (having been recently separated), I had a ten, seven and five year old and I had my first of what would be quite a few Multiple Sclerosis Exacerbations that were slowly leading to progression.

Today I am a young 52 and besides fighting a disease that I have no control over, I'm having to find myself fighting to keep the protections assured me and hundreds of thousands of others under the ACA as well as Medicaid. Since my diagnosis, I've been in the hospital at least five times for acute attacks and progression, I've been in rehabilitation twice, I've gone through many forms of 'treatment' to try to slow down the disease process, one of which was chemotherapy, I have been confined to an electric scooter, a wheelchair, have had to use a walker and a cane. I have had more MRI's then I count and I've had to have a home health aide to help

me at home (first time was when I was only 40, imagine having to have someone bathe you at the young age of 40?)

Just this past week I've had to have an infusion of steroids for three days in a row because this disease, which is unpredictable and progressive, flared up again and I was slowly losing ability, yet again. The cost involved with living with a chronic illness is beyond comprehension, and the cost of living with one that no one can predict what will happen next is even more dangerous, more expensive and can be devastating to a person, a family of anyone who is trying to simply live well with what they didn't ask for.

Without the protections that are in the ACA, I would not be able to get my prescribed monthly infusion of Tysabri, which is a drug that is given by infusion for multiple sclerosis that cost \$38,000 a month just for the drug, this doesn't count the time in the infusion chair at the infusion center. Tysabri is a drug that I was put on two years ago after a chronic attack of this disease that I will speak about below, if not for this drug, I would progress quickly and be unable to take care of myself and my family.

Without the protections of the ACA, I also would not be able to manage the exacerbations of Multiple Sclerosis that I have no control over, with infusions of steroids or be able to see my neurologist when something is going awry or the myriad of medication prescribed and COVERED for me to alleviate the symptoms that come with living with Multiple Sclerosis.

Two years ago I had an exacerbation that attacked my entire cervical spine and my thoracic spine causing me to lose sensation from my face down to my feet, I had just turned 50. I had to be carried to and from the bathroom, I couldn't tell when and if I had even gone to the bathroom. I had legs but couldn't feel them, I had no sensation in my torso, arms, neck and face, my feet felt as if they were huge because I had distorted sensation. I was put into the hospital where I spent month before going to rehabilitation. I had two rounds of MRIs that looked at my brain, cervical cord and thoracic cord, costing over \$30,000, I had 12 doses of IV steroids and in between that a 10-day course of plasmaphoresis (plasma exchange), upon discharge from the hospital I had to go to a rehab to learn how to walk and get my strength back again, I was in rehab for a month and when I was discharged I had to once again go for a series of MRI's costing over \$10,000 and I had home care that gave me another five days of solumedrol by IV, because I still had no sensation in my torso, arms and hands and was unable to do a simple task such as button my blouse. After this last round of steroids, I suffered adrenal fatigue/failure

and started losing my hair, I did get sensation back in my torso, however two years later I still have lack of sensation in my hands and arms, this damage to my central nervous system is permanent.

Between the hospital and the rehab, all of the tests, physical and occupational therapy, the doctors bills, the steroids the MRIs and everything that was involved in trying to get my body back to what would now be my normal state which is no sensation in my hands and arms cost nearly a half a million dollars. If it weren't for the protections of the ACA I would be bedridden, I would progress without treatment because this disease is progressive in nature and when the day comes I will not get the honor of walking any of my children down the aisle, I would be lucky if I lived a full life and I might not one day be able to hold my grandchildren.

Pre-existing conditions can be as simple as having asthma, a skin condition, diabetes, a chronic illness or disease like multiple sclerosis, lupus, being born premature, heart disease, ALS, Parkinson's, and of course the most devastating of all, cancer. No one can predict when and if they will get sick, however when there are protections in a healthcare system such as the protections that are in the ACA that prevent insurance companies from charging higher premiums to those who are chronically ill or have a pre-existing condition, a healthcare system that guarantees prescription coverage , pregnancy coverage, cancer screenings, pre-natal care, pediatric visits ,basically essential health benefits those protections are priceless, it makes living let alone living with something unpredictable a little bit more bearable and also allows us to know we can be screened and hopefully cure early, things such as cancer, if they arise without having to choose between our health and bankruptcy. I have a strong family history of cancer, I have to have my screenings because my mother developed breast cancer at 49, my father died at 59 of cancer, the ACA ensures that I can get my screenings, it ensures that all of us can get screened, which is the easiest way of curing a disease in its earliest stages.

I have three kids who are under the age of 26 and they are still covered under their fathers insurance, they will lose their coverage without the ACA protections and any prescriptions we might have access to would also be gone and because they would have no health insurance they would also be charged a higher premium if they had to obtain health insurance on their own because they all have a pre-existing condition. None of my kids would have access to affordable healthcare and Medicaid would also no longer be an option. Two of my children are still in school they cannot purchase health insurance, one is fighting opiate addiction and this bill provides absolutely no protections of our addicted community.

I live on Social Security disability, I'm not able to work anymore although I worked my whole life since the age of fourteen until 1998 and then finally the mystery of what was wrong was solved when I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2002. If it weren't for Medicaid paying my Part B premium I would be living on less than \$1,000 a month to support my family of three and I would not fall into the category of requiring 'extra help' on my prescription drugs as well as my healthcare premium through Medicare Advantage Programs.

People living with a chronic illness or condition often wind up in nursing homes, where would they go without having Medicaid? What would happen to all of the children who are born premature, like my youngest who was born premature which is now a pre-existing condition, she also had a subdural hematoma at the age of two she has clips in her brain, this is a pre-existing condition? My middle daughter recently was bitten by a tick that carried Lyme's and she was treated, however that Lyme's disease will always show up in her panel and if it ever wakes up, it will be considered a pre-existing condition. As I mentioned earlier, I have a son who is battling opiate addiction and there is no provision in this proposed bill to help our kids fight addiction and get the help that they need. I have a friend who was just recently diagnosed with breast cancer at 48 years old, it's at its earliest stages and because of the screenings that are available due to the protections of the ACA she was able to find out early and it will be addressed. I know she'll be okay of course, the concern is if it ever comes back her surcharges would be over \$140,000 just because she already had cancer.

My story is like many others, we all want to live a healthy, long full life. We all have a right to Health Care, which is what we have now with the protections that the ACA ensures us, this bill is not about health care, it is a political move to destroy and dismantle the ACA when really both sides should be working together to amend the parts of the ACA that need amending. When our Plumbing goes in the house, we don't tear down our house, we fix the plumbing, so why would we tear down the foundation of our Healthcare, it would be like premeditated murder, because people will die without health care.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness means nothing without your health.

Below are pictures from me in the hospital and rehab and the most recent one getting IV Steroids for an exacerbation so that this disease doesn't do what it did two years ago and 3 years before that. Without the protections in the ACA, I will die from complications of this disease like many did years ago before there were treatments available to help us live a healthy life span. I am in strong opposition of this bill on my behalf, on behalf of our elderly, our children, those living with disabilities and chronic illnesses and the over 400,000 people in the United States right now living with MS... this bill should never even reach the floor for a vote it's being pushed through, without going through regular order, every single health organization has spoken out against it, including all 50 Medicaid States. Millions of American's will be harmed by cuts and caps to Medicaid and elimination of protections for people with pre-existing conditions. This isn't about facts and figures it's about the lives of real people.

Please slow down this hearing and return to the regular order of business in the Senate. One hearing prior to a vote does not allow for two weeks of comments on the bill. There is no CBO score on this drastic measure. One sixth of the American economy will be affected -- not to mention the millions of American's healthcare. We deserve a thoughtful and deliberative process as well as the best coverage available for the most people. Graham Cassidy does not achieve this goal. Please pause and think. Are the American people being well-served by this rush to fulfill a campaign promise? You know it is not.

Below my letter of opposition are pictures of me from a day ago receiving an infusion to help the relapse that I am in now, and pictures of when I was in the hospital and rehabilitation two years ago, something I'm fighting to not allow to happen to me again and without the ACA Protections and Medicaid, most assuredly will happen again because Multiple Sclerosis IS a progressive disabling disease.

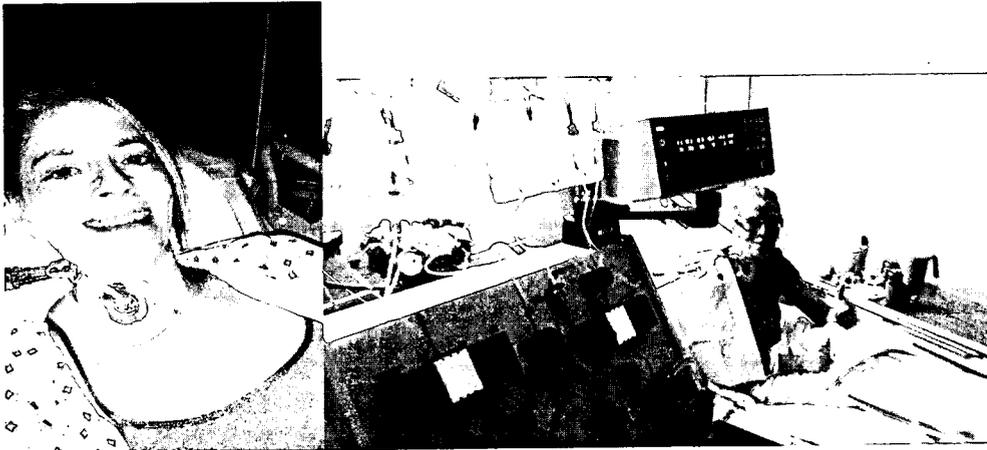
With Respect,

Lisa Zeankowski

This was 3 days ago on Monday the first of three days of IV Solu-Medrol to slow down an exacerbation that was causing me chronic pain, tremors, cognitive dysfunction, increased numbness... I had to go to the infusion center for 3 Days yesterday being my last day and now I'm on a prednisone 5 day dose pack... when I get my infusion I sit in the same place as people who are being infused with chemotherapy for their cancer everyone in that room would die without the ACA protections



This is a central line that had to be put into my neck so that they can pull my blood out clear out the plasma and give me back my blood with albumin and the second picture is the setup for plasma Exchange, this is very costly and because of this procedure the next round of steroids I received enabled me to get some feeling back in my legs before going off to rehabilitation



This is me in my early days of rehab trying to walk, with a whole hell of a lot of support...I was only 50! The first time this happened to me I was 38 years old.



Part of rehab is doing strength building for the atrophy that sets in almost immediately from not being able to fire up your muscles



Upper strength building because I have upper and lower body weakness and all of this was being done with a lack of sensation in my hands, arms and my entire torso



Learning how to walk also involves being able to engage our quads going down hills and up hills this was part of the rehabilitation. This journey back to what would be who I am today, fighting to keep upwards and living well, would not have ever been possible without the protections afforded me and millions of others under the ACA as well as Medicaid availability.



Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dolores Rogerson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: testimony on the Graham-Cassidy health care bill

Hello,

I'm writing you to protest and beg you to Vote "NO" on the Graham-Cassidy Bill. My husband and I are foster parents with very little money, but big hearts. On top of that both my husband and I lost our jobs and our own children were fortunate enough to be approved for Medicaid until we get back on our feet again. This was vital because my oldest daughter has bad spine issues from a sports injury along with a moderate "S" curve in her back, aka Scoliosis. She needs a new brace, and physical therapy just to get full use of her back again. Without her being allowed to go on medicaid, she would continue to be in pain and suffering until we found jobs with insurance again.

We also recently adopted our last foster son who has special needs from neglect and is on the autism spectrum. He sees different therapists and without his Medicaid he would not be able to continue to get his much needed help. Please don't do anything to make it harder for these children and the families. They need these services and therapy that currently Medicaid covers. God Bless.

Paul and Dolores Rogerson
Richmond, VA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Chambers, Beth H [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: graham-Cassidy bill unfair to states

Dear Honorable Senators,

One of the most disturbing aspects of the proposed Graham-Cassidy Bill is that it penalizes certain states based on allocation of funds. Not coincidentally, mostly so-called "Blue States" would do worse than under current law. This is a terrible direction in the vein of partisan patronage politics that I usually associate with underdeveloped nations and corrupt non-democracies. Please work on a truly bipartisan bill to make the ACA better. Rename it if it makes your primary voters happy, just please don't pass this heartless and divisive bill.

Sincerely,
Beth Chambers
Williamsburg, VA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: sukatra [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:53 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham cassidy

Hello,

This bill is a disaster and must be rejected. People will die if this bill passes.

Every single state Medicaid director has rejected it. It will deprive millions of people of health insurance coverage, including children and our military veterans, and THAT is a disgrace.

And there is no CBO score! How in good conscience can any member of Congress vote to pass this bill without a CBO score??

Please reject this terrible piece of legislation.

Susan Fitch
Arlington VA
22205

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: MsDebbieHahn [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:51 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GC Heath Care Bill

This bill is an atrocity and will result in millions losing health care. But the worst aspect is it dooms many people with severe medical issues to death.

Even considering this bill is insane.

Thanks, Debbie

Debbie E. Hahn
Fairfax, VA 22033

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Chris Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

My family and I are middle-class, yet could be devastated by the Graham-Cassidy bill. One of my grandchildren has a pre-existing condition, Crohn's Disease. She is doing OK thanks to excellent healthcare, supported through her parents' employment. The legislation could make them unable to ever change jobs (a new insurer could deny them coverage or price it unaffordably), and leave her in the cold once she becomes an adult.

My husband and I now benefit from good insurance thanks to Medicare and BCBS Advantage. I fear what longterm effects the bill could have even on these programs, considering the disastrous effect it could have on the healthcare industry (which is why many insurance companies and healthcare associations oppose it).

If we live long enough, we could all expect severely poorer end-of-life care: The bill would in effect drastically slash funding to Medicaid, which supports two-third of nursing home residents' care nationally.

Please don't let it happen!!

Chris Edwards

Chris Edwards
[REDACTED]

Harrisonburg, VA 22802 US
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Our Story from Hampton, Virginia

My husband, David, is a self-employed brick mason and a Type 1 diabetic. He was diagnosed when he was 31, less than a year after our first child was born in 1989. His doctor felt his disease resulted from a virus attacking his pancreas. At the time of diagnosis, he was a fit non-smoker who got plenty of exercise daily.

In 1992, when I gave birth to our second daughter, our health insurance nightmare began. I had been working - - and continued to work for the next 15 years -- as a freelance writer to give me more time with our daughters, so both my husband and I were self-employed. Our coverage was cut off in my ninth month of pregnancy because couples could no longer be considered for group plans. My newborn had some complications related to blood type that required hospitalization for which, having lost my insurance the prior week, I paid out of pocket.

I began the long search for coverage for all four of us. For 18 years, we purchased two individual plans: One for my daughters and myself at a lower "healthy" premium, and a second, more expensive plan for my husband because options for diabetics were few and those few cost an arm and a leg.

Over the years our combined premiums climbed from \$600 a month to \$800 to \$1,200, then \$1,600, until the last year in which we held two policies we were paying more than \$2,500 a month – just to have coverage. Each policy had its own individual deductible so I also paid \$3,000 for a colonoscopy, even though it was deemed medically necessary because my father had died of colon cancer at age 62.

When the PCIP became available for people with pre-existing conditions, my husband opted to go without health insurance for six months in order to qualify. By then we had used up much of our savings to offset the costs of premiums and were desperate to do something. (I had also done the math . . . over the last 18 years, we had paid out more than a quarter of a million dollars, JUST TO PAY FOR OUR PREMIUMS.)

We were in North Carolina for a family reunion in June 2012 when the future of ACA was being debated by the Supreme Court. I remember how elated we were when the decision to move forward with "Obamacare" was announced. I felt like I had been holding my breath all month before that decision was handed down.

Since the inception of the ACA, we have purchased health insurance through the marketplace. We also qualify for a subsidy, which has enabled us to meet premium costs without dipping further into savings that had dwindled due to prior health care costs. With coverage for preventive care, I was able to have my first comprehensive physical in more than a decade. I also had a follow-up colonoscopy that I had postponed because of cost, which revealed two precancerous growths.

Ironically, the procedure that potentially saved my life has now saddled me with a pre-existing condition and I, too, may find it difficult if not impossible to purchase affordable health insurance if the ACA is repealed and replaced with a plan that puts such conditions back on the table. I would imagine I am not the only one caught in this Catch 22, the irresponsible game you are playing of now you have it, now you don't. Never mind these are human lives at stake here.

Watching what is happening in D.C. I am angry and afraid. But above all I am heartsick. Before the ACA, when I was trying to find less expensive health insurance coverage for my husband, a broker literally said "I'm sorry, Mrs. Williams, but you and your husband are screwed." The specter of having this all thrown back in our lives -- and the lives of millions of other fellow Americans who, like us, finally have had some peace of mind -- is terrifying.

And I don't understand why, with all the evidence brought before you about how many lives the ACA has not only improved but saved, you are so determined to let us suffer, let us go bankrupt, let us die.

Cheryl Williams, Hampton, VA.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Medge [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: a plea

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my outrage at the utter contempt shown by the Republican Party for the needs of the American people, as evidenced by their (frankly racist) insistence on undoing the ACA because it was created by President Obama. I do not understand how they can consider passing such an major, far-reaching bill without extensive debate and the critical review by the CBO. Why will they not GET TO WORK improving the ACA instead of proposing repeal bill after repeal bill? And the fact that this bill impacts the LIVES of so many Americans (including that of my family and several dear friends who are battling cancer) means nothing? It is maddening and unconscionable to throw our most vulnerable citizens under the bus to pay for tax cuts for the rich.

Why are we one of the ONLY developed nations without a nationalized health care system???

Please vote AGAINST Graham-Cassidy and urge Congress to GET TO WORK doing something meaningful for the American people.

Thank you,

Medge Carter
Viewtown, VA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anne Geraty [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham-Cassidy--and Here is my reason

I am so tired of losing sleep over attacks on health care access in this country. I am a 67-year-old woman who, at age 30, was denied insurance for asthma even though I have NEVER had a medical emergency for my asthma. Thankfully I am now on Medicare, at least until you decide to repeal that too. I am not sure who the people who are in support of this bill are representing, but it certainly is not the American people! 32 million people stand to lose health insurance under this bill!

Currently my son-in-law, who is insured under the ACA, is enabled to work despite his anxiety disorder and OCD because he is able to get treatment for those diseases. If you repeal protections against exclusion for pre-existing conditions or prohibitions against pricing people out of the market, my son-in-law will NOT be able to get insurance and will thus be UNABLE TO WORK! My sister suffers from debilitating auto-immune disease. Again, she will not be able to obtain insurance if this bill is passed.

For years prior to the passage of the ACA, I was involved with trying to find health care for poor people. Too often these people end up in hospital emergency rooms for conditions like bronchitis. Too often I have driven someone to the hospital just to obtain treatment for treatable illnesses. Hospitals are expensive! This is no way to provide medical care!

Please do not take us back to the times when people died because they could not afford treatment or had to make decisions between rent, food, and medical care! This country is better than that! Work on a bipartisan basis to fix the ACA!

Anne Geraty
[REDACTED]

Crozet, VA 22932

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth Cadorette [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No to Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

I write to urge you to ensure the Graham-Cassidy bill, purporting itself to be a health care bill, does not move forward.

Millions of Americans will lose their health care coverage entirely - millions in every state and territory in the union, and therefore constituents of every member of this committee.

Those who cannot afford coverage, who have "pre-existing conditions" and are denied coverage, who have cancers with high-dollar treatment costs that would fall under the inhumane lifetime-caps idea, will be crippled with insurmountable debt, or they will just...die.

The fix for the ACA is not repeal, when the "replacement" in fact does nothing but take more away from suffering Americans who desperately need health care coverage. Repeal of the ACA, and particularly repeal and attempting to "replace" with Graham-Cassidy, does nothing to address skyrocketing health care costs, and attacks all the most vulnerable of our nation, as well as affecting those, like me, lucky enough to have excellent coverage through our employers by driving the cost of employer-provided plans too high to be sustainable.

In the purely economic sense, if humanity is not enough of a driver for you, the enactment of Graham-Cassidy will cause a near-immediate recession that would dwarf that from the early 2000s; it is economic suicide, in addition to being a death sentence for many with pre-existing conditions or high-dollar treatment diseases like cancer. Causing Americans to die or suffer needlessly in their millions should be sufficient reason not to want to be tied to this bill, but if it isn't, review the economic repercussions carefully for trillions of other reasons to deny its passage.

Have decency, Senators. Have humanity. Don't allow this bill to move forward. Fix the ACA, and tell your constituents the simple truth - "We couldn't repeal without taking coverage away from those who needed it, so instead, we're going to fix it properly, and here's how." It's not as if you didn't have seven years to develop a bipartisan fix for the holes created by incomplete enactment and enforcement of the ACA!

Please don't allow this Graham-Cassidy bill to happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

E.M. Cadorette
Alexandria, VA

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

September 25, 2017

Joe Bassett



Blacksburg VA 24060

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this statement as a concerned citizen of the United States in regard to the proposed changes to the current Health Care Law.

My Families Story:

My wife and I were firmly in the middle class for years. She was a teacher and I work for a Custom Home Design Build Firm. My wife's insurance was provided through her work and we could easily afford to pay premiums for a group policy offered through my job.

It was just the two of us and with no kids we were very comfortable financially. Saving for retirement, traveling whenever we had time etc.

11 years ago we decided to adopt a child and were blessed to become parents of beautiful 10 day old boy whom we named Riley.

We had saved enough money for my wife Cathey to take a few years off from work while we raised Riley.

Cathey had some pre-existing conditions and we quickly learned that getting insurance for her was "very expensive". All we could afford was a high deductible - catastrophic insurance policy.

When Riley was 1 1/2 years old we started noticing that he was not developing language and social skills as expected. My wife having been a special education teacher quickly realized that Riley was likely Autistic. When he was 3 years old we got an official diagnosis.

The next year or so was spent trying to sort through and understand what if any services we could tap into to help us start working with Riley and help him start learning how to overcome these extreme deficits in communication and social skills. There were no books or how to guides to turn to. It was not a pleasant time and I would not wish it on anyone.

At about the same time as this was occurring, my company could no longer offer a group policy because some of the members had health issues and the premiums were skyrocketing.

Suddenly I had to find insurance for all three of us: my wife with pre-existing health conditions, my son with autism and myself (fortunately I have been healthy my entire life). Very quickly I was looking at insurance premiums that were far exceeding my monthly mortgage payments to provide catastrophic health insurance with very high deductibles.

We finally learned that Riley was entitled to receive funds and insurance through Medicaid. This has been a godsend to our family. First of all it was a major reduction in health insurance costs for us (even though our premium was still higher than our mortgage for just Cathey and I). Second of all it provided us with funding to hire attendants and respite care givers to aid us with the unending amount of work that we needed to be doing with Riley to give him a chance to become an independent adult.

Riley has had some health issues that have required us to seek out and travel to various specialists. All of this would have been out of pocket if not for Medicaid.

Riley has made good progress so far and our family is still intact in large part due to the funding available to us through Medicaid. Riley does not sleep well and we have stayed in constant and severe sleep deprivation. Having folks who could provide occasional respite care has been a life saver.

Due to Riley's severity of Autism, my wife has been unable to go back to work. This has become quite a financial hardship for us. We are no longer firmly within the middle class. Thankfully the current health care bill was passed and our still catastrophic insurance is much more affordable thanks to the assistance we get through Health Care .Gov

So as you can see our family has a real vested interest in the changes that are being proposed.

I am strongly opposed to any changes that would weaken an already underfunded Medicaid program. My son deserves a chance to become a contributing and independent part of his community.

I am strongly opposed to any changes that would make health care even less affordable than it already is.

My question to you: If you were in my position would you favor the current proposal?

I doubt it.

Sincerely, Joe Bassett

Father of a child with Autism and husband to a wife with health problems and pre-existing conditions.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Robin Payne [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: testimony for Monday's hearing on the Graham Cassidy bill

I sent an email earlier today. I just found out that I did not include important information to have my story considered. I apologize and have included it below along with my message to the Senate.

Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing
Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017
Name: Robin Payne
Address: [REDACTED]

Dear U.S. Senate,

My name is Robin Payne. I am a long time resident of Virginia. For 26+ years, my husband, Phillip, and I have owned a small business in Hanover County. Health insurance has always been our biggest expense and biggest source of stress until the marketplace. The year the ACA was put in place our insurance premium was going up over \$1,000 a month. We were able to secure insurance on the marketplace for less than half the amount. Not only that, but the coverage was markedly better and our deductible greatly reduced. Our son who is 26 pays only \$68 a month for amazing coverage. I am gravely concerned that he will not be able to afford health insurance with the proposed Republican plan.

It is disheartening to hear politicians use words like nightmare, disaster and failure to describe the ACA. For our family and our business, it has been good for our bottom line and, more importantly, good for our health. Do not repeal the ACA without a replacement that's truly better. The Graham Cassidy Bill is not better. Do not vote for this bill.

Thank you, Robin Payne

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Joan Ballou [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GCH Comment

Absolutely do not allow this bill to pass. It is a criminal act. No matter how you try to justify this it is cruel, inhumane and absurd that the citizens of this once great country need to suffer so the wealthy can have more money, and you can say "We Did It." Shame on all of you who will vote for this. I don't know how you can sleep at night.

Joan Ballou
Operations Director
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Abingdon, VA 24210
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nathan Alderman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please don't hurt my wife and children.

To whom it may concern:

My wife, the love of my life, survived cancer in her early 20s. Surgeons opened up her neck and cut out a malignant tumor. Somehow, miraculously, the doctors were able to spare the nerves that let her smile -- the same smile that lights up my day every time I see it. Several years later, she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Thankfully, we have insurance to cover the expensive insulin she needs to stay alive and healthy. If her cancer ever returns -- or if I ever lose my job, and thus our insurance -- I need to know that we'll be able to afford the care she might need without going broke. I could not bear to watch her die and know that she could have been saved.

We have a beautiful and blessedly healthy son who's closing in on two years old. His little brother or sister arrives at the end of October. If, God forbid, my son is stricken with cancer or some other ghastly, expensive disease, I want to know that he won't be subject to lifetime coverage caps. If, God forbid, our next child is born with some as-yet-undiagnosed birth defect, I want to know that Medicaid will be there to help him or her survive, grow, and thrive, from birth through school into adulthood.

The Graham-Cassidy bill destroys these reassurances. It endangers my family, and poses an even greater danger to millions of other families who aren't as lucky as we are. And it seems to fly in the face of every stated conservative value, by taking money from states that worked hard to lower their uninsured rates, and lavishing those funds on states that didn't lift a finger to help their own citizens.

I will beg if I have to. Don't endanger my family. Don't endanger *anyone's* family.

Please don't hurt my wife and children.

Sincerely,
Nathan Alderman
Crozet, Virginia

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Sent from [Postbox](#)

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Moira Eve [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:54 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: A Medicaid Story from Virginia

My husband and I have worked in the DC metro area all our work lives. We have a non-speaking son with autism; I'll call him M. At the end of his public school career, around age 18, M was very lucky and got a waiver with the state of Virginia. When he was 21, M moved into a group home and continued to go to a day support program in our nearby neighborhood. All of these services were paid out of a combination of Medicaid and we contribute monthly also--with a combination of our social security earnings and my son's SSDI (Social Security Disability).

When M was 26, he got an offer to move into his own apartment, with a roommate, as Virginia was making an effort to create more community-integrated housing options for those with disabilities. This has been a great learning experience for M, providing him with many more opportunities for independence. Now M. is also exploring ways he can contribute in the work environment, as well.

Any cuts to Medicaid threaten access to community living for millions of people with disabilities. There are so few people who get waivers now as it is. So few people who get the chance that M. has received--those graduates may have to stay home on their parent's couch for years--their parents who are aging themselves! This is a waste of precious human resources.

If Graham-Cassidy was made into law, analysis by Avalere Health, a Washington-based health-policy consulting firm, forecasts that the amount of federal money devoted to Medicaid and private insurance subsidies would shrink by \$215 billion between 2020, when the plan would begin, and 2026, the last year money is provided in the bill.

More than half of the overall cuts in the legislation — named for its primary sponsors, Republican Sens. Bill Cassidy (La.) and Lindsey O. Graham (S.C.) — would come from Medicaid, the analysis shows.

Please don't vote for this bill. It makes terrible changes for people with disabilities and for all people of middle and lower income--men, women, and children.

Thank you for your consideration of our family's story. ~moira & tomas saucedo, arlington, virginia

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Vanessa Clay-McEntire [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do not support the Graham-Cassidy bill

To whom it may concern -

I am mom to three children who were born at full-term despite my condition of an incompetent cervix. This condition could have been fatal to my children but instead, I am covered by a health plan that meant I could seek care, including being on hospital bed rest. It was because of this preventative care that they were not born premature and in the NICU.

Health care is a human right. This bill does not protect those with pre-existing conditions such as mine. This bill does not prohibit lifetime caps of coverage. This bill is bad for everyone.

I understand that not everyone supports the Affordable Care Act. So do your jobs and fix it. Don't decentralize the power to the states.

Vanessa Clay-McEntire
Alexandria, VA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:03 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: DO NOT CUT FUNDING FOR BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

PLEASE EDUCATE YOURSELF TO THE CHALLENGES OF BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS. WE NEED A LIFE TOO! PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR LIFE...

I have experience with the effects of brain injury since 1990 when there were no supports available and the knowledge to address the different results of brain injury did not exist. Medical support in hospitals, physicians to serve this population did not exist as well. It was unspoken in families, individuals were kept away from family and the community. In 1990 it was acknowledged in the larger cities and some services were available to those who could afford to do so, but still did not understand the problems that befall us. My son was injured in 1990 in the Shenandoah Valley, only in areas of large cities had help. Even they did not understand the many, many different challenges that a brain injury exhibits in the four different chambers of our brain and what they control. It was a tremendous challenge for a single mom, but I was determined to do all I could for him and at the same time educate and learn all I could to support his needs, and to somehow slow down this nasty challenge many had. In 2010 I was rear-ended, BI for me too..I am 74. HELP! My son has a long way to go!

You need to understand our needs and you are a person who controls who we are!! Patricia Wilkins Harrison, Harrisonburg, VA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments for upcoming Hearing

HEARING: HEARING ON THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL

DATE: MONDAY, 9-25-17

FROM: MELISSA H. ZALETSKI

[REDACTED]
CHESAPEAKE, VA 23322
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please see my request that the above Bill NOT be passed. I am asking on behalf of our family because of our grandson, AUGUSTUS MICHAEL (see attached picture) Gus came to us with Down Syndrome. He has benefited from Medicaid support for therapies and interventions that allow him to develop to his full potential. We want Gus to be able to live an independent life in his community. Current Medicaid affords him these options. He is now 14 and in the 8th grade. PLEASE do not cut available funds...do not cap what he could receive. Allow Gus to live the life he deserves.

THANK YOU



Melissa H. Zaletski

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: M.Y. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:53 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: no no NO to ACA repeal!!!

I am writing to voice my full opposition to the GOP's efforts to repeal the ACA. The current GOP plan would deny crucial healthcare coverage to those who need it most. Graham and Cassidy should be ashamed of themselves.

Mina Lee
Virginia, 20111

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kim Moore [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:30 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Please vote "no" to this Bill - it would negatively affect individuals who are on Medicaid by cutting and capping Medicaid and repeal major portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Thank you,
Kim Moore
Richmond, VA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Robin Payne [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: vote against the Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear U.S. Senate,

My name is Robin Payne. I am a long time resident of Virginia. For 26+ years, my husband, Phillip, and I have owned a small business in Hanover County. Health insurance has always been our biggest expense and biggest source of stress until the marketplace. The year the ACA was put in place our insurance premium was going up over \$1,000 a month. We were able to secure insurance on the marketplace for less than half the amount. Not only that, but the coverage was markedly better and our deductible greatly reduced. Our son who is 26 pays only \$68 a month for amazing coverage. I am gravely concerned that he will not be able to afford health insurance with the proposed Republican plan.

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Thank you, Robin Payne

Hanover County, VA 23116

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Krin Collins [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:51 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition to Graham - Cassidy Bill

I cannot strongly enough emphasize the danger of passing the Graham-Cassidy Bill, or any other subsequent bills which may harm people with disabilities, of which I am one.

If I had a lapse in insurance coverage under this abhorrent law, should it pass, I could go from a productive, working, tax-paying citizen to a person with pre-existing conditions. Then I could definitely not afford the mental health and diabetes medicines which keep my conditions well in check.

I would not be too far reaching to say it could bring me down to living on the streets, over time, because without my medications, I very likely would lose my place in the workplace, due to mental health issues which have been STABLE since I got on medication and stayed on it, since February 2002 (must over 15 years).

Moreover, I take medications for Type II diabetes I have had since March 2000 (17+ years) which are not affordable without insurance helping with the cost, so I could end up in a heap of heartache from that.

Please forward this to my Virginia-voting folk, if you would kindly do so. I know they are going to vote the way they feel they should, regardless of what I say here. But I want my message at least counted.

With Grave Concerns,

Krin

Nancy Krin Collins
[REDACTED] Christiansburg, Virginia 24073
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth Bowen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Why I oppose GCH

I oppose any change to health care legislation that fails to explicitly require that pre-existing conditions must be covered by insurance, and that ALL families will be able to afford that insurance.

If this is too great an obstacle for insurers, I would gladly support single payer universal health care. That way all families would enjoy the same access to health care my family and I had when I was on active duty in the Navy. That care wasn't perfect 100 percent of the time, but it was 100 percent better than nothing every time.

The Senate should reject any proposed legislation that is not expected to decrease the number of uninsured persons from the current number. Since the CBO will not be able to score GCH, the Senate will not know if enacting this bill will decrease or increase the number of uninsured persons, so the only ethical option is to reject this bill.

If GCH is sound, and will improve the health of a larger number of Americans, the bill could be reintroduced in a future session, be scored and debated and eventually enacted. If it is not sound, and is simply a political gambit, and you support it now without any objective basis that it will support Americans, then you have failed in the duty for which you were elected and should resign so that your constituents can elect someone who will seek their good.

Elizabeth Bres Bowen
[REDACTED]
Falls Church, VA 22041

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Steve [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham-Cassidy bill

My name is Stephen Grammer I'm thirty seven years old. I have CP (cerebral palsy), I live in Roanoke Virginia. I am in a wheelchair and use a communication device to help with public speaking. This allows me to speak to legislators to advocate for people with disabilities. I lived with my mother until the age of twenty two when she become ill, my sister put me in the nursing home called Raleigh Court Health and Rehabilitation center in Roanoke Virginia and I was there for nine years. Also I lived at Salem Health and Rehabilitation for a month during this time frame. While I was in Raleigh Court life was horrible, they made me wear diapers which I didn't need. I was afraid to tell them I had a soiled diapers because they wouldn't change me and if they did they wouldn't put me back in my wheelchair. I always looked at my alarm clock every time I pressed my call button and it would take anywhere from 15 minutes to over an hour for someone to come to my room. Some of the staff would come in my room and turn off the call light without asking what I needed. I had to wait over an hour for some one to come and assist me with the bathroom. If I was in my wheelchair I would go in the hall to tell the CNA's I had to use the bathroom, they would walk the other way without assisting me. I was always the last one to be feed. If i even got a tray, the food was horrible and cold. I was lucky because some of my friends would take me out to eat during the week. What still bothers me to this day is, one of my room mates was a diabetic and they let him bottom out because they didn't feed him. I had to wear ear plugs at night to try to sleep because the residents would scream and knock on the walls. Sometimes the staff was loud or they would buff the floors in the middle of the night. Sometimes I would have to fight the staff to even receive my medications because the nurses just wanted to be difficult or on a smoke break half of the shift. Every other weekend nobody got taken care of because the supervisor wouldn't make the staff do their job. I had a friend come at seven AM every other weekend to get me out of their because the care was so bad. They didn't realize I was in my twenties so they got mad if I went out and came back with alcohol on my breathe even though I had a doctors order for two beers a day. I seriously believe that people get better treatment in prison then they do in nursing homes. I got out of the facility honestly because I reported them to the State. They were doing a State inspection every year and I would always complain about their care. The last inspection I told them my food was always cold and they stayed an extra day to investigate my complaint. Of course Raleigh Court didn't like that so a week later I got a letter from the administrator saying I had thirty days to leave due to alcohol on my breathe which was a cover. The best part was on my last day I told the administrator "Thank you for kicking me out, you made my wish come true.". What is frustrating about the whole thing is that I could of been prevented. I was working with the local CIL to get my own apartment while living at Raleigh Court but people fought with me and CIL about trying to get out which lead into my eviction. After that I moved into my friends house for two years. He had a ramp put on his house through the waiver. I began to do some volunteering and work at Salem's baseball stadium with my communication device, I also took the PIP course. After living with him, he also evicted me so I got my own apartment that was in a bad location. I almost got sent back to the nursing home one winter when it snowed because care givers couldn't get to me so my case manager sent me to the hospital. Now I'm living in a retirement community in my own apartment. The advantages of living in the community are you have a lot more choices as far as what you want to eat and it's warm, you can do what you want without answering to the nurse, and you can sleep in peace without ear plugs. I have been on the news and in the news paper for all of my advocate work for people with disabilities. I am on several boards like the Community Integration Advisory Committee, the Fair Housing Board, the Salem business club, the wavier slot committee, and I'm trying to get on more boards. The disadvantage of living in the community, especially if you use consumer directed services, is trying to find reliable caregivers. I don't have any natural support so my care depends on caregivers. This is extremely hard when they can't work over 40 hours a week. Another disadvantage in my area is public transportation. They stop running at 8:15 PM and don't go on Sunday that's why I had to quit my job at the Salem baseball stadium. Due to the new administration I'm really afraid of returning to the nursing home because of Medicaid and housing cuts. If these Medicaid budget cuts go through I would be forced to return to a nursing home which goes against my ADA rights to stay in the community. This is not only a human and decency issue but it is also a civil rights issue. This would be devastating to not only people with disabilities but also the elderly because they would never get the opportunity to be apart of the community.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sondra Grisafi [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 7:38 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy healthcare bill

This bill is absolutely horrible for the healthcare of millions of Americans. You are hearing that from virtually all the healthcare industry as well as millions of Americans.

Kill this bill and repair the ACA.

Sondra Grisafi
Richmond, VA

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: HEDY REESE [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:25 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy/Graham health care bill

I am writing to express my concerns about this bill which will come before the senate next week. This bill will hurt the ability of people to afford the healthcare they need. This is a deeply moral issue, as this bill allows states to make their own rules about pre-existing conditions and what that will cost to insure. It takes away mandates for maternity care and pediatric care, both of which are close to my heart. I just retired from 40 years as a nurse and nurse practitioner in healthcare for children. This bill will worsen the health and even results in many deaths by limiting access to healthcare. I am doing all in my power to advocate for health and well being of women and children. Do not pass this law!!!!

Sincerely,

Hedy Reese

Broadway, Va. 22815

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sonya Marsden [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:20 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please don't vote for Graham Cassidy!

I'm a mother in Vienna, VA. I happen to be a widow. My daughter happens to have survived a terrible autoimmune disease which put her on chemotherapy for nearly 3 years.

These are conditions that allow the insurance companies to charge us more. Much more, even though she is at no greater chance of recidivism than the general public.

When Obamacare was passed I was able to cut my hours to part time. Remember-I'm a widow with a little girl. This was crucial for our little family. Before Obamacare my daughter was not doing well in the after school programs. She was crying every day and wanted more time from her mother. She was scared I might die just like her daddy. This was normal for a daughter who has previously lost a parent.

Thankfully, for these last years, I've been able to be there after school for her and help her deal with her anxiety. She is flourishing.

Now, however, I'm worried I'll have to start back full time for benefits. I don't get subsidies from Obamacare, just the peace of mind that our insurance is affordable. And it is still affordable.

I ask you, don't you think our little family has suffered enough already? She just turned 13. Please let me keep being with her at least until high school.

I'm at a point of begging now. Please stall, please resist, please DO ANYTHING YOU CAN to save my little girl from more pain.

Thank you,
Sonya Marsden

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Forgive the typos, please. This was sent using my iPhone.

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Sonya Marsden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:19 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please keep Obamacare

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Thank you,  
Sonya Marsden



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Kathy Shupe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:13 AM  
**To:** McCain, Senator (McCain); Lindsey\_Graham@graham.senate.gov; Mark Warner; Tim Kaine (Kaine); gchcomments  
**Subject:** Real HealthCare is Our Right

### Graham-Cassidy Garbage HealthCare Bill

Dear elected officials;

We (the people) are the majority in this country. Yet, ourselves, our children, our families are being greatly jeopardized by the actions of a few- our Senate. Our Senate. The very people we elected to serve us are placing us at risk.

Sadly, I have to speak up again and again or my family will suffer. I should not have to. You should respect that you were elected to serve us not the 1%ers but you don't. The Koch brothers have poured 400 million into defeating ACA. Why? Because they want more money for themselves. It is simply greed.

Please know that I see the "inhumanity of taking away healthcare from pregnant women, children, the vulnerable and those with pre-existing conditions". Why don't you?

I am disappointed in Bill Cassidy, John McCain and Lindsey Graham. How could they do this?

Thank you for standing strong for the people Mark Warner and Tim Kaine. Virginia is so proud of you.

I vote every year. I will organize and resist this Lindsey-Cassidy HealthCare abomination.

Shame on anyone that votes for this. It is a miscarriage of justice.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Stewart Shupe  
[REDACTED]  
Sterling, VA. 20164

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Dona Dickinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:47 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Destruction Bill

Dear Senators (and staff)

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I vote. I will organize and resist this Lindsey-Cassidy HealthCare abomination.

Shame on anyone that votes for this. It is a miscarriage of justice.

Sincerely,  
Dona Dickinson  
Great Falls VA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Chelsea Fowler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Comments

I am writing to submit my comments regarding the Graham-Cassidy Bill. As someone who believes that all everyone should have access to high-quality, affordable healthcare, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill and urge you to vote against this harmful bill. This bill will greatly reduce federal spending on healthcare, strip billions of dollars from states, and disproportionately harm Medicaid recipients.

I turned 26 my second year of graduate school at George Washington University and was unable to continue receiving coverage on my parents' health insurance plan. I enrolled in Obamacare (Affordable Care Act) for a year until I was able to obtain coverage through my employer. The coverage I received under Obamacare was more affordable than short-term coverage from an independent insurance company or student insurance at GWU and it allowed me to receive the care I needed, including well-woman visits and primary care visits. I was fortunate to find a job a few months after graduating and obtain insurance coverage from my employer, but many people in this country do not have coverage through an employer and rely upon the ACA and Medicaid expansion to receive health benefits.

The Graham-Cassidy Bill is not about the health of the country, it is about the health of the Republican Party. It is an irresponsible piece of legislation that continues to victimize this country's most vulnerable populations, which is why I urge you to vote against this bill.

Thank you,  
Chelsea Fowler  
Arlington, VA  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Kathy Cole [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy-Heller hearings

I believe that anyone who seriously looks at this bill knows that it will make the healthcare situation in the US much worse, not better. That's why every major health-related organization in the country AND the insurance industry is opposed to it. The majority of citizens are against it.

It is VERY clear that the only reason this is being rammed through the Senate is because the very wealthy citizens who fund campaigns are demanding the tax cuts that it can provide to them. There is obviously no thought given to the elderly who will no longer have Medicaid funding in nursing homes (where will they go? Can they come to your house?) or to children who will have no preventive care or cancer care if they are diagnosed.

I am a retired Civil Service employee and therefore will continue to have solid coverage, as you all do. But I have very good friends who depend on having access to affordable policies with decent coverage, and they are very worried, with good reason.

Please add my voice to the millions urging you NOT to do this. You are elected by us. You are paid by us. You are there to serve us.

Kathryn Cole, PhD  
[REDACTED]  
Independence, VA 24348  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Diane Townes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Appeal of The Affordable Care Act!

Dear United States Senate Finance Committee:

I have a hard working adult son who suffered a TBI in 2011. Without Medicaid to assist him with follow-up primary care provider care and neurological specialist care, his healthcare needs along with prescribed medication would be unaffordable.

If affordable healthcare is being embraced and deemed a right to serve the healthcare needs of American congressional leaders; then it needs to be legislated as a right to serve the health needs of American Citizens and their families.

I believe the **right** to affordable healthcare for American Citizens is sacred~

Sincerely,

Diane Brown Townes  
Keswick, VA (Healthcare Advocate and Educator)

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Ruth Winters [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Falcone, Elizabeth (Warner); Molloy, Kristen (Kaine)  
**Subject:** comment about Graham Cassidy

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the legislation being sponsored by Senators Graham and Cassidy. Because of the rush to get this legislation passed without real discussion, expert testimony and other regular Senate order, I am very concerned about pre-existing conditions protections. Just the sponsoring senators reassuring us is really not acceptable. Here is one of our families stories to shine a personal light on this:

My 30 year old daughter and her husband found out she was pregnant in May. One month later she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. They are both graduate students at the University of Illinois U-C and are currently covered by health insurance provided by the university. In two years my daughter will be out on her own trying to find employment and insurance with this very serious pre-existing condition. Can Senators Cassidy and Graham promise me she will be covered? Who knows in what state they will find employment? Will that state allow insurance companies to take away the protection?

We are real people out here with real problems and we are relying on you to look out for our best interests – not the best interest of your rich donors.

Please oppose Graham Cassidy

Ruth Winters  
[REDACTED]  
Newport News, VA 23602  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Katie Kelly McCormack [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators:

PLEASE VOTE NO on Graham-Cassidy. As the daughter of a respected pediatrician + the mother of 4 children, I am very aware of the devastating impact this bill would have on American healthcare.

This is NOT the only path forward--you can work for a bipartisan solution without risking the lives of sick children. If you care about the survival of America's most precious commodity, our children, DO THE RIGHT THING + VOTE NO.

Innocent lives hang in the balance!

If this bill is somehow passed, I will help fight the re-election of any + every member of Congress who voted for it. America is watching, our sick children are watching. Will you prove to be their saviors, or will you strip them of their healthcare + help sign their death certificates?

-Mrs. K. McCormack, Virginia

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Faith & Brian Giles [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

I strongly encourage all legislators to vote against this current health care bill. Like its predecessors it takes away many of the protective rights that I feel all Americans deserve. I believe that all elected representatives need to be looking at ways to curb the numbers in chronic disease and poor health habits that are going to continue to inflate health care costs. If more attention and funds were given to make good health a priority and maybe even get rewarded, you would create a legacy that would affect much more than just healthcare. Healthy citizens will be better employees, and therefore tax contributors. The best way to lower health care costs is not to continue to offer bills that takes away care, but use funds to create programs to stem the tide of chronic illness and mental health issues in this country. Sincerely, Faith Dickerson 509 W. Scanlon St. Culpeper VA 22701 Voting citizen in the 7th district of Virginia



**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jennifer Click [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy is a disaster for childhood cancer survivors

As the parent of a college student who is also a 14 year survivor of childhood cancer, I am writing to urge you to offer our family's perspective on the Graham-Cassidy health bill.

My daughter was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer at age 4. While we are blessed that she survived, the toxic treatments took a toll on her developing body. Growth hormone deficiency, ovarian failure, and permanent hearing loss are just three of the challenges she faces on a daily basis. All are pre-existing conditions that, if Graham-Cassidy passes, would make health insurance unaffordable, negatively impacting not only her health but her ability to become a tax-paying member of society .

Since my daughter's diagnosis her father and I have gone to great lengths to ensure she has health coverage, even as we have each dealt with lay-offs in this tumultuous economy. When the ACA passed, parents of childhood cancer survivors breathed a collective sigh of relief that our children would not be shut-out of the health insurance market because they survived a devastating disease.

The Graham-Cassidy Bill has nothing to do with ensuring health care for all Americans. It is simply a cynical attempt by the GOP to "make good" on campaign promises and do the bidding of their donors, despite showings this year that even their own voters do not want the ACA repealed. Graham-Cassidy is a travesty that should never reach the Senate floor. Please kill it here in the Finance Committee.

Jennifer Click  
Springfield, Virginia

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

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**From:** carmen m. k. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA repeal

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

This email is a plea that you NOT repeal the ACA, that you NOT support the Graham-Cassidy Bill. Your last-ditch attempt to overthrow the ACA is not only irresponsible—it is criminal. Keeping campaign promises to satisfy the wealthy is not license to neglect the needs of your constituents. It is shameful that this is even being contemplated. I'm praying that our senators have the integrity to do the right thing.

Thank you,  
Carmen Gitre  
Blacksburg, VA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Peggy Fulton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare Bill

Please do not pass this bill. It would be devastating to many people who have disabilities as well as seniors and others that benefit from Medicaid.

Let me tell you how this bill will affect a small rural town in Maryland and the agency that aides adults individuals with disabilities... one of those individuals is my son Tom. Much of the funds needed to run the Kent Center are provided by Medicaid.

My son Tom, was born with Tuberous Sclerosis. TS manifests itself in many ways ... seizures, developmental disabilities with cognitive impairment and effects internal organs such as the lungs, kidneys, heart as well as growths on the skin. Tom is 34 years old and will always need to live in a residential group home. Tom needs many different medicines and medical attention in order to keep his symptoms under control. All of these services are paid by Medicaid. His one medicine alone costs \$12,000 per month. Without this drug he would face kidney failure. Additionally Medicaid supports his residential home costs as well as the day program he attends at the Kent Center.

If the Graham Cassidy bill is passed Tom as well as the other 60 plus individuals served by the Kent Center will lose much needed drugs and services.

Additionally hundreds/thousands across the country will not get the services they need.

Tom is the sweetest person you would want to meet, he needs you to vote NO to this bill.

As his mother and mothers all over USA, I thank you.

Peggy Fulton  
[REDACTED]  
Lynchburg, VA. 24503  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Andrea West [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

Rare disease patients and their families rely on the patient protections that the Senate is considering eliminating by passing the Graham-Cassidy plan. Specifically, this legislation brings back annual and lifetime caps, limitless out-of-pocket costs, and inadequate coverage by rolling back essential health benefits. This bill would also allow insurers to discriminate against rare disease patients by charging them premiums based upon their health status, thus pricing them out of the market.

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. Andrea West  
[REDACTED]  
Portsmouth, VA 23701  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Anna Lisa Briseno [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Ms. Anna Lisa Briseno

[REDACTED]

Alexandria, VA 22305

[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Paige Bullen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose The Graham Cassidy Bill!

September 22, 2017

To: Senate Committee on Finance  
Rm. SD-219  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 205110

Submitted by: Paige Bullen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Richmond, VA 23223

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 on behalf of SAARA of Virginia to express our strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal. We can not 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.

SAARA of Virginia is concerned about this bill because it would be detrimental to our efforts advocating for and offering peer recovery services for Virginians suffering from Substance Use Disorders.

We are 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 our strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal and thank you for hearing our concerns.

Sincerely,  
Paige Bullen

Paige Bullen  
Executive Director, SAARA of Virginia

[Redacted contact information]

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## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Dorothy Clark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:06 AM  
**To:** gchcomments

Hi. Whom this may concern,

I would to take this time to let you know what my life is like with Medicaid waiver. I live the fullness of life like you do. Making great choices what I want to eat. Where I want to go. Being apart of the activities like others with out disability in the same Bible study as others without disability. Singing in the adult choir as those without disability. I was a great worker when I was able to work. One place I worked said " I want 7 of you Dorothy ". My name is Dorothy. Still today I am member of the community giving back in many serving in the church I attend. Speaking on what is right to give those who less able to speak up. The senior citizens, children low income families and lastly people who has disability. Please consider this what if you or someone in family lost everything or be came disabled. Please take the time and think before you want to take away the funding I have that gives me the supports I need to live in and be give back in the same community you live. So instead of attacking the Medicaid reconsider. There many people who do not have disability who do even give it any thought on hoe to treat others angelique how to they can give back or even try to work. Also take the time to think of how you feel if it was you or family member that was to have to be put in an institution like the ones I saw on the Internet and on you tube Willowbrook state school for the retarded or a place like fairview in New York and California. So ask yourself what happens to people like me who is big part of the same community in VA. Beach, VA as people like the senators who live in VA, beach.

Thank you,  
Dorothy Clark



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Rebecca Wood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill  
**Attachments:** IMG\_3828.JPG

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Rebecca Wood. Due to preeclampsia, my daughter, Charlie Wood, was born ten hours into her twenty sixth week of gestation. She weighed one pound, eleven ounces and was the size of my hand. My NICU bedside vigil started because I did not want her to die alone. It's all I could do for her at the time.

Because of underdeveloped lungs, every breath required tremendous effort. Charlie's skin was so thin and frail I rarely got to hold her or touch her. She was too weak to cry. However, Charlie didn't give up so neither did I. I sat with her every day and begged for her survival. After three very long months, she was well enough to come home.

Without the ACA, Charlie would have exceeded her lifetime cap before coming home for the first time. Additionally, insurance coverage through my husband's employer would have been impossible since the circumstances of her birth are considered a preexisting condition.

Once Charlie was home, it wasn't over for us. Charlie faced many challenges as a result of complications from her premature birth.

Currently, services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy allow her to develop skills to lead a typical life. Likewise, her doctors manage any further complications that arise from her early arrival. Because of this careful management, she is growing and developing well. She is a bright, inquisitive, joyful, and beautiful child with incredible potential. Taking away these services is stealing her chance.

As I said at Senator Sander's press conference ( <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4682335/healthcare-4> ), at present, the cost of care forces me to make impossible choices. One which cost me all of my teeth and parts of my jaw. I love jazz and used to play the trumpet. When I was pregnant with Charlie, we were looking at purchasing a home in Falls Church, now we will never own our own home. Despite a reasonable household income, we live paycheck to paycheck due to medical needs. I didn't think things could get much worse for us but if Graham Cassidy passes, it will.

The passage of Graham-Cassidy would cut access to her services and steal the bright future she has worked so hard for. Since this is the finance committee, I will appeal fiscally. It is much cheaper to pay for Charlie's services now than it is to pay for a lifetime of disability.

Additionally, with the passage of Graham-Cassidy my husband and I would have to further neglect our healthcare because we could not afford basic preventative care or to treat maladies while they were minor. These forced decisions drive up cost for everyone.

I can't believe that I'm having to beg legislators for my daughter's future. Our country is better than this. I'm ashamed for us all that things have escalated to this point.

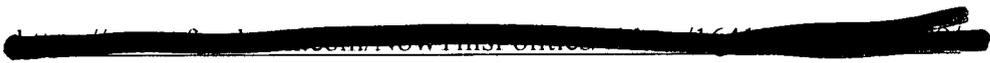
After everything she's been through, all we've asked of her, the seemingly endless grueling effort, and the outrageous sacrifices on our part, it's going to be bad policy that finally stops her. The passage of this bill will rob her of the opportunity to reach her full potential by limiting her access to healthcare and services. I haven't been this heartbroken or felt this powerless since the first few days of her life when we were unsure of her survival.

At this point, the only thing I have left is her. And, I refuse to give up on her. I will never tire of fighting for her.

This is bigger than bi partisan politics. This is about peoples's lives.

Respectfully yours,  
Rebecca Wood  
Charlottesville, Virginia

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## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Liza Warner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Senators,

I remember the bad old days, when someone like me could not get healthcare coverage. I have an autoimmune disease. When it was first diagnosed, I was working with an insurance agent to purchase healthcare coverage for our small business. At that time we had 60 employees, the day I was diagnosed I walked out of the Doctors office and never went back. I knew that my condition would adversely affect the premiums for all of our employees. Healthcare has always been a major expense for small employers. I kept my condition hidden for years.

15 years Later, my husband and his partner split their business. We were now self-employed with no employees, which opened up a new set of obstacles to acquiring healthcare coverage. We finally managed to get a PPO policy under a "risk pool", our premiums were \$1500.00 a month with a \$5000.00 deductible. Many aspects of healthcare were "exempted" from my coverage. That meant that the insurance company would deny any payment for anything they felt related to my auto-immune condition, which they attributed to almost everything. Today, we have a policy through the Affordable Healthcare Act exchanges. Our premium is \$1200 a month, but there are no exemptions.

If you pass Graham-Cassidy, our premiums will go up \$240 a month, IF they will still cover us. We are in that age range of 50-64, so a premium hike of \$240 will be unlikely. Given that they can automatically charge us 5x as much, our premiums will be much higher. The simple truth, we will not be able to maintain healthcare coverage.

This legislation will hurt many Americans, it is likely that 45,000 Americans will die annually because they cannot afford the premiums for healthcare coverage. I will likely be one of them.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Brandon Warner  
Stafford, VA 22554

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**From:** Tommie Pratt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote no to Graham Cassidy

Graham Cassidy is far from a solution to the health care problems. Please vote no. Many people in SWVA would be hurt badly by GCH.  
Please vote NO!!

Katherine Waters  
Meadowview, Va.

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Eugene Golden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Save the ACA

Committee Members.

This latest effort to repeal and destroy the ACA will affect me greatly. It will affect millions of Americans as well. In my case I had a preexisting condition like most Americans over the age of 40. I was denied coverage from at least 3 different health insurers prior to the enactment of the ACA. This proposal that is in the Senate now does not guarantee that I and millions of others will be able to afford or even get health insurance at any price. We may....we may not. Even the sponsors of this bill want to throw that responsibility on the individual states. No sure thing..just uncertainty. This is unacceptable to Americans and those whose lives depend on medical treatment. I have been lucky. Since the ACA and the provisions of the law that provide for preventive care as required items I have had no major medical issues. I have not been burdened with giant medical bills to the insurers and I am grateful for that and better health. There are no such preventative care provisions as being required in the proposed law that is before the Senate now. Thousands will die, millions will suffer.

I am asking for this current bill to be ejected and pleading with the members of both parties to work together in a bipartisan manner and spirit to implement changes to stabilize the ACA marketplace and strive to make a healthcare system that makes the United States a place of world class healthcare outcomes. We are not there now but there is no reason we cannot be.

Respectfully,

Eugene E. Golden

Richmond, Virginia.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kathy Stackhouse [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

I am in favor of the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill. Please do all you can to pass this important legislation.

Kathy Stackhouse  
Williamsburg, VA

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Elizabeth Brightbill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill Hearing

Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing - September 25, 2017

Statement from: Elizabeth Brightbill, [REDACTED]

To the Senate Finance Committee:

My husband and I and my extended family, especially my father, rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am especially concerned about the future of Medicaid as I have an elderly father with Alzheimer's. I constantly worry about what will happen when his savings run out. I am talking about someone who worked for Caterpillar Tractor for over thirty years, faithfully paid his taxes, saved for retirement, and bought long term care insurance that has now run out. He has been a responsible citizen. Will he be let down when he needs Medicaid in a few years? I have read that the Graham-Cassidy Bill will repeal the expansion of Medicaid to poor adults. This is my greatest concern — that my father and people like him will have no options for care.

My husband and I purchased our own health plan through the ACA Marketplace, and when we did, our yearly premium increased because we didn't qualify for the subsidy. Our income was just above the cut-off point. We were obviously disappointed about this yet we **do not** want ACA repealed for three reasons: 1) our preventative care has improved significantly with our ACA plan; 2) we no longer worry about possible pre-existing conditions and 3) people we know rely on ACA for their healthcare. I am reading that if the Graham-Cassidy bill passes people with pre-existing conditions may be priced out of the the market. As a self-employed couple, this greatly concerns us because we know what it's like to be interviewed by insurers who balk when we tell them we have allergies! (This happened in 2002/2003.) We do not want to go back to the day when it was nerve-wracking and difficult to find adequate health coverage. Nobody should fear that they may not qualify for health coverage because they have allergies, or any other health condition for that matter.

All along we have been hoping that there would be **improvements** to ACA, not a repeal. This seems like a reasonable option and yet we're not seeing any discussion of this. This is maddening. The majority leadership seems to be deaf to Americans' ongoing pleas for improvements to what is already in place. It is apparent that they are more intent on destroying anything associated with President Obama than working to improve the lives of Americans. Again - this is absolutely maddening. **I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.**

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Brightbill

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**From:** Mary Buck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote not on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello! Please reject the Graham-Cassidy Bill. I agree with John McCain's remarks: "...without knowing how much it will cost, how it will (affect) insurance premiums, and how many people will be helped or hurt by it. Without a full CBO score, which won't be available by the end of the month, we won't have reliable answers to any of those questions."

Please work on crafting a bill that will fix the problems with the ACA and that will make health care something that all Americans can afford.

Thank you!

Yours,  
Mary M. Buck  
Spotsylvania, VA

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**From:** Elizabeth Carpenter [mailto:elizabeth.carpenter@jgamm.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

I urge the Senate to vote no on the latest healthcare bill. When I was pregnant with my first child 15 years ago I was working part time and going to school part time. I had purchased health insurance on the individual market as I thought a responsible person should. Those were the days before the protections in the ACA were in place and I found out pregnancy was not covered by the insurance I was diligently paying on. Why would we return to a time when healthcare is more expensive for women? Why would we return to a time that would allow insurance companies to not cover your diabetes medications or mental health care?

I have never heard a politician claim that the ACA was perfect. We knew there would be unintended consequences and bugs to work out in any legislation trying to do so much. It is time to abandon this hyper political theater and get to work. Listen to those who are providing healthcare and especially those who are in health promotion and let's come up with smart ways to ensure everyone in our communities can access healthcare.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Elizabeth Carpenter, RN  
Charlottesville, VA

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**From:** Jennifer John [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

I am 100% against this bill. Congress needs to find a way to work together to fix the problems with the ACA, NOT repeal it.

Jennifer John  
Charlottesville, VA

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

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**From:** Kuchno, Jen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Health Bill

I am writing to give my feedback.

The Cassidy-Graham Health Care bill has not received a CBO score yet, but is being pushed through congress by the Republicans. This bill will hurt so many people in so many ways, it should be voted down.

First, I do not like how the C-G bill will cut Medicaid in the future. We should leave Medicaid alone- or expand it more. Many elderly, disabled, veterans, and low income people rely on this program. We must continue it nationally not pass it on to states. Medicaid Directors in all 50 states have argued against this bill.

Another problem is this bill does not cover pre-existing conditions despite the falsehoods Republicans and Trump repeat. As a woman and mother, I am especially troubled that any member of Congress would even consider a bill that undermines women's health and pregnancy like this bill does. Pregnancy, childbirth and OB are not covered. Women have fought for their rights. This bill hurts women and babies with prenatal care not covered. And when poor women cannot afford the pregnancy bill they will turn to abortion- legal or illegal. Certainly this is not good.

Another reason I don't like the bill is because it was not a bipartisan effort. Despite agreeing to work with the Democrats to sincerely improve the bill, the Republicans selfishly refused, and it is not much different from the last version that did not pass. The Republican members of Congress put their pride and power before our country's needs, before their constituents' health needs.

Finally, we have a serious opioid drug problem in our country. Trump even said it was a national emergency. Under this C-G bill though, drug addiction treatment is not covered. Clearly, this bill is not focused on the health care needs of the American people. This is a slap in the face.

In sum, I reject the Cassidy-Graham Health Care bill for many reasons. Senators must vote NO.

Mama K  
Virginia

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Sam Coe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Sampson Coe - Statement Opposing Graham Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my comments as a United States citizen in opposition to the current attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act. While it is my personal belief that the healthcare system needs improvement rather than overhaul, at the very least, any repeal of the ACA should be (as Senator John McCain made clear) the product of bipartisan hearings and amendments. In other words, "normal order" should be the bare minimum for such an important piece of legislation. Beyond the circumstances, I also find the substance of the bill disconcerting. While I am not against state-centric reform, this bill present the illusion of such change, rather than substantive reforms. I believe it actually eliminates care and services for those most in need under the guise of taming the federal leviathan. In short, I think it to be the proverbial "wolf in sheep's clothing."

I appreciate your time.

Thank you,

Sampson Coe  
[REDACTED]

Centreville, VA 20121

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**From:** Mikki Barry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:58 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** What Healthcare Means to Us

Dear Finance Committee:

My husband and I are both disabled, yet because of the Affordable Care Act's codification of prohibitions on discrimination against those with pre-existing conditions and no lifetime caps, we are both able to work more than 40 hours per week. Both of us currently have insurance through my husband's employer, and I have the option of getting it from mine. This would not be the case if those protections were yanked from us.

Without my husband's 5000 per month in medication plus lab tests, check ups, and other medical expenses, he would not be able to work. Without my 4000 per month in medication and other medical expenses, I would be in the same position. Thus we would lose our health insurance, lose our healthcare, and subsequently lose everything we have worked for over the years. My husband is 57 and is working without any retirement in sight due to having to use his 401(k) for household expenses while both of us were unable to find work. This, despite college degrees, technical certifications, exemplary ratings from previous employers, and decades of experience in our fields. In addition, I have a JD from Georgetown University, yet was unable to get a permanent job for over 6 years despite submitting over 500 applications for jobs I was fully qualified for (including 200 to the Federal Government under Schedule A without success). I tried hanging my own shingle, but couldn't garner the client base to make a go of it. Both of us took large pay cuts to achieve permanent employment. Currently, nearly 100% of my take home pay goes to the mortgage. We live off his salary for all other expenses. I have been seeking a mortgage modification, but thus far with no success. I have had this home for 26 years now, and have modified it for our disabilities. Losing it would be an incredible burden. Without affordable health insurance without additional charges for pre-existing conditions and lifetime caps, we would definitely lose our home, lose our jobs, and possibly lose our lives.

In summary, without the protections currently afforded by the ACA, we would no longer be productive members of American society, paying taxes, and giving back to the community when we can.

That's our story. Others have it much worse. They, or their children will die once they hit a lifetime cap. Others, like us, will not be able to afford insurance as they have pre-existing conditions. We have to stop dividing people into deserving and not deserving categories based on whether they were fortunate enough to be born in the "right" family. Healthcare is a human right in almost all other "First World" countries. Why not here?

Sincerely,  
Mikki Barry  
Constituent of Senator Mark Warner

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:58 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Please do not pass this bill without a lot more examination, bipartisan support and genuine soul searching. How will this affect your constituents? I have two daughters and a son-in-law who are all self-employed and will be affected by your decisions. All three also have pre-existing conditions: Susan just completed breast cancer treatment; Karen has had a desmoid tumor; Chris has had back, hip and shoulder surgeries. They are all stressed over what the future holds for them. They worry that while insurance may be available it may not be affordable. I suppose they could get jobs that offer insurance, but what does this say to the entrepreneurial spirit of our young people?

My husband is a retired from an engineering career as a federal civil servant. We are secure in the knowledge that our Federal Blue Cross Blue Shield (or equivalent) will always be there for us. I want the same for my children and all our children.

Janet Dickinson  
Poquoson, Virginia

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**From:** Elizabeth Dunford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am concerned about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because it is a thoughtless and rushed plan, attempting to meet the 9/30 deadline for a vote of 50. Unacceptable that 50 Senators should effectively take from one state to reward another for not expanding Medicaid, that Pennsylvanians should be punished, that caps are placed on grants, that the most in need of healthcare and preventive care will lose access, wrong on ALL levels.

Vote no and seriously address our healthcare costs and crisis by developing Medicare for All. I've been a nurse for 37 years- our system must be improved- our citizens have a human right to healthcare. Work it out and knock off the constant political BS.

Thanks for your time,

Elizabeth Dunford

Elizabeth Dunford

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**From:** Nora Natof [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am concerned about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because  
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It will be responsible for destroying the effectiveness Medicaid and make it more difficult for low income people and people with disabilities to obtain comprehensive health care at a reasonable price. It denies health affordable health care to people who have pre existing conditions.

Respectfully submitted

Nora Natof

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**From:** Lynne Rose [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** OPPOSE Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Repeal Bill

To Whom it May Concern,

I am very opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Changing the Medicaid safety net to block grants for the states will ensure that our most vulnerable citizens will suffer. My son is disabled by autism, unable to support himself and dependent on Medicaid for services that enable him to remain in the community and have some semblance of quality of life. I am currently able to help support his healthcare needs through private insurance through my employer but I am terribly afraid of what will happen to him after I die. My state (Virginia) was sued by the Department of Justice for their insufficient services for people with disabilities. Without federal oversight states will have incentives to save money by sacrificing those that don't have a voice.

The ACA, while not perfect, was a great step forward to support the needs of all Americans to be able to take care of their health. As a nation, we should be just as concerned with the health of our citizens as we are the health of our economy. I know there were some that felt it made their health insurance premiums unaffordable. I believe you should amend the current law to solve for those problems, while maintaining the support that allows more people to afford healthcare.

The Graham-Cassidy bill must not become law.

Lynne Rose  
[REDACTED]  
Richmond, VA 23220 .

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**From:** Sharon Wickhäm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please vote against this healthcare bill

I strongly ask that this bill not pass. We the country are looking for our government to become the example of compromise. As republicans you have always complained when democrats worked without you. Many of my republican and democrat friends and family want a bipartisan healthcare plan! I know a young man of 18yrs old struggling to live life normally with a seizure disorder. He deserves to prosper and not be burdened with debt because of a preexisting condition.

Vote your conscience not your politics! Don't just win, make people's lives better!

Thanks,  
Sharon of Virginia Beach

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**From:** Oakley, John H [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

My younger son has a preexisting condition. It will be a family disaster if he cannot be insured. Preexisting conditions must be covered in any real healthcare system.

John H Oakley  
Chancellor Professor of Classical Studies  
The College of William and Mary in Virginia

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**From:** Sean Keenan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy-Graham

Good afternoon,

I'm writing over my concern that the current path being undertaken to pass the Cassidy-Graham bill is irresponsible at best and dangerous at worst. This bill and its effects are not fully vetted which is an absolute necessary step that needs to be undertaken before a bill can be voted. The preliminary assessments show that this bill will be absolutely devastating to our country and it's citizens. This bill cannot be voted for let alone voted on.

-Sean Timothy Keenan  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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**From:** Saralee Edwards [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:34 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.

Saralee Edwards  
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Andrea Kehoe

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Denver, Vermont 05346

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Mark Hale

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[REDACTED]

Bakersfield, California 93314

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David Hammar

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68516



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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:40 PM  
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Patricia Stradford

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Daniel Novak  
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[REDACTED]

Chicago, Illinois 60610

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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christopher huggins  
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Shakopee, Minnesota 55379

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Jane Butler  
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Hedgesville, West Virginia 25427



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**From:** Laura Overmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:40 PM  
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**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Laura Overmann  
[REDACTED]  
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Valerie Romero  
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Quincy, California 95971

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**From:** Steven Phillips [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

I pay for myself and my family's health insurance. Some can't, why are you even voting for this I when it removes or increases cost to poeple that can't afford it. If this passes you will be remembered at the polls that didn't care about everyday poeple. It will I not bid well for you. Everyone needs fair affordable health insurance. Kill this thing. If this bill is so great you should cancel your wonderful healthcare and sign up for it. We will remember at poll time.

Steve

Steven Phillips

[REDACTED]  
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Auburn il 62615, Illinois 62615

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**From:** Karen Gansz <kgansz@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Submit public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

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,

Karen Gansz

Warren, NH

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**From:** Dianne Knoblen [REDACTED]  
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Dianne Knoblen  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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California, California 91335

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Palmdale, California 93550-7703

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[REDACTED]

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I have a pre-existing condition and passing Graham-Cassidy would devastate my treatment.  
Vote NO.

Craig Whitney

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Wauconda, Illinois 60084

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dixon, California 95620

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John Doucette  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Providence, Rhode Island 02908

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James Watson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Lexington, Kentucky 40509

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 PM  
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huntington woods, Kentucky 48070

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Kenneth Reuter  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bayshore, New York 11706

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I understand that the reason the Republicans are so determined to pass this dreadful bill is to give the medical device industry and the wealthiest Americans a huge tax break and to satisfy the Party's biggest financial supporters. This is so un-American. Bills should be considered and passed because the Bill would right a wrong, or protect a segment of the population, or give reasonable health care to all, etc.

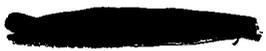
Bills also should be given time to be thoroughly aired, debated, discussed, read, and scored by the CBO. None of that has happened for this awful bill.

Republicans should be ashamed of themselves.

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PENNY LUCE  
[REDACTED]



Santa Barbara , California 93111

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**From:** Ginnie G. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing Comment

Hello:

My family and I rely, and depend, on quality, affordable healthcare. It is for this reason that I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have an autoimmune disorder, diagnosed more than 20 years ago, which requires consistent medical management. I am fortunate that it is not serious, but it could be if I can't get treatment. Because of the Affordable Care Act, I don't worry about whether I will always have coverage should I change jobs or relocate. In 2007, I left my job, which had excellent healthcare benefits, to enter the Peace Corps, knowing that if I did not return to the state of Massachusetts, where I lived at the time, I could return to the United States and not have coverage because of my pre-existing condition. It weighed heavily on me, so when the Affordable Care Act passed while I was abroad, I was beyond ecstatic and utterly relieved to know that lawmakers in my country actually cared that citizens had access to affordable health care. My daughter also requires medical care and I don't want the removal of protections for pre-existing conditions to preclude her from coverage she could need throughout her life.

I think we can do more, and we can do better for healthcare in our country. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the Affordable Care Act, not repeal it. Thank you for hearing my concern.

Sincerely,  
Virginia Gordon  
Arlington, Virginia

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Anthony Girardin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:45 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

To Whom it may Concern:

Please consider that when you are discussing Graham-Cassidy, you are, quite literally, talking about one-sixth of the U.S. economy and an issue that affects all Americans. To push for a vote before you have a full score from the Congressional Budget Office is an egregious dereliction of duty. It is partisan politics at its worst:

“You know, I could maybe give you 10 reasons why this bill shouldn’t be considered,” Chuck Grassley said. “But Republicans campaigned on this so often that you have a responsibility to carry out what you said in the campaign. That’s pretty much as much of a reason as the substance of the bill.”

I implore you to push partisan politics aside and do what truly is truly best for our nation. Here are facets of Graham-Cassidy that greatly concern us:

- The provisions for pre-existing coverage are a farce and endanger countless Americans. Giving states the ability to allow insurance companies to base premiums on a person's medical history is untenable. It strikes at the very heart of a "risk pool" and will force people out of the health care market. A vague and very dangerous reliance on undefined terms, such as “adequate” and “affordable,” would be laughable if lives were not at stake.
- Adequate and affordable health care, particularly for those with pre-existing conditions, is not possible without the mandate for everyone to have health care. Without a mandate, Graham-Cassidy - and any other proposal for that matter - will collapse. No one argues when we have to have home insurance to take out a mortgage. We all accept that we must have car insurance to drive a car. Health care is no different.
- Allowing insurers to cap the amount they would pay for treatment outside of essential health benefits also risks lives. That is only made worse when you are giving states the ability to strip away essential health benefits in the Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA). Remember that before the ACA, health care bills were one of the leading causes of bankruptcy.
- Pushing people out of the market will increase premiums. As Rep. Raúl R. Labrador, a member of the influential House Freedom Caucus said, “Nobody dies because they don’t have access to health care.” Despite his inartful wording, he is correct that "all hospitals are required by law to treat patients in need to emergency care regardless of their ability to pay." But where does that money come from? Do the hospitals take the hit? No, they pass those costs on to those with health insurance. Do the insurance companies take the hit? No, those costs are passed down to consumers in the form of higher premiums. Tossing millions of Americans off health care will increase all of our premiums.
- The term “access” to health care is a perversion of the truth. I have access to the Beverly Hills real estate market too.

I also agree with Sen. John McCain that “The issue is too important, and too many lives are at risk, for us to leave the American people guessing from one election to the next whether and how they will acquire health insurance. A bill of this impact requires a bipartisan approach.” Based on past comments, I believe his colleagues agree - or, at the very least, should agree:

Sen. Lindsey Graham in a floor speech, Dec. 19, 2009, “Here’s what they did to get that one vote: They had a deal cooked up that no one knew about but the two people talkin’. There was no input from anybody other than the majority leader and the senator from Nebraska. And after that meeting was over, they come up with a 380-page amendment to a 2000-page bill, they file it yesterday, we hear about it for the first time yesterday. ... And this is a transparent new way of doing business? You cook up a deal in a backroom that is essentially sleazy in my view to allow one state to be held harmless for Medicare enrollees to get that vote.”



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, then the minority leader, in a press gaggle, Dec. 18, 2009, "This massive piece of legislation that seeks to restructure one-sixth of our economy is being written behind closed doors without input from anyone in an effort to jam it past not just the Senate but the American people before Christmas."

House Speaker Paul Ryan, then a House member from Wisconsin, to MSNBC, July 29, 2009, "I don't think we should pass bills that we haven't read and we don't know what they cost. You rush this thing through before anyone knows what it is, that's not good democracy, that's not doing work for our constituents."

Vice President Mike Pence to The Washington Times, Oct. 19, 2009, "They've gone from regular order to smoke-filled rooms, so there's no real way of knowing when [the final bills] are going to emerge."

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/06/20/republicans-obamacare-too-secretive-239755>

Health care is an extremely important and deeply personal issue to our family: Our daughter, the youngest of two, was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, the same congenital heart disease that afflicts Jimmy Kimmel's son. We will remember each and every vote. We will remember who chose partisan politics over the American people. Who put party before country. Just as importantly, we will remember those who put people before politics.

Respectfully,

Anthony and Kristin Girardin

  
Centreville, VA 20121

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Marguerite Mary <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:43 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill

To Whom It May Concern:

My family, friends, and I all rely on quality, affordable healthcare and the safety net that a government-supported healthcare option provides. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill. I depended on the ACA through the NY State exchange during a period of self-employment and unemployment, which provided me with access to health care that I would have otherwise not had access to. Friends of mine have relied on the ACA as they pursue artistic and entrepreneurial jobs. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Marguerite M. Harden

Centreville, VA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Susan Coryell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy health care bill

Senate Finance:

The current "health care" bill before Congress must not be passed. It will destroy medical care for over 30 million Americans, including those with pre-existing conditions such as my son with asthma and another son with rheumatoid arthritis.

As it stands, Graham-Cassidy will reduce Medicaid for my state of Virginia. I live in SW VA where so many neighbors and friends work multiple jobs just to keep their families housed and fed. Slashing Medicaid funds would mean death and illness for them. Is that what Republicans want? This is a heavily Republican area which surely would change their political views when they discover they cannot afford to take their sick children to the doctor as a result of this bill.

There is absolutely NO sane reason to pass this destructive, inhumane and immoral bill.

Please listen to middle-class working Americans who desperately need continued affordable health care.  
BLOCK this vote.

Thank you,

Susan Coryell  
Huddleston, VA 24104

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Roi Mitchell

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[REDACTED]  
Roanoke, Virginia 24018- [REDACTED]

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**From:** Heather Higgins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please vote against the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Title of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
Date of Hearing: September 25, 2017

Senate Finance Committee:

The Graham Cassidy Bill is utterly irredeemable and needs to be rejected in its entirety. Government exists for the greater good of the society not to entrench to the political careers of a very few at the expense of their constituents. This bill would do significant harm to the American people. It is very clearly not in the best interests of the people. We all know it.

Please do the right thing and vote against this abhorrent bill.

Sincerely,  
Heather Higgins

[REDACTED]  
Charlottesville, VA 22902 [REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Eli Resnick <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Canadian health care treated me better than DC.

Dear Congressional Representatives,

On a ski trip to Quebec, I got sick. I went to the closest doctor and they saw me in twenty minutes, ran some quick labs (the fast ones cost hundreds to run, here), and gave me a bottle of antibiotics, right there in the same office. Total price I saw was \$40, Canadian. Would have been free, but I was uninsured. I felt loved and taken care of.

In Alexandria, Virginia, I was once an uninsured substitute teacher. I got sick. I called twelve doctors who wouldn't see me. Finally, urgent care told me to come over and wait. I signed my name. I was 24th in line. After reading through four magazines, the doctor saw me, looked in my throat, and confirmed I had an infection (without running any labs to see what kind). At the desk they gave me a bill for \$95 and a prescription for antibiotics. I drove the prescription to CVS, waited another hour, pacing the aisles, so bored i read the labels on shampoo bottles, paidther \$60, and got a bottle of antibiotics.

After growing up on my dad's fantastic government insurance, I was really shocked to find out how badly some Americans are treated. I am more shocked now that the World Health Organization says we pay more, per person, for our health care than any other country, but only get the 32nd best overall results.

I am appalled that Graham Cassidy will apply to citizens, but not to Congress. I am collecting signatures for a Constitutional Amendment to stop Congressmen from using better health care than Congress buys for the people you work for. The more ridiculous tge bills you introduce, the more signatures I get, so by all means, keep goofing around.

Sincerely,

Eli Resnick

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Shelley Dutton <shelley.dutton@senate.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

I write to express my strong opposition to the Graham Cassidy "health care" bill.

First, I object to the process by which the GOP is trying to pass this legislation. Republicans in Congress have made almost no attempt at bipartisan cooperation through the ongoing "repeal and replace" effort. There has been no substantive debate on any of the proposed bills and an almost complete lack of transparency to the process. In the case of Graham Cassidy, there is even unwillingness to wait for the CBO score. These facts reveal that this is a purely partisan political effort, undertaken to try to get something -- anything, even something reprehensible -- passed before a looming deadline. As such, what is happening is a shameful abuse of our system of government.

As I understand them, the likely effects of Graham Cassidy are even more objectionable than the process being used to attempt to ram it through the Senate. Political philosophies about federal versus state control aside, any "health care" law that would make coverage less accessible for millions of Americans, any legislation that would take health care away from the most vulnerable among us, is a disservice to the American people and should be rejected out of hand.

I stand with Senator McCain in calling for a return to regular order in the Senate and -- even more importantly -- a return to a spirit of cooperation. Our elected leaders have a responsibility to work together in the interests of the American people. We deserve and will accept no less.

I also stand with those Senators on either side of the aisle who oppose this legislation on moral grounds. It is time for the United States to join the rest of the developed world in recognizing that health care is a basic human right, not a privilege reserved for the wealthy. Whether the best solution is to pursue a single-payer model or, in the near term, simply to improve the ACA, it is our leaders' responsibility -- YOUR responsibility -- to do what is right, rather than what is politically expedient.

I call upon you to reject Graham Cassidy. I ask you to do the job you were elected to do, which is to fight vigorously for the best interests of the American people.

Sincerely,

Shelley Dutton  
Alexandria, VA

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**From:** Joyce W Lowry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Joyce W Lowry  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060



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**From:** CAPTAIN TOM BLATT <d[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:54 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Since passage of the ACA my premiums have tripled. I no longer can purchase my PPO and have a deductible so high today that I effectively have no insurance. I had to have cataract surgery in 2017. My out of pocket cost were slightly over \$12,000.

The ACA has destroyed health insurance for my family. Perhaps that wasn't the intent but it is the result.

The 4 states that receive 40% of the money designated by the ACA only pay 20% of the total cost. This isn't fair to my state. The takeover of healthcare by the Federal Government has been a disaster. Please repeal it now.

Mr. And Mrs. Thomas B. Blatt

[REDACTED]  
Bowling Green, Va. 22427

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Diane Tennant <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, which would deprive Americans with pre-existing conditions of affordable medical care. My daughter is 26. She has had Type 1 diabetes since the age of 8, and requires daily insulin injections via an insulin pump. She is not overweight and does not have diabetes because of "lifestyle choices." She will receive her master's degree in December, but if she cannot afford health insurance, she will have to choose between paying for rent and food, or paying for the insulin that keeps her alive. Republicans and Democrats need to work together to improve health care for everyone. Please defeat the Graham-Cassidy bill, and work together to make health care better and more affordable for all.

Thank you.

Diane Tennant  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

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**From:** Kathleen Chapman <kathl[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** This bill is utterly unjust

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to implore you to **vote against Graham-Cassidy** for the following reasons:

**This is the only repeal attempt that eliminates substantial amounts of funding, most health care protections, yet keeps most taxes in place.** This is absurdly unfair.

**This is the only repeal attempt that takes money away from states that worked hard to cover uninsured Americans and instead redistributes the money to states that refused the Medicaid expansion.** In other words, because it's a Republican bill, it is suddenly legitimate to "take the money," while under Obamacare, these states expressed consistent outrage at the idea, penalizing the uninsured in states like my state of Virginia. This is flagrant hypocrisy, and we will remember, when it's time to vote.

**Republicans are jumping through bribery hoops** to get key senators on board, in particular, Senator Murkowski. Why should Alaska get to keep some of the most generous Obamacare benefits, while the rest of us suffer with far less money, protection, and options? How is this fair? And how utterly ironic that essentially **Alaska can continue Obamacare while the rest of us can't.** If you pass this, we voters will not forget this betrayal of the rest of us.

The bill will substantially cut Medicaid payments to 34 states almost immediately, including states that have substantially reduced the number of uninsured Americans. This isn't fair.

**It will substantially cut Medicaid payments for all states, except Alaska's,** starting in 2026. In all other states, the money disbursed for a beneficiary starting in 2026 is estimated to be \$4800, except in Alaska, where it will be \$6500. This is unfair to all Americans except Alaskans.

While pretending to cover people, like myself, with preexisting conditions, **it allows states waivers that will enable them to create policies for people with preexisting conditions that are absolutely unaffordable,** and this is inevitable, due to the shrinking pool of Medicaid money. This is unfair and will result in lives lost across the country, so it is actually immoral, as well. **I am diabetic, so my life is in your hands.**

**While allegedly giving states more flexibility and freedom, it reduces the money needed to make that freedom and flexibility actually workable, as Alaska's governor cogently stated. This makes the bill both unfair and absurd.**

**This bill impacts the lives of countless Americans, yet it is being thrown together hurriedly and sold with suspect talking points—Preexisting conditions technically covered! More flexibility for states!—rather than going through the Senate's usual and deeply important process of lengthy committee hearings, transparent debates, and time for opposing lawmakers to attempt to improve the bill through well considered amendments. This is absolutely unfair, what Senator McCain warned the Senate about several weeks ago, and why he has announced he will not support it. Passing this bill would, in effect, degrade the entire Senate, and we voters WILL REMEMBER.**

**This bill is an attempt to kick the can down the road and pretend that all the chaos that will ensue will be the fault of the states, rather than of Congress. Don't kid yourselves: we voters will remember EXACTLY who thrust this upon us.**

Why aren't the majority of Americans, who don't want the ACA gutted but want it fixed, as important as the minority of Americans who just want to destroy it for partisan reasons? Since when are we not real Americans, too?

It will immediately defund Planned Parenthood for at least a year, causing undue **harm to millions of women who rely on Planned Parenthood for basic health care services, not abortions.** This is patently unfair. Will you support a bill that causes such suffering to women?

Not only has nearly every major medical group in this country come out against this bill, but **the insurance industry is absolutely opposed, since chaos will ensue and since there is virtually no way that all states will be able to get solid plans in place by 2020. This chaos is bad not only for the health of Americans but also for our entire economy.**

The substantial cutbacks in Medicaid funding, which become increasingly extreme in a few years, **will result in a vast number of healthcare jobs being cut. I thought we were trying to grow the economy, not slash it!**

The only reason to vote in favor of this bill is for purely partisan reasons, to say you've done SOMETHING. But, is doing something so ill considered and with such likely dire results worth it?

If this bill passes, I predict dire results at the polls for Republicans in 2018 and beyond. And you will most wholeheartedly deserve this retribution.

**WE ARE WATCHING.**

Sincerely,

Kathleen Chapman

[REDACTED]

Charlottesville, Virginia 22911

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Karen Dorgan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:39 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Upcoming vote in Senate

I am opposed to the Graham/Cassidy bill. As someone who has worked in education for much of my adult life, I am concerned about the impact of Medicare cuts on students with disabilities, many of whom rely on Medicare for services and supplementary aids. Leaving decisions to individual states as to how to use limited funds puts these students at risk of losing the support that makes their participation in public education possible.

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

Sincerely,

Karen Dorgan

Montpelier, Virginia

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**From:** Gail Ammons <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

I am writing to ask that the ACA be left in place and not repealed. My husband has medicare and i will soon have it as well All Americans have the right to health care It is shameful that millions of Americans would be without health care if the ACA is repealed.

Gail Ammons  
Arlington. Va

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jayne DocPol2016 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Criminal

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

The Graham Cassidy proposal is heartless, poorly designed, and destined to do great harm.

I urge you to not support this legislation.

Jayne Docherty  
[REDACTED]  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802



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**From:** Leigh Ann Craig <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please do not pass Graham-Cassidy

My family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Among the four of us -- my husband, myself, and my two daughters -- we may now count five pre-existing conditions, none of which are attributable to poor health choices on our own parts. My husband and I are professionals -- indeed, experts in our respective fields of endeavour -- and continuously employed; we are not, functionally speaking, disabled, and neither is our daughter. And yet, even for we "responsible" citizens who are not, in the words of Mitt Romney, "takers," this bill would probably make it impossible for us to bear the costs of college for our daughters, a goal for which we have sacrificed much. It could possibly make it impossible for us ever to retire. Imagine, then, what it would do to those in even slightly less favorable circumstances. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Leigh Ann Craig  
Associate Professor of History  
Virginia Commonwealth University

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**From:** [REDACTED] behalf of Laurie Koth <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH Comments

To whom it may concern:

Please know that I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill and would like for ObamaCare to remain intact.

I am appalled that I even have to point out health care is a human right, not a privilege, and we should be moving toward universal health care coverage. In a country with as many resources and blessings as the United States, everyone ought to be able to take for granted access to medical care.

Thanks,  
Laurie Koth  
[REDACTED]  
Powhatan, Virginia 23139  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Annette Landi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare Bill

To Whom it may concern:

I am very concerned about the Graham Cassidy bill. Rushing a life altering (or life extinguishing) bill through does the American people a TOTAL injustice. It is not as important to get a healthcare bill through quickly it is MORE IMPORTANT to GET IT RIGHT. The right way is working bipartisan with your Democratic counterparts. Working one side of the isle is counter productive and does not help any american. Are you more concerned with winning or doing the right thing for all Americans? It is imperative that healthcare is available to: elderly, disabled, children and people with Pre-existing conditions but really, for all Americans. This bill does not do that. To say it does, is a political trick and a bait and switch. Adding in provisions for Alaska to get a vote is just despicable and underhanded. STOP it, do the right thing for all Americans. We are the Richest nation in the world and surely giving the nation healthcare should be part of the budget and part of your mindset. When major groups: AMA, the Diabetes Association, Medicaid Directors around the nation disapprove of this-you must listen. What you fail to notice or refuse to realize that people in this country did not realize Obamacare IS ACA. Well, folks, THEY KNOW NOW and the majority of people in this country do not want a repeal. Just fix it, that would be easier and more cost effective. Stop wasting tax dollars trying to push through a bill that is horrible and will KILL Americans. Be smart, be a hero. Do not bring this horrible bill up for a Senate vote.

Thank you in advance,  
Annette Landi  
[REDACTED]

Virginia Beach VA 23462

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**From:** Bruce Donnell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Bruce Donnell  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506

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**From:** Reta Lockert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Fixing US healthcare is not about repealing the ACA

I believe that everyone in the US deserves quality healthcare. If the ACA is replaced by a patchwork of state policies, only individuals with considerable means could be absolutely assured of coverage. My own prior experience was that when I turned 60, despite my personal good health, my insurance premiums soared. Earlier, when my pre-school aged son had repeated ear infections and had ventilation tubes placed in his eardrums, it was impossible even to get health insurance for him because I was not covered by an employer's plan.

Because of my own experience and my awareness of that of others—as well as the hasty and haphazard process of attempting to pass the bill without the daylight of debate and sufficient committee time—I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I hope Senator Alexander's efforts with Senator Murray will be encouraged and a bipartisan outcome will address current ACA shortcomings and lead to the healthcare security Americans deserve. As Senator McCain observes, "A bill impacting so many lives deserves a bipartisan approach."

Sincerely,  
Reta G. Lockert  
Santa Rosa, California

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**From:** Jennie Angell [REDACTED]  
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Jennie Angell  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

WILLITS, California 95490

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**From:** Emily McDonald [REDACTED] >  
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Emily McDonald  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Wichita, Kansas 67215-3013

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**From:** Gary and Seraphina Landgrebe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:42 PM  
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Gary and Seraphina Landgrebe  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Soquel, California 95073-2523



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**From:** Michael Herzog [REDACTED] n>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

So I have had a pre-existing condition since I was 12. I am now 50. I have been through the insurance nightmare before the HCA. I was denied coverage, I had to go on a high-risk pool plan through my state, and I could not afford that plan. What you are proposing would be a disaster for people like me and there are millions of people like me. Do the right thing and do a bipartisan effort to fix the HCA. No on This latest repeal effort without a CBO score, expert hearings, constituent input. Thank you

Michael Herzog  
Adco Marketing

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Tonette Dire  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Phoenix, Arizona 85051

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Madison, Wisconsin 53704

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Sonoma, California 95476

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Ira Zimbler  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Easthampton, Massachusetts 01027

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Michael Pardee  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Knoxville, Tennessee 37919-6631

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Shawn Manion  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Kearney , Nebraska 68845

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Ronald Drahos  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bloomington, Indiana 47401



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Peter Bailey  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Canton, New York 13617

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Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825

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Aptos, California 95003

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[REDACTED]

Santa Rosa, California 95405

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**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

I'm so tired of thieving and crooked Republican swine trying to steal everything we have and I'm excited for Robert Mueller to take him down which he's very good at doing. That the....?  
Seriously evil creatures!!

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Tucson, Arizona 85711

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Susan Allison  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Greene, Maine 04236

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This 'present' to these companies comes in the same bill that republicans have said to citizens, "Screw you. I've got mine." Absolutely criminal and outrageous!

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stacy R  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

New York, New York 10016

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James Poisson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Wakefield, RI, Rhode Island 02879



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**From:** Sue Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

This is NO way to legislate. Half of you have NO idea what is in the bill. Is it open to scrutiny by Health Care Companies and hospitals?

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Sue Williams  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ventura, California 93003

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

Finance Committee,

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Thank you,

Sindy Mau  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mendota Heights, Minnesota 55118

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Ryan Davis  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Burbank, California 91502

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**From:** Toby Friedman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham - Cassidy Bill

Dear Representatives,

I am quite upset at your lack of ability to represent the interests of so many people in the United States. I have great health insurance. You have great health insurance as do you co-workers. And yet you are willing to take away the healthcare of thirty-five million Americans that you represent instead of working with the Democrats to fix it. This is seen as irresponsible by the public. How were you raised? What did your parents teach you? What about your teachers in school, college?? Your religious teachers said nothing about doing the right thing? I don't get it! Yesterday when I was writing a letter to my like minded friends, I accidentally wrote, "Healthcare is for all of US." Get it? If you do the right thing, the vote will be 100% against Graham-Cassidy. I still believe in you people. Please don't disappoint me.

Toby Friedman  
[REDACTED]

AZ

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**From:** Sadie Leigh Rothman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** In Opposition of the Graham-Cassidy Bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a freelance artist and yoga teacher, I feel grateful and fortunate to eek out a living doing the things that I truly love, and serving my community in the best way I know how. However, because I am not a full time employee anywhere, I am not offered health care coverage by an employer. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Sadie Leigh

Washington, DC

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**From:** Madeline Eller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** "Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017"

Please, on behalf of the most vulnerable of our country, it is so important that this awful bill does not become law. We cannot allow the Home of the Brave to deteriorate into the Home of the Greedy.

*Madeline Eller*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jean Conde <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I support affordable health care for all. I would like to see the ACA worked on in a bipartisan effort. Do your job and do it right!

Jean Conde  
California

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Rebecca [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions, disabilities is that my husband was born with a Heart Defect. Without insurance that covers preexisting condition he would die. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Smith

San Diego, CA



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**From:** Kim Humphrey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** RE: KFH Testimony for Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal- for Sept 25 2017  
**Attachments:** GC Proposal- Finance Committee Testimony for 9-25-17.docx

My testimony is in e-mail below, copy also attached:

Title Of Hearing: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017

Kim Fulmer Humphrey  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Distinguished Members of the Finance Committee,

My families' story on why the Graham-Cassidy bill must be defeated-

My story-

My name is Kim Humphrey and I urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am 61 years old and find it unacceptable that my premiums could be more greatly increased than there current rate, due to my age. In addition, despite a healthy lifestyle of good nutrition and exercise, when I was 60 I was diagnosed and successfully treated for Lymphoma. It is incomprehensible to me that I now have a pre-existing condition that could require me to pay far more in premiums.

Also I am the parent and guardian of a son with autism. His life would be ruined by the Graham-Cassidy "repeal of Obamacare". He depends on Medicaid for the Home and Community Based Service waiver. This waiver was in place for decades before the Affordable Care Act was created. To say that this bill is just a repeal of the ACA is false representation. It would wipe out the quality of life of thousands of people in Maine with developmental disabilities who function within our community due to the support of this "optional" Medicaid Program. My son would be one of them.

My daughter is 30 and lives in Boston. The cost of living in Boston is high. She is a director in a non-profit organization that does not pay a lot. She is also getting her Master's in Public Administration. She barely makes ends meet. She has a severe dairy allergy and could not afford to pay a higher premium due to a "pre-existing" condition.. I imagine that at age 30 marriage and children are not too far away. She also could not afford to pay

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**From:** Teri Gruenwald/ Karen Cohn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Graham Cassidy ACA repeal

I want you to vote NO on the new Obamacare repeal (Graham-Cassidy) on Monday.

Thank you,  
Karen Cohn

[REDACTED]  
Oakland CA 94602

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Adele Sommers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** How the Affordable Care Act saved my life

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2016, I was in between insurance companies after having moved from one part of my state to another. During that interim period, I visited a local dermatologist in my new hometown. He looked at a hyper-pigmented area on my face and immediately recommended a biopsy. When the biopsy came back a few weeks later, I was diagnosed with melanoma, located a few millimeters from my right eye. This meant that by the time I was signed up with a new insurance carrier some weeks after that, I already had a pre-existing melanoma condition.

Even though my new insurance plan was through my husband's employer, here's what I think could have easily happened had the ACA's provisions NOT been in effect:

- 1) I could have been denied coverage for my cancer treatments altogether due to the pre-existing condition. The two operations that were necessary to deal with my cancerous condition cost nearly \$80,000 — an amount I would not have been able to afford. That included the extensive reconstructive surgery that was required to rebuild half of my face.
- 2) Even if I had somehow NOT been denied coverage, I might have hit a variety of limits that could have capped the maximum expenditures allowed. Fortunately, I did not have to have those kinds of conversations.

Thanks to the ACA, my new insurance carrier did not hesitate to pay for my treatment. This is a testament to the way in which EVERYONE is protected by the ACA, regardless of their coverage status — not just those who receive coverage through the exchanges or through Medicaid.

Sincerely,

Adele Sommers  
Ukiah, CA

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I suppose the medical device makers will need the tax cut because their profits are going to fall when 32 million Americans sacrifice their lives because they can't afford to pay the premiums for the insurance to pay for the procedures or their States don't offer the procedures as part of their block grants. It's one way to reduce government costs. Let the State Government Death Panels decide who lives and dies.

Juli Bauer  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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John Markowitz

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

New York, New York 10024

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**From:** Betsy Zeiner [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-cassidy hearing

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Zeiner

East Aurora, NY

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Susanne West <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Repeal Plan

My daughter and two of her four children have life-altering illnesses, and we know many people with pre-existing conditions whose lives and well-being would be at risk without affordable healthcare.

We urge you to vote no on the upcoming bill and request that there is a bipartisan effort to reform Obamacare, rather than repeal it.

Thank you,  
Susan West  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bernadette Phillips [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Everyone benefits when everyone has health care. This is a public health care issue as well as private. Don't you want your restaurant servers and childcare providers to be healthy? I do. Emergency rooms are overburdened when people do not have health care. Be a mensch and protect health care.

Bernadette Phillips  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Debbie Gockowski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** graham cassidy bill

Senate Finance Committee,

Please do not support the Graham Cassidy bill. This bill would cause millions of Americans, who you represent, to lose precious health care or cause their healthcare to be too expensive. My parents, who are senior citizens, already have a difficult time affording their medications, both are on medicare, and this bill would make it impossible for them. That's not fair to them. Both of my sons, my grandchildren and myself - all of pre-existing health conditions and this bill would cause us all to lose our insurance and the medication we all need to stay alive.

This health care bill and all of the attempts the republicans are trying to pass to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act, are so ridiculous. The Act that President Obama put in, actually helped all of my family members finally get healthcare and the medications we all need to stay alive. Many of you claim to be pro-life, well then prove it to all of us: work together with the Democrats and come up with an affordable plan that will benefit all of the American people and NOT the people who you want to put money in their pockets - or who are putting money in your pockets.

Do the job you were all elected to do and represent the American people and not the corporations who bribe you all with money. Stand up against the prejudices against the people you are being paid to represent and act like human beings not money grubbing selfish politicians.

Deborah Gockowski  
Forest Lake, MN

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**From:** Melissa Elliott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I don't know why you need comments

You and everyone else in the world (including the bozos who are advancing this heinous bill) are already well aware of what's wrong with it. There's nothing right with it! It's a bald-faced attempt to muddy Barack Obama's legacy, and they don't care if they take down the whole country in the process. Women's health issues have been decimated. This is the most sexist piece of work we have seen out of Washington so far. The sheer nerve of Trump announcing that he's essentially doubling the defense budget so these clowns can order our armed forces to go make war on everyone in the same week that Congress says to us Gee, we don't have enough money for Medicaid or Medicare or well, any health care at all for you is beyond belief.

I worked for myself for 10 years, from 1998 to 2008. In all that time, I never had health coverage. I was younger then, and I took a giant risk that I could skate by without needing it. And fortunately for me, I was lucky. Then I changed careers and started working for a city, which provides health care. I've done that for 10 years, and now my plan is to go back to working for myself; so I was so happy when the ACA passed because I thought, finally, a self-employed person in this country can buy health coverage for themselves, and even maybe at a fairly reasonable price. But I'm hesitating in this career move that I want to make very much, because if I can't get health care, then I don't dare leave my job.

I now have health issues that could be considered pre-existing. I'm within a few years of Medicare coverage, but if that goes away, then I'll have nothing. Meanwhile, these fat cats sit in the seats bought and paid for by their constituents, and their salary isn't enough--instead, they take money from whoever will give it to them, and then do their bidding like a bunch of panderers. This government is a travesty. I'm ashamed to be an American. I'm ashamed that our government can't look at every other government in the world that has enacted single-payer health care for the benefit of their citizens and see that it's the right thing to do and do it. I'm embarrassed that people believe I voted for any of these people or am on board with their agenda. It's humiliating, it's aggravating, and it's wrong.

So yeah, do you really need my comments? I'll bet you have a box full of email just like this one.

But here they are.  
Melissa Elliott  
Los Angeles, CA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not dismantle it. Please strive to protect millions of Americans who need your help to afford quality health insurance.

Thank you, John Beede

[REDACTED]  
Carmel, Indiana 46032

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Deborah Howe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for G-C hearing

I am a single, 58-year old fairly healthy woman, and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. The loss of three dear family members this spring, after a long period of my having been their caregiver, left me with an annual income curtailed by illness and loss. It also left me feeling vulnerable to the threat of losing my own health-care policy. My policy is safe, for now, and so is my health, and I feel the great good fortune of that situation. I am also aware of how disastrous the Republican changes to the ACA will be for me.

And so I absolutely oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

It is time for Congress to stop opposing the will of the majority of Americans , and start working for the good of us all.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Howe  
Lincoln, MA 01773

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Alexis O'Brien <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** opposition to Graham-Cassidy bill

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

Sincerely,

Alexis O'Brien  
Beacon, New York

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Lari Evangelinos, [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

You need help to know what's right? Republicans are greedy pigs, and Democrats are being bought. You're all pretty pathetic in the eyes of more and more voters. If you let this bill pass without a screaming, drag down fight, you will lose every election. PERIOD!  
wE HAVE TO pay YOU NOW TO BE REPRESENTED?

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Lari Evangelinos  
[REDACTED]  
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Forbestown, California 95941-0073

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repeals and replaces the Affordable Care Act,  
lowers total cost,  
lowers premiums,  
lowers deductibles,  
cuts Medicaid,  
eliminates the individual mandate,  
covers pre-existing conditions,  
and covers as many people as possible.

Sounds like Medicare For All to me.

Please suggest Medicare For All to the Republicans and anytime you are on tv.

Seth Morgan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California 92024



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Georgia Shankel  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chicago, Illinois 60624-2953

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San Jose, California 95118-2206

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**From:** Joan Kimball <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Cassidy-Graham Bill for Hearing September 25, at 2:00 in room 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Joan Channing Kimball  
14 Hillside Road  
Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773

September 22, 2017

**Regarding Hearing on the Cassidy - Graham Health Care Bill September 25, 2:00 P.M./Committee on Homeland Security/Room 215 Dirksen Building**

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Cassidy-Graham Health Care Bill that will be heard by the Committee on Homeland Security on September 25 at 2:00.

This bill, which is being rushed through the Senate (in order to meet the September 30 deadline that requires only 50 votes to pass), is deeply flawed and does not follow processes which are essential for protection of all Americans.

This bill will endanger health insurance for tens of millions of Americans who will not have the access to affordable coverage and care provided by the existing Affordable Care Act .

I am especially concerned with the reduction of Medicaid that will result from inadequate and temporary block grant funds to states. I understand that the greatest cause for families to become bankrupt is a serious, debilitating—and unexpected—health crisis. We Americans need a safety net. Healthy Americans provide the strong workforce that we all need.

I am equally concerned about the effect of the Cassidy-Graham Bill on low income families, children, women, people with disabilities, older Americans, and those with preexisting conditions. Defunding Planned Parenthood would especially harm low income women who go to Planned Parenthood for preventative medicine.

For the good of all Americans, Senators must work across the aisle to get a good bipartisan bill, take the time to gather data from all sources including the Congressional Budget Office, and to hold adequate number of hearings (not just one hearing with limited participation), debates and opportunities for amendments to ensure that Senators from all states and all points of views receive fair and just consideration.

We Americans want to be proud of our government; we want transparency in our government, and, we want evidence that that our Senate represents us and supports our needs.

I strongly urge you to defeat this bill.

Sincerely,



Joan Kimball

cc. Senator Ed Markey  
Senator Elizabeth Warren

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**From:** edward ryan [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>  
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edward ryan  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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Carol Miller  
[REDACTED]

Xxxxxxxx

Newtonville, Massachusetts 02460



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Shirley Drake Byers

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], New York 12025

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**From:** Emily KelIndorfer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

Graham-Cassidy would make 32,000,000 people uninsured.

The bill also has a \$20 billion tax break for the medical device industry, which has \$230,000,000,000 in tax-free profits stashed offshore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emily KelIndorfer  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Joy LaClaire <[REDACTED]>  
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Joy LaClaire

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bozeman, Montana 59718

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**From:** Courtney Gerber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My daughter, mother-in-law, and sister-in-law all have pre-existing conditions.

Without coverage, the cost of surgery and continual care to treat my daughter's Craniosynostosis, a pre-existing condition that was discovered when she was 12 months old, would translate into life-long debt. Without coverage for her pre-existing condition of cancer, my mother-in-law could be faced with deciding between bankruptcy or a shortened life accompanied by excruciating pain. Without coverage, my sister-in-law's pre-existing condition of high blood pressure, stemming from pre-eclampsia, would likely mean life-long debt as tests and medication adjustments continue in an effort to determine why her body is unable to regulate her blood pressure since the birth of her child two months ago.

For millions of Americans, the passing of the Graham-Cassidy bill will mean choosing between bankruptcy and certain death. This is not an exaggeration. The number of people I know personally who would struggle greatly if the ACA is repealed turns my stomach. The list is comprised of more stories than the three I've shared above. This bill's message: the health of Americans is not important. Sick? Fend for yourself. No resources? Too bad and good luck.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. We must care for each other. Hope is fragile in our country right now and putting the lives of our people in the balance is morally reprehensible.

Sincerely, Courtney Gerber  
Minneapolis, MN

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Nancy O'Quinn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy ACA repeal

Dear Senators,

I have ACA/Obamacare insurance due to pre-existing conditions such as Kidney Cancer and heart surgery for a defective Aortic valve. I have been happy with Obamacare which is affordable, and would like to keep it. I would encourage you to vote no on Graham Cassidy because it doesn't offer enough protection for those of us with pre-existing conditions. Please try a bi-partisan effort to ACA repeal and replace to solve the problems some people are experiencing with the ACA. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Nancy O'Quinn  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** hilda richy <h[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill (Trumpcare)

Please vote no on Graham-Cassidy Bill. It's inhumane.

Thanks,

Hilda Richey  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Sydne Didier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please veto the Graham-Cassidy Act

I am writing from Massachusetts, where my family and I have lived for 19 years.

Last year, my husband suffered a health crisis requiring hospitalization for one week. At the time, he was unemployed, seeking a new job, and we were reliant upon my salary alone.

Without access to affordable healthcare during that time, our family would have been in dire financial straits. Instead, due to the ACA, we were able to get the healthcare my husband needed. During a stressful time, we did not have to worry about how we would pay for it, and could concentrate on his getting better.

Upon his recovery, he was able to get a fantastic job offering great healthcare coverage, and we were able to return to our life, and able to work on recovering our savings without also having to manage debt that would have put us underwater in ways that would have been impossible for us to manage.

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,

Sydne Didier

[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Barbara Zaha <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Barbara Zaha  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Saint Charles , Illinois 60174



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**From:** Holly Santos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** VOTE no on Graham-Cassidy - Protect Medicaid

Dear US Senate,

The Graham-Cassidy proposal is an egregious attempt to take away health care from children and adults with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. It would devastate the state budget for health care in Massachusetts. I urge you to oppose this proposal.

cc Senator Warr [REDACTED] and Senator Markey ([REDACTED])

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Julie Christensen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing 9/25

My family and I rely on good quality, health care, so I am opposed to the dangerous Graham-Cassidy bill. I have psoriatic arthritis, an auto-immune disorder which has already caused me to require knee replacements and expensive drugs to manage. Without my insurance, there is no way we could afford this. I would be wheelchair-bound and couldn't make music or teach. My mother relies on Medicare, and our son has had issues that have needed medical attention, so we're grateful that he can still be on our insurance at age 24.

Please have the compassion to put people above politics and the heart above the almighty dollar! Stop the madness of this last-ditch effort to undermine the ACA. You've had seven years to come up with a decent strategy to fix health care, as you describe it, and you haven't. Please work in a bipartisan way to provide better care for all Americans. The ACA is working. Make it work better. Don't dismantle it, putting millions of Americans' lives at risk.

Sincerely,  
Julie

Julie Christensen  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Tara Woolpy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:43 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I object to the Graham-Cassidy bill

My name is Tara Woolpy and I'm a very healthy sixty-year old woman with a pre-existing condition. I have a right bundle branch block in my heart's electrical system. It's a completely asymptomatic congenital condition which is benign for the vast majority of the people who have it. Mine was diagnosed when I had an EKG as part of an application for life insurance. I deeply regret that application for life insurance because it catapulted me into the high risk insurance pool, even after my physician wrote a letter to my insurance company assuring them I was healthy.

For years after my diagnosis, I was forced to be on Wisconsin's High Risk Insurance Pool. The coverage was terrible. My deductible was very high and there was a lifetime cap of 1 million dollars, all of which meant that I essentially had catastrophic health insurance only as long as my catastrophe was not long, expensive or reoccurring. Fortunately I did not get catastrophically ill during that period and thanks to Obamacare I am now covered by my employer.

I am personally terrified by the Graham-Cassidy bill. I'm afraid, not only for myself but for all those who have not been lucky enough to get employer sponsored healthcare, especially those who are unable to afford health insurance (which could soon be most of us).

I urge you all to vote against this cruel and heartless bill.

Sincerely,

Tara Woolpy

Mincqua, Wisconsin

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**From:** Anne Alcott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:44 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care bill

Dear Committee,

My family and I depend on affordable, quality healthcare. Like all families, we have had our share of unavoidable maladies - cancer, Alzheimer's, broken bones, and the run-of-the-mill viruses and infections. A return to the days of pre-existing conditions and scant coverage could ruin us and so many hard-working and gainfully employed people we know. I urge you to vote against this latest healthcare bill. It is essential not only for my family but for the well-being of our country and our economy.

Annie Alcott  
Berkeley, CA  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** gregory danzker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:44 AM  
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gregory danzker  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Tania L. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:44 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Health should not be a luxury- it is a right, and it is about human dignity and compassion and decency.

Three months before we were set to be married- only six months ago- my husband was diagnosed with lymphoma. He's a man who has been a vegetarian for 20+ years, who runs 5-10 miles several times a week, and who has never smoked or used illicit substances. And even with all of these healthy behaviors, without ANY family history of lymphoma, there we were. Our wedding plans had to be canceled. He had two surgeries, numerous scans and biopsies, and then chemo. I've been taking care of him solo (our families live far away), and trying to keep everything else going as the sole breadwinner in the house.

If we had not had access to quality, affordable healthcare, we could not have kept our apartment, and we would have gone bankrupt. One of the drugs in his chemo regimen was priced at over \$13k per dose! And we are privileged people. We are young, have good careers and educations, are able to afford living in one of the most expensive cities in the world, and do not have debt or other sources of instability in our lives, and without healthcare, we STILL would have drowned.

I cannot even imagine what the situation would have been like for people less fortunate. The idea of having to choose between rent/ food/ transportation and health is just horrifying. Nobody should have to make choices like that.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Health care should not be "political." It is an ethical, moral issue: people should have a baseline of healthcare so they can focus attention on being productive members of society, instead of making health something for the wealthy. Punishing people physically for being poor is disgusting. And more practically, denying healthcare makes people sicker, increases ER usage and more extreme medical procedures, which just ends up costing more in the long term.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely, Tania Lihatsch  
San Francisco, CA

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Dennis Bille  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211

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**From:** Steph Thompson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:44 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA Repea; - DON'T!!!

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Both my husband and I have preexisting conditions. He's nearing retirement and I'm self-employed with we cannot afford my healthcare without the ACA. We worked hard to be able to retire – don't take that away from us! I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Stephenia Thompson

San Mateo, CA



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Yasu Inoue  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

New York, New York 10016

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**From:** Brad Hanson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:45 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Bill

The graham cassidy bill is bad. Do not pass it. Please work on a bipartisan solution that will actually guarantee healthcare to all

Brad Hanson  
[REDACTED]  
Rochester MN

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**From:** Harry Haskell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Senate Finance Committee Hearing, Sept. 25, 2017

Public Comments on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

We write to voice our extreme opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal. We are very discouraged that instead of continuing down a bipartisan path and working on issues to improve the strength and stability of the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) marketplaces, the sponsors of this legislation have put forward a proposal that will:

- Eliminate the financial assistance that helps low- and moderate-income families purchase health care coverage;
- End expanded Medicaid coverage that helps millions of low-income adults;
- Gut Medicaid through deep, permanent cuts that would grow over time and threaten care for millions of low-income seniors, children, and people living with disabilities and shift massive costs and risks to states;
- Jeopardize access to life-saving and effective treatments for addiction and weaken states' efforts to address the current crisis of drug overdose deaths
- Undermine essential protections for people with pre-existing conditions;
- Resurrect - *and worsen* - the devastating cuts in coverage and benefits that the American public and the majority of Congress have already rejected.

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal threatens the health and financial security of millions of Americans including older adults, low-and moderate-income families, people living with disabilities, veterans and people with preexisting conditions. It does nothing to improve affordability or availability of coverage for consumers and will likely result in tens of thousands of Connecticut residents losing coverage by 2027 and will undermine the financial stability of our health care system and place additional fiscal strains on our state budget. Below we've laid out in more detail our concerns with this proposal and the devastating impact it will have on consumers.

**Eliminates programs that serve as a lifeline for low- and moderate-income families.**

This proposal takes away secure coverage from millions, and replaces it only with the possibility of inadequate and temporary coverage. It ends the ACA's successful Medicaid expansion, which has extended coverage to nearly 12 million newly eligible low-income adults. It also eliminates the ACA tax credits that 10 million low- and moderate-income people rely on to afford coverage in the individual market. Although it replaces this funding with a block grant to states, the proposal offers no guarantee that states will provide an alternative affordable coverage option to former enrollees - and indeed the block grant is inadequate to pay for comparable benefits. The block grant ends in 2027, leaving states and former enrollees with no help whatsoever. We do not believe it is likely that Congress would reauthorize additional funds for these programs at a later date, because the funds would no longer be in the baseline of the federal budget. Congress would therefore have to identify and reauthorize a new funding stream – something that would be extremely difficult, if not impossible.

**Threatens care for low-income seniors, children, consumers with substance use disorders and people living with disabilities.**

This proposal also threatens the care of millions of low-income seniors, children and people living with disabilities who relied on the Medicaid program even before enactment of the ACA. By capping and slashing funding for the traditional Medicaid program by 12% (\$1,079 billion) between 2020 and 2036, the per capita cap will force Connecticut to cut payments to health care providers and health plans, eliminate optional services, and restrict eligibility for enrollment - all of which could restrict access to important health care services for Medicaid enrollees.

No eligibility category would be immune to the impacts of these cuts. Since children make up almost one-half of the Medicaid beneficiaries, they cannot possibly be protected if cuts of this magnitude are enacted. Cuts to Medicaid would also leave consumers with substance use disorders without access to the most effective treatments for addiction and to life-saving overdose medicine. And seniors and people living with disabilities would also face painful cuts, since Medicaid is the primary payer for long-term services and supports. Community Based Services - the services that keep people with cognitive and physical impairments home and in their communities - are "optional" in Medicaid. The fiscal pressure created by per capita caps will likely lead states to cut back on these services, forcing seniors and people living with disabilities out of their homes and into institutions for their care. And the burden will likely hit communities of color especially hard, where Medicaid enrollment is especially high.

**Pushes massive new costs onto states.**

All states, including Connecticut would take on new risks and costs because this proposal converts the overall Medicaid program into a per capita cap. Under this proposal, the federal government would cap its payments to states for most enrollees, and those caps would grow more slowly than actual Medicaid expenditures, leaving Connecticut with insufficient funding to meet its current obligations. In addition, states would be fully exposed to any unexpected health care cost increases, such as from a natural disaster, an aging population or medical

innovations. The per capita cap alone would reduce federal Medicaid spending by 12% (\$1,079 billion) by 2036.

Because federal dollars for Medicaid account for about 20% of state budgets, FitchRatings “believes substantial Medicaid cuts would require states to make material budget adjustments over the next decade and beyond.”<sup>[1]</sup> And by pulling coverage from so many, this proposal would drive up uncompensated care costs on local communities, state budgets, safety net providers, and hospitals.

### **Increases premiums and out-of-pocket costs and destabilizes the individual market.**

By repealing the individual mandate and eliminating advanced premium tax credits and cost sharing reductions, this proposal would drive up premiums and cause insurers to exit the ACA’s marketplaces. As we know from previous CBO projections, repealing the individual mandate alone would increase the number of uninsured individuals by 15 million and cause premiums to increase by 20 percent. Furthermore, by replacing the financing of the ACA’s financial assistance with a block grant without any guarantee that states would direct their temporary block grant funds toward financial assistance, this proposal puts the Connecticut residents who currently rely on financial assistance at risk for sharply higher out-of-pocket costs and coverage loss.

Beyond the impact of this proposal on individuals, insurers currently selling in the Connecticut marketplace would face extreme uncertainty. Because this proposal allows states to change the market reform rules under the ACA and because there are no requirements or standards on how states must use the block granted money, insurers would likely face completely unpredictable risk pools. To make up for this uncertainty, insurers would likely impose large premium increases to protect themselves from unpredictable claims costs or choose to exit the marketplace completely. This means that consumers who purchase coverage on the individual market would likely have fewer coverage options, much higher premiums and no guarantee of financial assistance to shield them from the increasing out-of-pocket costs.

### **Eliminates critical consumer protections.**

This proposal allows states to eliminate one of the most popular and important consumer protections under the ACA - the prohibition on charging higher premiums based on a person’s health status or a preexisting condition. This means that in states that choose to eliminate this requirement, insurers could charge individuals with even relatively mild pre-existing conditions thousands of dollars above standard rates to obtain the same coverage as someone without a preexisting condition. Additionally, this proposal allows states to waive the requirement that insurers cover essential health benefits including mental health services, substance abuse treatments and maternity care. This could lead to discrimination against segments of the population (e.g., older adults, LGBT community) or consumers with specific chronic conditions (e.g. mental health or substance use disorders). For example, this could return us to a time when insurers only covered short-term, minimal treatment for mental

health or substance use disorders, if they covered it at all. Before the ACA, almost half of plans in the individual market excluded addiction treatment.

**Lacks transparency and opportunity for meaningful input.**

We believe that everyone should have a say in the decisions that affect their health. With only one hearing scheduled days before a possible vote, and without a full CBO score to properly evaluate the budgetary and coverage loss impacts, it is impossible to have an open and deliberative process that would allow for a true evaluation of and meaningful input on the policies in this proposal that would affect millions of people and one sixth of the US economy. We encourage a return to “regular order,” as requested by many members of the Senate and supported by the American public, which would require the opportunity for stakeholders, including industry experts, providers, consumers and state policymakers to weigh in.

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[1] “Fitch: Latest ACA Bill Includes Medicaid Repeal and Replace Provisions for States”,  
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Sincerely,

Ellen Cordes

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Guilford, CT 06437

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**From:** Jennifer Turner [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:22 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Pre existing

Hello,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions is that before the ACA my Mom was not able to afford health care due to having had breast cancer before. Those were terrifying times when we were very worried what would happen if she got sick. I also have had things that may be considered pre existing conditions and am afraid to be in the same circumstances without quality affordable care. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Turner

San Jose, CA

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Jennifer :-)

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**From:** Claudia and Jim Cox [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Hurley, Wisconsin 54534



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Healthcare is not a privilege only for the rich.

Alain Cloarec  
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**From:** Johanna Best [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** testimony regarding Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

I, my family, and many other fellow Americans rely on quality, affordable healthcare.

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

The Affordable Care Act has personally bettered my life, in that a person dear to me, who happened to have a pre-existing condition, was able to purchase insurance coverage under the ACA, and that coverage allowed that person to continue with the necessary treatment to fully recover. Without the ACA, that person would have been denied insurance coverage.

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

Thank you,  
Johanna Best  
Washington, DC

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**From:** Sharon Day <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

Now that I have retired and qualify for Medicare, I face only a small share of the concerns and costs that burdened my family and me when I was working: co-insurance and co-pays, access to specialists, high deductibles, limited prescription coverage. However, I now fear for a future under Graham-Cassidy that could profoundly affect my adult children, grandchildren and great swaths of others in a country where individual states would determine the scope and resources for insurance coverage and Medicaid. My career as a social worker in community-based non-profits in three different states put me in touch with thousands of people facing disabilities, chronic health conditions, poverty, and low-wage jobs that offer no benefits. How would they manage under Graham-Cassidy? In particular, the likelihood that people with pre-existing conditions – or women who bear children or could bear children! – would face higher premiums or capped benefits horrifies me. We are better than this as a country.

I adamantly oppose the passage of Graham-Cassidy and urge members of the committee to reject it. The proper procedure for re-vamping the ACA is through real bi-partisan effort, including public hearings and the opportunity for amendments from the floor, not through an expedited end-run to save face for members of Congress who swore for seven years to “repeal and replace” it. People across the country now support the ACA and recognize its positive effect on health care access. To avoid further defeat and embarrassment, a few Senators are moving in haste to use the budget reconciliation rules (before their expiration September 30) as the only avenue for passage of an ACA repeal through a simple Senate majority. Too much is at stake for people across our country for you to allow this to happen. Please act on principle and work across the aisle to improve the Affordable Care Act, not scuttle it.

Sincerely,

Sharon M. Day  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Val Esway [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment about Graham-Cassidy bill

Greetings,

Thank you for noting my comment in regards to the Graham-Cassidy bill.

With a family who has a history of cancer, my family rely/relies on access to quality, affordable healthcare. My mother is nearly 80 and is relies on Medicare for her health care, and it would devastate our family if she were to lose access to Medicare. My father died of cancer several years ago and was able to receive quality care up to the very end of his life, including hospice care and being able to die at home, surrounded by family, because of Medicare.

I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not a repeal, especially not with this bill which is even worse than the previous repeal bills. The fates of 30 million Americans rely on this.

Sincerely,

Val Esway  
Oakland, CA 94601

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**From:** Diana Duecker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** What Graham-Cassidy would mean for me

I am 39 years old. Three years ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer. My ability to have affordable health care in the future relies on my insurance company not being allow to charge me more because I have a pre-existing condition. This applies even if I never get sick again. If the cancer were to come back, however, I would be financially devastated without proper coverage. If annual or lifetime limits come back, surgery, chemotherapy, or even radiation would eat through my savings in no time. I have seen the bills.

With the power to decide whether to charge me more in the states' hands, I worry about my future. I know there are millions of other Americans in similar situations. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

I am not so naïve as to believe the ACA is perfect, but the ACA protects people like me, so I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Diana Duecker  
New York, NY

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**From:** James Scoville <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM  
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**From:** Mike Armstrong <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:02 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

Please vote AGAINST the Graham-Cassidy changes to health care. We deserve a system that takes care of all of us, not just those who are fortunate enough to be able to afford expensive health care and insurance. Please spend your time focusing on how to make things better for all US citizens, not just the wealthy and the privileged. We deserve a bi-partisan effort to make ACA better, not attempts to destroy it and throw most Americans into fear and turmoil.

Mike Armstrong  
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**From:** Noreene Janus [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:10 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to the Graham Cassidy bill

I'm writing because I am strongly, vehemently against the Graham-Cassidy bill. I totally believe that the US should offer universal health care like other advanced nations. So many people in my family and friends have pre-existing conditions, chronic illnesses and disabilities, so that affordable health insurance is a MUST. Please push a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Noreene Janus  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Linda Carlton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

Senators, please do not support this bill which will have a negative impact on so many Americans. Most of us do not care about the act of repealing Obamacare. We know when you said "repeal and replace", it was just political rhetoric. Most of us want you to repair the current law since it contains a health care philosophy that embraces the majority of us. We really need medical costs under control as the middle class continues to be financially assaulted. Most of us support Medicaid and don't want you to strip funding from it and give it to those who are wealthier than us. Most of us want the Democrats and Republicans to work together for what is in the best interest of Americans instead of advancing a political agenda. Please listen to John McCain about this issue of working together. We are one, and if you are a Christian, please remember what Jesus said about loving those who are the least among us. We urge you to stand on the right side of history and not worry about which side of the aisle you stand on. You now have an opportunity to make a real difference in the everyday lives of Americans. Please do what is morally right for the average American.

Linda Carlton  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mayra Montrose <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The "Graham-Cassidy" bill

Dear Senators and Staff,

My name is Mayra Montrose and I live in Virginia. I am very fortunate to be of good health and to have a good job that allows me flexibility in life. I have a son that is Autistic. As it is, I spend thousands, yes, thousands of dollars out of pocket every year to take care of him. He is 17. But he is growing and soon he will be 26 and will not be able to stay in my insurance. I implore you to please take into consideration disabled individual and mental health care. As I wrote, I have the means but so many do not. Mental health care is barely covered by insurance as it is. There is a dearth of medical professionals that can deal with issues of autism in adolescents. I have been counting on Obamacare to be able to afford insurance for my son when he enters adulthood.

The USA is the only industrialized country that does not offer comprehensive health care to all individuals. This is a shame and a travesty. All citizens deserve the right to access to health care. Investment in health is even more important than investment in education or defense. Without a healthy citizenry our country will continue to decline.

I ask you to please vote NO on "Graham-Cassidy". It will leave too many people without proper insurance. We can do better than that. Fix Obamacare but don't drop people off health insurance.

Very respectfully,

Mayra Montrose  
Alexandria, VA

ps. and regarding coverage of pregnancy, please don't get me started... if babies don't have proper care from conception we cannot expect our kids to be the best and the brightest.

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

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**From:** Shelly Bird <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Health Care Repeal Bill

I wish to make some comments on this bill as an American citizen. I am particularly concerned about two things: the destruction of Medicaid, which is unconscionable and irresponsible. And the impact on people with pre-existing conditions. I will talk just about the pre-existing conditions problem in this e-mail, and try to explain why it affects us so personally.

First, I am lucky enough to be a relatively wealthy citizen, perhaps in the upper 2% range. I have a good job with excellent health insurance—not as good as what Congress gets, but as good as it gets. I am 57 years old today, my husband turns 69 in two months, and our son is 17 years old, just getting ready to go off to college. I live in Virginia. I have family in Oregon, Alaska, and New York.

I've read the bill carefully, and despite the claims it will cover people with pre-existing conditions with reasonable premiums, the language is clear: it allows States to decide to push people with pre-existing conditions off their health care rolls. Lifetime caps would be back.

When I think about our extended family, I cannot identify a single person who does NOT have some sort of pre-existing condition—small or more serious. Most of the conditions are genetic: in my immediate family, our son has Crohns disease, and I had to have two hip replacements because of hip dysplasia, a genetic condition I was born with and which resulted in arthritis at the age of 45. My husband had a heart attack, as his father and brother did, and has a stent. My father is 92, has a defibrillator implanted, macular degeneration, and numerous other small problems that need steady attention due to his age—but he is still very bright, active, and engaged.

Then, aside from the fact that pre-existing conditions are in my experience all too common—I don't believe we are an anomaly—I wonder what states would do with genetic testing. For instance, if you test positive for BCRA breast cancer gene, will the State automatically withdraw coverage for cancer care? Of course the States will; don't underestimate the greed given the chance to drop people with 'markers' of future trouble. We've got history to point to; it happened before and it will happen again.

My family is lucky enough to be relatively healthy for the moment, managing their health issues and staying in balance. All are productive, hard working citizens, including even our young son, who is working as a programmer in the IT Industry regularly already, and could be a very bright addition to the country's future.

However, if the support for keeping us in balance is removed, all of us will end up in the hospital, racking up massive costs. My son's drugs alone cost \$1200 to (at the upper tier of drugs, which we have managed to keep him off of so far) \$3600-\$5000 a month. Without coverage, we calculate we would go through our substantial savings within ten years paying to keep our son out of the hospital. My husband has lost weight and walks daily since the heart attack and the miraculous stent, and has as a result been able to drop to a minimal set of drugs and shows no signs of issues anymore—extending his work life by at least a decade if not more. My hips cost a lot of money, over \$150K. They never would have been affordable under this new bill, but were covered by my employer. Those hips allow me to continue my career another two decades and avoid sitting in a wheelchair for the rest of my life, as my grandmother who had the same condition did. It allows me to continue to be a productive citizen, to earn enough to support us in our old age. Investments like this make quality of life bearable, and keep my family off the welfare and disability rolls.

In short, Graham-Cassidy would devastate my immediate and extended family financially, making us dependent or eventually driving us to early and painful deaths. But this is not the most horrifying fact: *we are the lucky ones, we are among the 2%*. Our deterioration would happen over the next five to ten years, but the effects of this bill will be inevitable. Whatever savings we personally have would be sucked into the pharmaceutical industries' outrageous profits, into the health insurance companies, and into lobbyists' pockets, particularly at the State legislature level.

So if Graham-Cassidy passes, I believe the best use of my money is not to wait for devastation. I plan to take it all out and become a political activist to stop Gerrymandering, to vote out any senator or congressman who voted for this awful bill, and transform my state legislature. I believe we need a minimum of 35% women represented, because it is clear largely male senatorial and congressional representatives don't understand care taking and are in the pocket of the medical industry. Probably because these men have never had to personally handle medical crises, have always handed this off to their wives, sisters, and daughters, thinking it is a 'woman's natural place'. I believe these men have never had to sit at the hospital day in and day out holding the hand of their father or mother as they fought their way through pneumonia, or watch over a child struggling through bad bouts with a chronic illness for weeks. They have never ever had to throw over their job because of a family member who needed their help through a medical crisis, as my sister did, to take care of my mother when she got cancer.

If Senators and Congressmen had had these experiences, they would never have put forward Graham-Cassidy.

In sum: despite having worked very hard for over 30 years now, saving carefully so my son does not have to go into debt to get a college degree, now Republicans are failing us abysmally with this bill. Our son will have to worry about taking care of us in our old age as premiums can sky rocket without the no more than 3x the cost of a healthy person. He will struggle to convince employers with decent health care that despite having his condition, he would be a valuable addition to their staff— and if he can't convince them, he will go downhill pretty rapidly once our money runs out to pay for the drugs.

What bothers me most is Graham-Cassidy bill would destroy not only my son's future, but the country's economic health. This bill is absolutely insane, please do not pass it.

Work instead on a bipartisan solution that combines Medicaid for basic prevention health care across the board, and unleashes the more innovative R&D with capitalist incentives for the rarer diseases, such as the one my son has. I think a hybrid solution would be best right now—not just single payer, but a unique mix that is just like America itself.

Regards,

Shelly Bird

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**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Lesley Gallagher <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:46 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA Repeal - Comments for Hearing Record

Dear Senators,

Repealing ACA is not the answer and will harm many Americans. Please vote against this and work in a bi-partisan way to fix what is wrong with the ACA. This is a purely political effort and not in the interests of the American people.

Thank you

Lesley Gallagher  
Virginia Voter

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Leigh Stafford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Casidy Bill

My brother relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My brother had a heart attack last year. Because of the ACA he was able to get insurance coverage which has helped to keep him alive. Since there is such uncertainty in the market due to the Senate's attempt to repeal the ACA rather than work in a bipartisan effort to improve it, his insurance company is cancelling his insurance as of the end of the year. If the Graham-Cassidy bill passes, his ability to get insurance will be almost impossible. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Leigh Stafford McLean

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Donia Spott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:06 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Please don't repeal and replace the ACA. The Graham Cassidy bill is heartless. Affordable access to healthcare is not a privilege. Cutting payment for mental health services harms us. My son died by suicide last year. Virginia already has inadequate mental health provisions in place--less would be a travesty.

Do the right thing. Show you care. People matter.

Donia Spott



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**From:** Jude C <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

This bill would kill people. It would cut my mother's post-stroke care to almost nothing and her therapy is what is helping her to regain skill. WOMen of childbearing years would have to consider the cost of pregnancy, so children would become another game only for the rich. This is not a bill that provides healthcare; it is yet another way to repress the rights of the average to allow the rich to soar. That is not America. This bill is a travesty.

Judith N Cleaver, Virginia Beach, VA

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Judith  
Southside Calendar Editor for MyActiveChild

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Suzanne Douglas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:02 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please retain ACA

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please do not give in to the pressure being applied by large donors and by the President himself to repeal the ACA. "Pleasing a base" is cowardly and not the same thing as "doing what is right."

Here are several reasons to stand firm:

- 1) I am a constituent of Virginia. I have been on the ACA since its inception and am very happy with it.
- 2) Yes, the premiums are high. But as an entrepreneur, I no longer have access to a company healthcare plan. I feel relaxed about my healthcare for the first time, especially with regard to pre-existing conditions.
- 3) I do not mind paying higher premiums if this means that the rest of the country can have access to health care insurance.
- 4) The health-care system was long overdue for a remake in this country.
- 5) The Republican party has never once given a logical reason for repealing the ACA, nor supplied a "better plan." If they had, the country would be embracing it with open arms. (Come to think of it, this point should probably be number one on my list.)
- 6) Finally, it feels to most of us in the country who do not wish to overturn the ACA (see polls) that the only reason Congress is "going after" the program is because it was invented under the Obama administration. This is not an intelligent, worthy or dignified reason to dismantle a program that has been put in place to help the citizens of this country.

If the ACA has "problems," solve them. I know you can do this. Destruction without reason is a terrible, terrible policy.

Kindly,

Suzanne Douglas

SUZANNE DOUGLAS  
*Owner and Certified Image Consultant*

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

Finance Committee,

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Camille Chong  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Honolulu, Hawaii [REDACTED]

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**From:** John Clark [REDACTED]  
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John Clark  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

San Diego, California [REDACTED]

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Mary Weber  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Scottsville, New York [REDACTED]

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**From:** Nansi Weil [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

, In addition to cruelly depriving 32 million people of their chance for health and well-being, Graham-Cassidy gives 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.

Graham-Cassidy and its single hearing are a combined a moral embarrassment and outrage given the life and death matters at stake.

Lead your colleagues in rejecting Graham-Cassidy and devise a bill in which 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. The current Republican bill should be phrased such that the poor -- mainly children and the elderly -- should suffer and die at the pleasure of the rich. A disgrace and a tragedy.

Nansi Weil

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Santa Rosa, California [REDACTED]

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**From:** JOYCE LAKE [REDACTED]  
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JOYCE LAKE  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MC NEAL, AZ, Arizona [REDACTED]

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**From:** Amber Petersen [REDACTED]  
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Amber Petersen  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Berkeley, California [REDACTED]



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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:13 PM  
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H. Asumen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Kapolei, Hawaii [REDACTED]

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**From:** Susan Sanocki [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

Stop this madness! Giving tax breaks to donors and upper income brackets at the expense of healthcare to the majority of Americans will not make America great again, just sick and dying!

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Susan Sanocki  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Bigfork, Montana [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Howard, David R [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:36 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Please repeal the ACA. It has disrupted our insurance process, done nothing to control costs, and contributed to a stagnant economy by making it harder on small business owners to hire. Mark Warner is my senator, but knows nothing about working class people. If I had his money and could make \$6 Million on Russian stocks, maybe the ACA wouldn't matter as much to me. But I can't. Please repeal the ACA.

David R. Howard

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kerry Gilpin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Health Bill comment

Hello,

I would like to make clear my opposition to this Bill. It would hurt millions of Americans and only benefit a few ultra-rich individuals who seek still less of a tax burden than they already enjoy. Their fair share of financial support is more needed than ever to rebuild our country's infrastructure, support true health care reform (single-payer, like almost all other "advanced" nations and quite a few not-so-advanced), fund public schools, and a long list of other important programs.

Please at least give CBO time to study the Bill, as is proper. But most of all, do not pass a Bill that makes health care more expensive, denies coverage for existing conditions, would gut Medicaid, and would certainly leave millions without any coverage at all.

Kerry Gilpin  
Falls Church, VA

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Carol Burke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** OPPOSE GRAHAM-CASSIDY!!

My family and I family 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.

**DO NOT REPEAL THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.**

Sincerely,

Carol Burke

[REDACTED]

Fairfield VA [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Connie Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment on Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Repeal Bill

For the record:

Through no fault of hers or her parents, my daughter Julia was born with a rare disease called cerebral cavernous malformation caused by a genetic mutation on the CCM3 gene. As a result, she underwent 4 brain surgeries to remove hemorrhaging lesions and a spinal fusion to correct severe scoliosis all before she was 12. Despite this difficult start, she is working hard to become a productive member of society in whatever way she is able.

Before ACA, our premiums just for her coverage were over \$1000/month even though she was a child. She was nearing her lifetime maximum for coverage. The idea that states like mine may apply for waivers to remove protections for families with seriously ill family members frightens me beyond words. Julia still has more than 60 cavernous malformations in her brain and could require a brain surgery at any time. To compound this, I am now 55 - too young for Medicare but old enough to be hit by the dramatic premium increases older Americans will see - and my insurance comes from the individual market. I try to take care of my health, but age and its effects wait for no woman. As a single mother, under Cassidy-Graham, I know I will be one hospitalization - either my daughter's or mine - away from medical bankruptcy, even with high-risk pools.

I ask that the Finance Committee, along with HELP and anyone else in the Senate who shares this interest, work together in a bipartisan way to repair ACA so that deductibles are lowered, but also to preserve the mandated community rating based premiums, limits on age-related increases, removal of lifetime caps, and opportunity for young adults to remain on their parents' policies.

Medical bankruptcy serves no one; ACA has dropped the medical bankruptcy rate by 50%. It falls within the role of federal government to improve the lives of Americans, no matter their state of residence. Let's strengthen ACA to drop the rate even further rather than repeal ACA and revert to our previous approach that cost so many so much.

Thank you,  
Cornelia Lee

[REDACTED]  
Palmyra VA [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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

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Frederick Tuck  
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[REDACTED]

stanardsville, Virginia [REDACTED]

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**From:** Erika Bukva [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:04 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

I was blindsided by a breast cancer diagnosis last year at age 35. I have a teacher husband and two young sons, and I work for my local government. I have always played by the rules: full time employment, highest tier health insurance (even when I took Leave With Out Pay after each of my sons was born). I don't smoke, I eat clean, and generally try to be a good person. We save our money carefully and plan for our childrens' futures. I did a monthly self-exam just like I was told. Well, cancer doesn't play by the rules. So now I will have a pre-existing condition for the rest of my (hopefully long) life. I have received hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of care. If there was a lifetime cap, what is going to happen to me when I reach the age when people \*usually\* get cancer? What's going to happen to me if I can't work, and there is a lapse in my coverage and now an insurer can deny me because I had cancer in 2016? Any dreams and plans I may have had about starting my own business or doing something different are gone. I am chained to my employer so that I can afford the treatment to stay alive. What happens to my children if our family is bankrupted to pay for my care? Why is that a choice a mother has to make? These are not political buzzwords or hypothetical situations in our house. I didn't "deserve" cancer, and I don't deserve to be discriminated against, and have my life ruined financially and emotionally, because I was unlucky enough to get cancer.

Erika Bukva  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Manassas, VA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jaime Benjamin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No more cuts

To whom it may concern,

“My name is Stephen Curtis. I live in Norfolk Virginia. I have a disability that limits me from being able to work the way I want to work. I live in my own house and like making my own house rules. I need help and any cuts to my resources will make life harder. Please don't cut from people that really need help. Thank you.”

**Jaime Benjamin**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Norfolk, VA [REDACTED]

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## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Dee Pisciella [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Dear Finance Committee Members:

I realize you know that at least half of Americans have "pre-existing conditions" and that many millions rely on Medicaid. I know you also understand that Americans have grown weary and very frustrated about this continuous threat to healthcare as we know it today. You have seen the 20% support for the bills submitted before, yet here we are again. Hence, Congress has the lowest approval ratings in history, not because you don't act, but because you don't act on behalf of your constituents, the American people. If this is repealing ACA because it was nicknamed by the GOP with hatred as "Obamacare", then that's ego talking, and it's not legislating "for the people" "in order to form a more perfect union" as you pledged to do. And voting for this bill really says we cannot rely on your integrity, your oath of office, or your conscience to do the right thing. Americans know this is not about "keeping campaign promises". It's about getting the funds you need to implement tax cuts and other agendas. Since when does our beloved Senate impact 1/6th of the economy in a rush with a secret bill that can cause great harm and probably premature death? All to meet a politically motivated deadline. Hurt Americans to meet a deadline or generate funds for your personal agenda of assuring rich people donate to keep you in office...has it really come to this?

Simple facts to consider:

1. Americans will have Senate imposed limits on potential life span and risks of prematurely die without healthcare coverage.
2. People without healthcare coverage will be forced back into utilizing ERs for service, costing us all more for healthcare in the end. We've "been there done that".
3. Conservatively, we know that almost all seniors and over half of all Americans have "pre-existing" conditions. If you leave it up to the states to decide how to cover them, premiums are guaranteed to rise even more than we could ever imagine from the flawed ACA. Most seniors are on fixed incomes. To punish those citizens with this bill endangering coverage from their supplementary insurance and surely increasing costs after they have spent 5-10 DECADES paying taxes and being great citizens is criminal. Kids with disabilities or pre-existing conditions will suffer if their parents can't afford to cover them. UNITED STATES CITIZENS WILL DIE. If you want to be a Senator who votes to support a bill that can kill Americans to satisfy a few big donors, then I guess you cannot be called a "public servant" but are a "donor servant."
4. Why is it right in this UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for healthcare to be available according to where you live? What state do you know doesn't have a budget crisis going on right now in public safety and education alone? How do you expect them to fill the gap without federal money? Raise taxes so you don't have to politically? It's like expecting Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, etc to survive without federal help. It can't be done. People will die and people are dying there now.
5. Why are we the only developed country without healthcare access for all people? And why are we the country with the highest costs yet ranking 18th in positive healthcare outcomes in the world? Politically thinking how much money you have determines whether or not you deserve to live is wrong. Maybe because you may believe the government can't handle a healthcare for all approach. Of course, we seniors and all vets know better. Medicare works. I don't want to think you believe that we cannot go there because the healthcare lobbyists and the pharmaceutical donors to you are opposed to it. If you believe that, then ask yourselves this one question. "Why is the entire health industry, even private healthcare providers, against this bill? Simple. It's unfair, ghastly cruel, costly beyond words and will totally disrupt the healthcare industry and healthcare for Americans. By the way, I've been treated twice in universal healthcare countries and received not only immediate but excellent care.
6. If premiums will rise for most Americans, some with deadly or chronic diseases, why are you considering this bill at all? I don't want a kid who happens to live in another state to die because his/her state didn't cover them, do you?

7. If this bill passes, the GOP will be held accountable. It makes no political sense for this not to be a bipartisan approach, other than pressure you feel from rich donors. We will all pray you see that the voters who actually put you into office will have the final say. One voter gets one vote regardless of how rich they are. And they are probably more important to you than those rich donors. It's called Democracy.

7. Finally, President Trump promised better "amazing" healthcare for all Americans at lower premiums with lower prescription costs. Yet, he supports any bill that repeals ACA and we all know he is clueless about what this bill says. But, Senator, you DO know. If you want to keep campaign promises, an often heard phrase when these ugly bills raise up from the House or Senate, your job is to get the entire Congress involved, in the open, with clearly transparent debating and input, and get us the best bill possible for ALL AMERICANS. That requires federal leadership by Congress to set the standards and requirements. What would happen if you gave Medicare to the states? Chaos. Uncertainty. Early death to those who can't get services based on where they live. Can you really live with that regardless of where you come from?

My Dad used to say "A job worth doing is worth doing right". That's healthcare. Do it right. Speed does not lend itself to doing it right. Secrecy does not lend itself to doing this right. Party pushed answers does not lend itself to doing this right, regardless of which party is doing that. Many felt ACA was party pushed. Hence, the repeal and replace slogan. Now those same critics are doing exactly the same thing.

A Senator's character is measured by how he or she acts when no one is watching. Character determines integrity. Ask yourself if you have good character and integrity in your heart, as you approach this bill. We expect only the best from the Senate, the body with the same representation from each state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I hope I made a difference. This is a very critical time for the American people.

Sincerely,

Dee Piscella

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

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**From:** Eryn Hasty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

**Me and my** family rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. There are numerous patient organizations that are also against this bill.

My husband and I both have pre-existing conditions and this bill per physician and legal experts does not ensure protections.

Seriously for the love of Pete, this is not smart, this is not helpful, this is a terrible legacy.

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

Thank you,

Eryn Hasty  
Fredericksburg, VA

Louise Tuck

  
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

September 22, 2017

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I have a longstanding interest both personally and professionally in healthcare policy and so strongly urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy health reform proposal. I have spent over ten years lending through Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI's) to Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHC's) in the Midwest and nationally, initially as a 40 year resident of Illinois and, since 2015, of Virginia. It is clear to me that this bill will have a devastating impact nationally on populations with limited access to healthcare services for adults, including those with disabilities, insufficient financial resources for unexpected medical events, and for seniors sufficient lifelong resources, and, in the case of children, no voice or vote in the debate.

I have also been involved since 1987 with Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, where I continue to serve on the Public Policy Committee so am particularly focused on the last category – children, who are broadly served by Medicaid and, in the case of children with chronic complex conditions, may be the only adequate financial resource to enable them to access critical services, both medical and developmental, and enable their families to provide the in home support that is both family and patient friendly as well as most cost effective.

The Graham-Cassidy health reform proposal will not only dramatically cut vital Medicaid funding nationally – by almost \$300 billion in 2027 including \$9.3 billion in Illinois and \$3.8 billion in Virginia; it also threatens health care access and coverage for more than **30 million children insured by Medicaid.**

The Graham-Cassidy proposal removes the certainty which that states count on to provide health coverage to our most vulnerable children -- including those impacted by natural disasters and public health emergencies.

Further, this bill weakens consumer safeguards. As a result, children in working families would no longer be assured that their private insurance covers the most basic of services -- regardless of any underlying medical condition.

Our health care would become much more expensive than it is now, and this bill would have devastating consequences for families.

The bill jeopardizes children's access to vital care and has no protections for those who have pre-existing medical conditions. One in four children in America are insured by Medicaid. This bill

very significantly reduces the best investment this nation can make in medicine - the health of our children.

I implore you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy health reform proposal and instead work to find solutions that will improve care for our children.

Sincerely,

Cc: Senator Durbin  
Senator Duckworth  
Senator Kaine  
Senator Warner  
Jill Fraggos

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**From:** Kristie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:35 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

This bill should not receive a vote until the CBO has had a chance to do a full analysis.

Kristie Brookshire  
Gloucester, Virginia

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** Kathleen Hoffman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:15 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

I am 73 years old, and have been one of the fortunate ones for many years because I've always had health insurance through an employer. About 20 years back I did an article for a local magazine on health care insurance. I interviewed people who were like me, and people who were without insurance. I wound up losing my journalistic detachment over the smugness of many who were insured, vs. the desperation and uncertainty of those who were not.

We need Obamacare, improved Obamacare (as someone wrote, call it Ivankacare if that will make it more palatable). Decent health insurance should be the law of the land, and fairness demands that it not be different state to state, particularly in an age when political corruption seems to be growing.

Kathleen Hoffman  
Reva, VA



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**From:** Theresa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Dear elected officials;

We (the people) are the majority in this country. Yet, ourselves, our children, our families are being greatly jeopardized by the actions of a few- our Senate. Our Senate. The very people we elected to serve us are placing us at risk.

Sadly, I have to speak up again and again or my family will suffer. I should not have to. You should respect that you were elected to serve us not the 1%ers but you don't. The Koch brothers have poured 400 million into defeating ACA. Why? Because they want more money for themselves. It is simply greed.

Please know that I see the "inhumanity of taking away healthcare from pregnant women, children, the vulnerable and those with pre-existing conditions". Why don't you?

I am disappointed in Bill Cassidy, John McCain and Lindsey Graham. How could they do this?

Thank you for standing strong for the people Mark Warner and Tim Kaine. Virginia is so proud of you.

I vote every year. I will organize and resist this Lindsey-Cassidy HealthCare abomination.

Shame on anyone that votes for this. It is a miscarriage of justice.

Sincerely,

Theresa Ryan  
Sent from iPhone

"For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die." T Kennedy

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**From:** ROBERT ULLMAN [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:24 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Dear Senators,

The Graham Cassidy bill is a travesty, and we all know it. I realize that the entire thrust of the Republican party is to undo anything the previous president ever did. But if we truly want to claim we're the "greatest nation in the world", as we're so fond of doing, there must be a better way.

The *people* make this country great, not petty politicians and not insurance companies. Quit screwing around and serve your constituents.

Sincerely,

Robert Ullman  
Richmond, VA  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Laura Dent [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do NOT allow the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal healthcare

Please BLOCK this horrific bill from becoming law. Without even an analysis from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), how can you possibly (as the Finance Committee) even consider allowing this bill to pass?

Do your duty and block this bill. Thank you very much for your service.

Laura Dent  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

The Graham-Cassidy bill shortchanges those that need healthcare the most in the richest nation in the world. Do not approve this bill.

David Searle  
Springfield, VA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bartels, Aileen W \*HS <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:39 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Hello,

I am writing to express my misgivings about the proposed Graham/Cassidy healthcare bill. From what I have read, this bill will cause severe consequences for millions of Americans, in particular those who are the most vulnerable: children, the disabled, the elderly, and veterans.

I've been getting most of my information from Andy Slavitt, former acting administrator of CMS, and what he says is alarming, particularly claims that 32 million people will lose their health insurance, a 20% spike in premiums next year, the end of protections on pre-existing conditions, inexplicable cuts to family planning, maternity, and women's healthcare, and the decimation of Medicaid. The republican party claims to be pro-life. How can they not realize that the single best way to save the lives of unborn babies is to provide prenatal care?

American families – even those with good jobs and comfortable incomes – cannot survive under these cruel conditions. I'm one of the fortunate people with employment and no serious financial stresses, but as a registered nurse in a public healthcare facility, I am well-acquainted with the struggles people face when they need healthcare. A single dose of some infusions for cancer and other chronic conditions can cost thousands of dollars. This bill will force people to choose between losing everything in order to fight a serious illness, or just living out their illnesses with no treatment and dying in agony because they can't afford it. Even healthy people are affected. When I worked as a trauma nurse, I saw over and over again, young, healthy people who were suddenly confronting expensive surgeries, imaging, hospital stays and follow up therapy, because of a moment of distracted driving, or a fall off a ladder, or any of the many freak accidents that happen to people.

On a personal level, I have an adult son with a serious chronic illness. He is able to manage his illness now, but if he were to lose coverage due to his pre-existing condition, you would be turning a productive, employed, tax-paying young man into an invalid, most likely dependent on welfare. How can you justify doing this to the millions of people who work while managing chronic conditions? Also, my husband has congenital heart and kidney defects that have led to an aortic aneurysm. It's stable, but it's a whopping pre-existing condition. Why should he (or anyone) face financial ruin and death for a condition he was born with?

Furthermore, it's grossly irresponsible and negligent to vote on this bill without a CBO score.

Sincerely,  
Aileen Bartels (Charlottesville, Virginia)

Aileen Bartels RN  
Senior Clinical Applications Analyst  
Meaningful Use/Regulatory  
UVA Health System

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**From:** sandy crane <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Letter submitted for Sept 25th Hearing on Graham-Cassidy Proposal to Repeal ACA  
**Attachments:** finance committee.pages

Dear Finance Committee: Attached is my letter/testimony on the Graham-Cassidy Proposal to Repeal the ACA hearing scheduled for Sept 25th at 2pm. Thank you. Sandra King, [REDACTED], Arlington VA 22213

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**From:** Susan Wloszczyna [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:50 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The health bill

Rushing to meet a deadline without regard to the consequences of what this health bill will do to 32 million people is the essence of hypocrisy. We pay taxes. We pay your salaries. You won't lose your health care. We the citizens will. Vote no on this bill for the sake of all of lives.

**Susan Wloszczyna**  
[REDACTED]  
Herndon, VA 20170

Office – [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Chelsea Fowler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:49 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Re: Graham-Cassidy Comments  
**Attachments:** Graham-Cassidy Bill.pdf

Dear Committee,

I am writing to submit comments on the Graham-Cassidy Bill for the Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing on September 25, 2017. Thank you for entering this testimony into the record.

Sincerely,  
Chelsea Fowler

[REDACTED]  
Arlington, VA 22203

On Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 8:41 AM, Chelsea Fowler <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I am writing to submit my comments regarding the Graham-Cassidy Bill. As someone who believes that all everyone should have access to high-quality, affordable healthcare, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill and urge you to vote against this harmful bill. This bill will greatly reduce federal spending on healthcare, strip billions of dollars from states, and disproportionately harm Medicaid recipients.

I turned 26 my second year of graduate school at George Washington University and was unable to continue receiving coverage on my parents' health insurance plan. I enrolled in Obamacare (Affordable Care Act) for a year until I was able to obtain coverage through my employer. The coverage I received under Obamacare was more affordable than short-term coverage from an independent insurance company or student insurance at GWU and it allowed me to receive the care I needed, including well-woman visits and primary care visits. I was fortunate to find a job a few months after graduating and obtain insurance coverage from my employer, but many people in this country do not have coverage through an employer and rely upon the ACA and Medicaid expansion to receive health benefits.

The Graham-Cassidy Bill is not about the health of the country, it is about the health of the Republican Party. It is an irresponsible piece of legislation that continues to victimize this country's most vulnerable populations, which is why I urge you to vote against this bill.

Thank you,  
Chelsea Fowler  
Arlington, VA  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** gchcomments

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy travesty of decency.

It will do irreparable damage ( read death and permanent disability) to Americans of all ages.

There is not one single professional health care organization that supports it.

Patriots would oppose this bill.

People who want to retain their jobs would oppose this bill.

Warmest regards,  
Alicia M. Todd,  
Falls Church, VA

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**From:** Geraldine Woodley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:02 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** lcantrell@thearcofva.org  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

**Importance:** High

Dear Finance Committee –

Please do not pass this horrendous piece of legislation that will truly adversely affect the disabled and poor citizens of our nation. You, who sit in Washington, nor your families not have to worry about your health care ever again. But for our 32-year old disabled and medically fragile daughter, Medicaid is all she has. Her disability is only \$1068 a month and \$16 a month for food stamps. Could you live on that? Her position is not unique as there are hundreds of thousands Americans trying to have some semblance of a quality of life but on indigent funds!

We, her parents, have struggled all her life to take care of her and make sure she has what she needs but we are now senior citizens ourselves and Virginia has already cut Medicaid funding for the disabled. This bill will have a catastrophic impact on her and our quality of life. We can barely afford to have insurance ourselves due to the increasing cost of Medicare, forcing seniors to buy supplemental insurance coverage that goes up every 6 months, then add to this the Gap when prescription medication costs increase by as much as 400%. Please do not take away the fail safes that are in place now that protect against discrimination against pre-existing conditions.

Instead, look at the exorbitant salaries that insurance company executives pull in annually! We, the people, pay premiums monthly and still have to justify when we need to use the very benefits that we pay for! Insurance companies are even dictating how doctors can treat their patients. All this bill does is make sure that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Listen to the professionals who are speaking out against this bill and do what is best for the people you were elected to represent.

Give the people you represent the same health coverage that you who sit in Congress receive.

***PLEASE DO NOT PASS THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL!***

James and Geraldine Woodley

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Lawrenceville, VA 23868

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**From:** Mary Carroll-Hackett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:51 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Frederick, Julia (Warren)  
**Subject:** NO To Graham-Cassidy

Graham-Cassidy will harm every member of my family, both medically and financially.

My daughter, now in her 30s, was born with a very rare form epilepsy, and although she's only had two seizures in her life, and has been seizure-free for fifteen years, until the ACA, she was unable to get health coverage. Now, Graham-Cassidy would either deprive or price her out of health coverage and care.

My oldest son, in 2010, in a traffic accident that was not his fault, suffered a traumatic brain injury, requiring him to be airlifted from our small town to the neurological ICU at MCV in Richmond, Virginia. Miraculously, he survived, and is fine, but because of this medical history, Graham-Cassidy would either deprive or price him out of health coverage and care.

My youngest son, in 1994, was born premature with a kinked colon. Working with his doctors, we were able to avoid costly and complicated surgeries and control his condition through diet. This small fragile child went on to acclaim as a high school athlete, and will graduate from college this year, the picture of health and vigor, but because of this medical history, Graham-Cassidy would either deprive or price him out of health coverage and care.

My beautiful, bright, and funny seventeen month old grandson, Max, was diagnosed a few months ago with gross motor developmental delays, but since working with a talented and wonderful and subsidized physical therapist, he has made tremendous progress overcoming those difficulties. Thanks to affordable medical care, he'll be running in no time, but because of this medical history, Graham-Cassidy would either deprive or price him out of health coverage and care.

I am female, fifty-four, have had two miscarriages, two natural births, and one c-section. I've had orthopedic, ophthalmic, surgeries, as well as surviving an emergency appendectomy, all as a child. I recently went through a full cardiac work-up and was given a clean bill of health, but I suffer from Alpha Gal Mammalian Meat Allergy, as well as a host of other recently revealed food allergies, all resulting from a tick bite. I'm a university professor in Virginia, but even now, I can't afford my Epi Pen.

I have worked since I was nine years old, first picking cucumbers, working in tobacco fields, and started my 'official' work life at fourteen. I have been in the workforce for more than forty years, have paid my bills, paid my taxes, raised three kids by myself, will have, this year, graduated all three of those kids from college, and for the first time in my life, I felt I could breathe, focus on preparing for my last years. The GOP says we should 'plan;' I have. With just my one income, and three kids, I have put away money for retirement, and have long term care and final expenses insurance to do my best to plan for those final years.

Graham-Cassidy, between the premium spikes for those my age and the cruel policies for those with pre-existing conditions, will financially devastate me. It will devastate my entire family.

This is not healthcare. This is a death sentence for millions of Americans. It must be stopped. Please. Our lives are at stake.

Mary Carroll-Hackett  
Mother, Grandmother, Educator, Taxpayer, American Citizen

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**From:** Julian Stetkevych <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to Graham-Cassidy Bill.

Dear Senators,

I ask you to vote No on this horrible piece of legislation and the harm it will do to your fellow citizens.

Sincerely,  
Julian Stetkevych  
Yorktown, VA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Heather Kearney <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Healthcare Bill

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you with grave concern regarding the above referenced new healthcare bill. My concern is for my elderly grandmother who is surviving because of medicaid, and my permanently disabled sister who also depends on medicaid. ANY cuts to Medicaid - especially here in Virginia where it's tough enough to qualify for, would hurt my family. And I can't and won't let you harm the people I hold dearest.

My biggest concern is the speed and secrecy of how this has been drafted. There's no CBO score, you'd be literally voting on something that could have catastrophic consequences to MILLIONS of people.

Secondly, if this bill is "the best and only option" why does Alaska get to keep "Obamacare" as is?

Lastly, we the American taxpayers pay your salary and for your FANTASTIC health insurance, if what's in this bill is so wonderful, let's amend it to implement the same exact changes you want to force on the American people, again, the ones who pay your salaries, to your health insurance?

From what I've read, and not from partisan networks either, I do my own research, this bill endangers the lives of MILLIONS, including my own family. My disabled sister on medicaid has a brain injury...is that considered a pre-existing condition? Because let me tell you, it was not her fault a flat bed tow truck crushed her skull, now she'll be punished further? And not have access to the life saving medications she needs?

Furthermore, Rural hospitals in the South especially, are already having to close their doors because they have to service everyone and are in communities with 10-15,000 people, 20% of them below the poverty line and uninsured, so their debt keeps climbing without enough private insurance holders to make up for shortfall, so the one hospital for 50 miles has to close. For an ambulance to have to now travel 45miles to get to a distressed, dying patient, means more lives lost. This bill is the final nail in their coffins, and the communities they serve.

I'm begging you to please stop, please be HUMAN for one minute, what if that ambulance were going to your mother's or father's home? What if it was your sister, child, spouse with the head injury? Oh wait that's right, we pay for you and your families to have FANTASTIC healthcare.

**SINGLE PAYER IS THE ONLY OPTION THAT HELPS, NOT HURTS, ALL AMERICAN PEOPLE.**

This bill is heartless, it's mean spirited, it's downright PURE GREED. God will judge you harshly for your actions, but I guess that dead constituents can't vote against you.....

Thank you for your time, I hope you truly and sincerely listened, though I doubt it (just look at who sits in the White House, I'll save those thoughts for another time)

Heather Kearney  
[REDACTED]  
Palmyra VA, 22963



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Haley Gannon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham Cassidy

Hello,

Like millions of Americans, I rely on the ACA for affordable healthcare, and it would be devastating to me and many people I know if it were taken away. I personally am working full time as a contractor, and paying a lot of money for healthcare, but without ACA, I would either not be able to afford it, or my agency wouldn't offer it to me since I'm not a salaried employee. Insurance companies would also have the ability to deny me coverage for one of my health conditions. I would like to add that many things that are considered "pre-existing conditions" are targeted at women. I personally have Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome and take hormonal birth control to keep my hormone levels in check. This medication prevents me from having debilitating menstrual cramps, an extremely heavy flow, cystic acne, and dark body hair due to an abundance of androgen in my system. Luckily, this condition is not life threatening, but it does negatively impact my health. I know many close personal friends and family members who are only alive because of the ACA. They either would lose insurance coverage, or they wouldn't be able to afford the care they need to stay alive without it. It is morally objectionable to push a bill that would literally kill people that don't have the money to pay for the entirety of their healthcare. It's a bill that would kill poor people. That's the long and short of it. The way healthcare works is that the well subsidize the sick, that's how it's always been. ACA makes it even more equitable. I don't know where this idea came from that sick people should be responsible for 100% of the cost of their care. Nobody can do that unless they make a significant amount of money. And for all the preaching the GOP do about what good Christians they are, they seem to be casting aside the most vulnerable members of our society. It's disgusting and wrong. Please do not pass this bill into law.

Best,  
Haley Gannon  
(constituent from Charlottesville, Virginia)

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**From:** Peg Futrell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:22 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

I oppose Graham Cassidy. I am a senior, and have learned these facts about the proposed repeal bill:

- > Some seniors could pay more than 30K per year to keep their plans, according to AARP.
- > States can opt-out of coverage for pre-existing conditions, or allow insurance companies to make such insurance unaffordable through exorbitantly high priced premiums.

I will NO LONGER be able to afford health insurance.

Do not pass this abomination of a bill.

Regards,  
Peg Futrell  
Gainesville, Va

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**From:** Kimberly Jarrett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

This as well all other healthcare on the table is Heinous and possibly more so than any others. I voted for Trump but I did NOT VOTE to decimate Medicaid , the USA MOST VULNERABLE , disabled , children , elderly the poor those with preexisting conditions. We must put a stop and oppose the Graham Cassidy bill and work towards a bipartisan fix of the ACA . I am a 51 year old uninsured Republican . I am a direct care support professional who provides care and services to two gentleman who reside with my husband and I of 10 years, with intellectual disabilities, mental health illnesses and significant physical disabilities. I have a front row set to this circus of healthcare " reform" and how any cuts or caps to Medicaid can An will be disastrous and deadly . Additionally I have a 16 year of niece with Down syndrome who nearly died 6 months ago after emergency open heart surgery and nearly lost her leg , she spent 3 months in ICU . If she had not been given an emergency Medicaid waiver her parents would have suffered financial ruin . She had 4 surgery during that stay and her or care ins did not begin to cover it or all the rehabilitation and special equipment she needed when she got home. In addition to a family member who has fought and survived for 12 years numerous different cancers , she IS A PREEXISTING CONDITION, she also served 8 years in our nations military , Medicaid has had to kick in because she has maxed out everything else. And guess what she has a new cancer tumor on her urethra. We must find affordable healthcare for all Americans , we are by far anywhere near that with what our Senate keeps proposing . NO NO NO GRAHAM CASSIDY !!! NO CUTS NO CAPS TO MEDICAID ! PROTECT OUR CARE! Kim Jarrett 540-383-5056 Waynesboro Va.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Rosemary Lawler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

Dear Senators:

I am grateful I receive representation in the Senate from Mark Warner and Tim Kaine. I know I can count on them to vote against the abomination that is the Graham Cassidy health reform bill.

This is a bill that affects all Americans. We the people have been loud and vocal and visible that we want the ACA fixed, not repealed. You ignore your fiduciary duty to the majority of the American people because of your deal with the devil of the Koch Brother money machine. There are reports of them today threatening your campaign dollars, their purse is closed, without action on healthcare and tax reform.

Be honest. You KNOW they don't mean action that benefits the majority. They only mean action that benefits them.

Ordinary Americans cannot compete with \$400million from the Koch Brothers, with more from others like them. Our voices, our financial contributions to our candidates, our health needs (nor any other needs or opinions) cannot be heard against the onslaught of so much money that your uber-wealthy donors feel so comfortable throwing at obstructing every compassionate step government might take to help the rest of us. The Republicans who back this bill, or any other bill whose objective is to deny affordable care to all Americans, are saying clearly their allegiance is NOT to the American people. It is to the greed of their wealthiest donors.

Ordinary Americans should not have to fight you on this, when every survey has shown what the majority feels. Red state Governors are against this bill. Health professionals are against this bill. Hospitals are against this bill. Insurance providers are against this bill. Until recently, many Americans who have been manipulated with false information to hate "Obamacare" were unaware that the insurance they finally have through a state exchange such as KYConnect - which they LOVE - and Obamacare are one and the same. I'd cite article sources, but frankly I believe you all know that.

That there are issues that need addressing for the success of the ACA is true. Do. Your. Jobs. Fix those issues.

You're on the wrong side of history if you go forward on Graham Cassidy. You should be ashamed of yourselves - the rest of the world is. Find your courage and be patriots! Stand up to your dark money donors and recognize this country is better off without them .

Rosemary Lawler  
[REDACTED]  
Leesburg, VA 20176  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ann Barton Brown <annbartonbrown@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not Repeal Obamacare

Obamacare has enabled my friends, neighbors and family to get the health coverage they need to live and be productive workers. Do not repeal it on an effort to reduce the tax burden on the wealthy. The gap between the wealthy and the rest of us in America is widening dramatically. Do not hurt those people who are struggling to survive by taking away their health care.

Ann Barton Brown  
[REDACTED]

West Chester, Pa 19382  
[REDACTED]

Poulshot  
[REDACTED]

Millwood, Va 22646

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**From:** Ken Connor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** please vote NO on Graham-Cassidy bill

Ken Connor  
Vienna, Va.22182

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**From:** Pat Byram <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Please do not passed this awful bill which takes subsidies away from poor people, eviscerates Medicaid, and will end up rewarding states that did not expand Medicaid by punishing states that did. This is the worst bill put forward yet. Americans want universal coverage. This will leave many people with pre-existing conditions without affordable options, possibly causing death from treatable illness. This is immoral.

Americans don't care if you repeal and replace ObamaCare. We care that you insure that all of us can get the care we need regardless of our wealth or income. If you think about how this bill will affect people...The elderly, children, the disabled... You will not support this bill.

Pat Byram  
Oakton, VA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Graham Cassidy will hurt millions of Americans. Please preserve the ACA. It's far better than Graham Cassidy.  
Adrienne Schmitz  
Vienna, Virginia

Sent from my iPad



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**From:** Christine Eubanks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** My family's health care story

To the members of the committee: I am sharing my story as both an audiologist and the parent and spouse of people with special health care needs. My husband and I had our only child in 1996. My husband left his teaching job to care for our son, as it became apparent that he had what would eventually be diagnosed as autism. He took him to doctors and therapists, and while our son improved, my husband started to have health problems of his own. He was diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's disease in 2008. Because he had been out of the workforce for 10+ years, he does not qualify for SSDI. So I am my family's sole breadwinner.

We are fortunate to have health insurance, but passage of the Graham-Cassidy bill would end protections on discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions. Also, the current prohibition against lifetime limits on benefits would be lost. Insurers would no longer have to provide "essential services" like hospitalization (for example, Deep Brain Stimulation surgery that every Parkinson's patient eventually needs), behavioral health treatment (essential for autistic people), prescription drugs (that keep Parkinson's patients mobile) and rehabilitative services and devices. As an audiologist, I see the miracles that happen when children are diagnosed with hearing loss early and receive hearing aids and speech therapy.

Medicaid would be cut, particularly hurting poor children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Our son is currently on the Medicaid Waiver list, as we don't know what the future will bring for him. What if he can't get health care? I am not going to live forever.

This bill is opposed by the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, AARP, and on and on. Please work in a bipartisan manner to improve the system that we have, rather than changing for the sake of change.

Thank you,

Christine Eubanks

Mechanicsville, VA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill 09/25 Hearing Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Patricia Trotta, I am 25 years old and a Master of Public Administration student at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, Virginia. I am currently receiving chemotherapy treatment for a blood cancer at VCU's Massey Cancer Center.

VCU Health has billed my insurance over \$150,000 for my treatment. It has saved my life directly and has saved my fiance's life indirectly as well. When we are married, we will not have the burden of medical bills, so we will have the ability to pay for the things we want and need. This includes possibilities of a house, a new car, paying off student loans, and adopting a child of our own. My father's insurance has given me a new chance at life, a new chance to contribute to our improving economy, and a new chance to fulfill my public service motivation.

Your proposed Graham-Cassidy bill does not ensure everybody in the United States has the equitable chance at life. The unintended consequences of this proposed health care bill will be severe. Giving states the ability to set up their own rules for coverage can leave historically vulnerable populations unable to receive coverage. Those with pre-existing conditions (including myself) will experience inequity in states that choose to have premiums increase if this bill is passed. Many small, local, nonprofit organizations providing health care for their communities will have difficulties in meeting high demands for treatment, demands which will be unmet by other sectors.

I find it unfortunate we can go to the moon before the existence of the iPhone and cloud computing, yet cannot find a bipartisan solution for health care. I thank each of our senators for their service to the citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Trotta

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"They said we'll never get this game going if you don't run around the field. I said I didn't have the energy to make it. They said, "then walk." - Cal Ripken Jr.

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**From:** Amy Bojdak <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO REPEAL ON AHCA

Committee Members-

Our country can not rip healthcare away from millions Americans with this flawed bill. PLEASE listen to the people. Help us-don't KILL US!!!! Do what is RIGHT. Not what is political. Republicans who authored this bill admitted this was SOLELY A CAMPAIGN PROMISE-GOOD OR BAD MATTERS NOT!! How can you all live with yourselves if you take part in this bill??? Please work on a bipartisan solution to shore up the AHCA. Save millions of people-including my family!

With gratitude,  
Amy Bojdak  
Virginia

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Herbalist [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Committee,

I am a 64 year old woman with more than one pre-existing condition, two of which are chronic, and a pending biopsy. I am currently insured through the ACA and have had NO COMPLAINTS about the care I've received. It is AFFORDABLE, even without a subsidy, and I've been able to be insured with my pre-existing conditions for the past couple of years. My husband, who was also covered, had lung cancer and died this past February. Without the ACA, and if our insurer had been able to raise our premiums due to his cancer treatments, we would have had to declare bankruptcy. His medical bills were close to \$800,000 and all we had to pay out of pocket was \$7500.

Repealing the ACA without a FAIR AND CONSISTENT national plan will be devastating for millions of Americans.

STOP TRYING TO GET YOUR "WIN"! THINK ABOUT WHAT'S RIGHT!!!!

I have been in tears over the resurgence of this cruel and thoughtless last-ditch effort to make an unqualified disaster of a president look good.

SHAME ON YOU.

Thanks for hearing my personal stake in this debacle.

Regards,

Debra Markel  
[REDACTED]

Richmond, VA 23235

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**From:** Rebecca Wood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:02 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
**Attachments:** IMG\_3828.JPG

Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
September 25, 2017

Submitted by:  
Rebecca Wood

[REDACTED]  
Charlottesville, Va 22901

My name is Rebecca Wood. Due to preeclampsia, my daughter, Charlie Wood, was born ten hours into her twenty sixth week of gestation. She weighed one pound, eleven ounces and was the size of my hand. My NICU bedside vigil started because I did not want her to die alone. It's all I could do for her at the time.

Because of underdeveloped lungs, every breath required tremendous effort. Charlie's skin was so thin and frail I rarely got to hold her or touch her. She was too weak to cry. However, Charlie didn't give up so neither did I. I sat with her every day and begged for her survival. After three very long months, she was well enough to come home.

Without the ACA, Charlie would have exceeded her lifetime cap before coming home for the first time. Additionally, insurance coverage through my husband's employer would have been impossible since the circumstances of her birth are considered a preexisting condition.

Once Charlie was home, it wasn't over for us. Charlie faced many challenges as a result of complications from her premature birth.

Currently, services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy allow her to develop skills to lead a typical life. Likewise, her doctors manage any further complications that arise from her early arrival. Because of this careful management, she is growing and developing well. She is a bright, inquisitive, joyful, and beautiful child with incredible potential. Taking away these services is stealing her chance.

As I said at Senator Sander's press conference ( <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4682335/healthcare-4> ), at present, the cost of care forces me to make impossible choices. One which cost me all of my teeth and parts of my jaw. When I was pregnant with Charlie, we were looking at purchasing a home in Falls Church, now we will never own our own home. Despite a reasonable household income, we live paycheck to paycheck due to medical needs. I didn't think things could get much worse for us but if Graham Cassidy passes, it will.

The passage of Graham-Cassidy would cut access to her services and steal the bright future she has worked so hard for. Since this is the finance committee, I will appeal fiscally. It is much cheaper to pay for Charlie's services now than it is to pay for a lifetime of disability.

Additionally, with the passage of Graham-Cassidy my husband and I would have to further neglect our healthcare because we could not afford basic preventative care or to treat maladies while they were minor. These forced decisions drive up cost for everyone.

I can't believe that I'm having to beg legislators for my daughter's future. Our country is better than this. I'm ashamed for us all that things have escalated to this point.

After everything she's been through, all we've asked of her, the seemingly endless grueling effort, and the outrageous sacrifices on our part, it's going to be bad policy that finally stops her. The passage of this bill will rob her of the opportunity to reach her full potential by limiting her access to healthcare and services. I haven't been this heartbroken or felt this powerless since the first few days of her life when we were unsure of her survival.

At this point, the only thing I have left is her. And, I refuse to give up on her. I will never tire of fighting for her.

This is bigger than bi partisan politics. This is about peoples' lives.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

More of our story can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NowThisPolitics/videos/1641840045847479/>

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**From:** Valerie Winters <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy-Graham Senate Finance Hearing for September 25, 2017

To the Honorable Senators on the Finance Committee

I am writing to ask you to VETO the Cassidy-Graham Bill as it endangers any and all healthcare for people with disabilities, pre-existing conditions and our seniors. I speak from personal experience on 2 levels. I have a 7 year old nephew on the Autism Spectrum (previously he would have been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome before the diagnostic guidelines were changed). He is on the high end of the ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) chart but experiences difficulty in social settings and has anxiety as well as some concerns in handling his own emotions. He currently receives ABA therapy (Applied Behavioral Analysis) to assist him in controlling his emotions and learning how to interact in social situations. He would be hindered in his ability to interact with and attend school without this therapy. It is an expensive treatment and his parents could not afford it out of pocket. As it was, he was on a waiting list for over a year to even start the therapy. Under the guidelines of most insurance companies, this is considered a pre-existing condition and treatment/resources would be limited if not completely unavailable.

My second experience comes from my own medical issue. I was diagnosed in 2011 with Multiple Sclerosis; luckily I was already insured when I was diagnosed and have been able to maintain my insurance without penalty. My MS is under control at the moment and I require minimal medication, plus annual MRIs to monitor the progress, if any, of the MS.

Under the ACA myself and my nephew are able to receive quality care without being penalized for having a pre-existing condition. Under Cassidy-Graham this right to affordable healthcare would be stripped away, allowing insurance companies to penalize us for having a diagnosis that was totally beyond our control. We do not have ASD or MS due to a "poor life choice" as has been said by Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Alabama): "It will allow insurance companies to require people who have higher health care costs to contribute more to the insurance pool that helps offset all these costs, thereby reducing the cost to those people who lead good lives, they're healthy, they've done the things to keep their bodies healthy," explained Brooks. As shown in this quote, he is blaming all sick people for their illnesses. To say that his statement was ignorant is putting it mildly; he obviously has no understanding of what can cause illnesses/conditions/disease. For the GOP to stand in front of the American people and say if you are sick, you caused it is ill-informed at best; however, I would chalk it up to unethical and ignorance not to mention dangerous for the American people.

Congressional leaders claim to be working for the American people however, that is far from the truth. I say this for a couple of reasons. First, you have ill informed Congressional members like Rep. Brooks who is clueless as to people having pre-existing conditions. Secondly, if the ACA was passed as landmark legislation to help more Americans get insured then how come you exempted Congress from the ACA?? Thirdly, Congressional leaders especially those in the GOP constantly tout the line that they are a party that holds family as a high priority yet continually show themselves to be a "family party" when abortion is involved then afterwards any attempt to help family goes out the window.

If Congress truly works for the American people and not lobbyists, then prove it. Pass healthcare that actually helps the American people and not just to gut or repeal ACA. The constant whining by the GOP that the ACA

was unfair, didn't work and excessive votes trying to repeal it is beyond annoying. The current Cassidy-Graham bill shows that the only thing that matters is repealing the ACA and the American people; especially those who need coverage the most, be damned.

Listen to your constituents and not the lobbyists. Show some backbone because one day you could be the one with a pre-existing condition. Then what?? Not everyone has the resources that Sen. McCain has. Think about that the next time you vote! Because you know what? Sick people vote and you may one day find yourself losing an election because you shared Rep. Brooks opinions.

Signed by a pissed off veteran with a pre-existing condition

Valerie Winters

[REDACTED]  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462



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**From:** Marian Weiss <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I object to the Graham-Cassidy Bill!

Dear Sir or Madam, I would like to register my strong objection to the latest attempt to repeal the ACA known as the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill has been opposed by many organizations charged with providing healthcare. It has not been vetted by the CBO and by all accounts would endanger lives by throwing a huge number of people off of the healthcare that so many desperately need. I am a caretaker and am living with someone who is currently on Medicaid. That is a lifeline and very necessary. It frightens me personally that those benefits might be cut back or lost.

I am appalled that living in this country now means being terrified of the law making body that is supposed to be promoting and protecting the best interests of the American people. Please make it stop!!!!

Very sincerely,  
Marian Weiss  
Falls Church, VA 22043

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**From:** LAMAR REAVIS <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Dear Honorable Senators.

I am writhing this letter in opposition to the Graham Cassidy bill that is before this committee and I ask that each member of your committee not allow it to come on the floor for a vote. If it does get to the floor, I ask that each member vote NO.

Collectively, we vote our Senators in office to speak for "We the People". That is especially true for the members of the Finance committee because you have to wrestle with cost a program or policy everyday. One thing I am sure you agree with me is no price can be put on your family's, your neighbor's, or any American's health and life and we deserve the best Healthcare that "money can buy".

I know some Senators use the cost of healthcare as a WMD. They trade favors and money like they once traded slaves. Though it was not illegal at the time, it was immoral for everyone involved and impacted. That how I feel about Graham Cassidy. It's immoral to take away the healthcare for millions of American's or have the potential illness mean an American will face a lifetime cap or have to choose life or death because someone felt it would cost too much or a tax cut for a billionaire.

I had a stroke about 5 years ago and I had **Robotic prostatectomy** about 4 years before that. I am not asking for me (though I surely should), I am asking that you kill this bill for the millions of American's that cannot ask for themselves.

One last thing. I can tell you from experience, It is stressful enough when you or a family member is sitting in the Doctor's office listening to the Doctor just say "You have prostate c\_\_\_\_r". In the blink of an eye, your life changes. The stress of life or death in and of itself is unbearable. The stress of whether or not you have or can afford health insurance should be the last thing you have to worry about.

I beg you to do the right thing and vote NO on Graham/Cassidy

*And there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right."*

- - **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Feldman Lamar Reavis

Richmond, Virginia

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**From:** helliongoddess [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Changes

I am a 60 year old woman who was forced to retire on disability from my career in public library work after more than 20 years of service. There was a period of time when I first became ill and when my SSDI was awarded where I lost my health care coverage: between that and the copays I accumulated when I had no income, I was eventually forced to declare bankruptcy, a painful process and a stain on my credit that followed me for ten years. I now have extremely complex health issues-- at last count I had over 15 of what would be considered serious pre-existing conditions, including lupus and a heart condition. My husband now also has an autoimmune condition: at present he is still able to work, but it's anybody's guess how long he will be able to continue. Between his current income and my disability income, we barely get by. Were the cost of our insurance to increase drastically we would be in serious financial straits, even more so were he to become unable to work. We could lose our home, and we have no family to fall back on, or public housing to speak of in our rural community. This piece of legislation could drastically effect the course of our lives, and we are actually in relatively decent shape compared to many people we know.

In 2007 my only sibling, my brother, who had been a professional musician his entire life and only able to afford health insurance for two short periods when he was with large bands with group policies, became ill with severe jaw pain. He was forced as most uninsured are to resort to the nearby Emergency Room for treatment several times, where he was told it was "most likely" a jaw infection, given antibiotics and inadequate pain medication, and sent away. It was several months and many, many visits later before one perceptive ER doctor actually ran some tests and discovered my brother had cancer: a treatable cancer which had by that point progressed to the point that even with surgery and aggressive chemo and radiation, my brother lost his life in August 2008 at the age of 58. It is an indisputable fact that with the medical treatment he would have had access to had he been insured, my brother would have survived his cancer and would very likely still be alive today and for many years to come. This to me is a perfect example of the importance and absolute necessity of the Affordable Care Act, and why it must not be decimated by the legislation currently under consideration.

Very sincerely,

Julie Hewin McKay Baldwin  
[REDACTED]

West Point, VA 23181-5457  
[REDACTED]

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Because she has no place she can stay,  
because there is nowhere she can go but everywhere,  
she just keeps rolling  
under the stars...

paraphrased from (& with mad love for)

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Allen Evans [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill under consideration

Senate Finance Committee,

I urge you to reject Graham-Cassidy-Heller. I think this would be a major step backwards in taking care of the American people, especially so many who are our most vulnerable. We are a great nation. Certainly we -- and you -- can do better!

Allen Evans

Oakton, VA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Christina Adams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy financial consequences

Dear Finance Committee,

As a former federal employee (Pentagon) and now an expert in autism, I'd like to point out the financial risks created by diminishing support for people with autism and their families. Let's start with the fact that lifetime care costs are already about 3M USD-plus for each individual. This is added to be the loss of career by both mothers (80%) and fathers (also impacted severely, from 20-60%). Soon we will see (under current conditions) more homeless autistic people and their families filling the streets, creating disease conditions and swelling shelters. Such disease conditions (as seen in this week's San Diego Hep A outbreak) harm everyone and cost more than the simple supports of existing health insurance. One can only imagine with the autism rate of one of every 45 US boys, how things will worsen without existing, already bad, health care. I see the proposal you entertain is saying to bill autism families and extra \$5K per year. This is unconscionable as we already spend thousands on their unpaid health care, child care, and therapies. And it's financially counterproductive for this country.

Second, fewer people will be having children under such conditions, as the birthrate is dropping already in the US and young people report a fear of autism, costs, and other things that dissuade them from wanting to have kids (see OC Family Magazine, Sept 2017). The tax and infrastructure consequences of a dropping birth rate are well-known to nations like Japan, and removing health insurance options will cost this country more than any "savings" in the loss of health care.

Third, my own son has autism, yet benefitted so much from interventions made possible by his health care and social supports funded by Medicaid and Regional Centers that he now holds a job, is super intelligent, has friends, and can expect a decent future. I myself have now gotten back to work again after many years of being impacted by his care. Morally, the devastation to these young autistic persons' lives and their families is just beyond comprehension were they to lose more health care, Medicare supports and everything they have struggled to achieve in decades of therapy. If you could sit there and see a young man cry over having no friends, hating himself for being autistic, and being bullied in school, you'd see what you should be working to prevent. Health insurance and funding is the only way these kids have any happiness. And their families are just as miserable along with them.

Please drill down into the costs of removal of services for autism and don't make a shortsighted decision to cut them.

Sincerely,  
Christina Adams  
Author/Autism expert and advocate  
Orange County, CA and Scott County, VA

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**From:** Paula Whitacre [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Your decision?

Dear Committee Members,

I am a mother and small business owner. When I have to make a decision that affects the well-being of our family, I study it carefully to make sure I understand the short-term and long-term implications. I want to know the costs versus the benefits. I make sure I have support from the people it affects. You get the picture.

Which is why I am astonished—and strongly opposed—to your attempt to make a decision that will literally affect the health and pocketbook of millions without understanding it, without gaining support from those most affected, and in a hushed hurry.

Put yourself in the shoes of people who are affected by the ACA—which does not seem to include you.

DO NOT ALLOW THIS BILL TO GO FORWARD. And if it does, stop playing politics and think about your and my country.

Sincerely

Paula Whitacre  
Taxpayer, citizen, voter  
Virginia

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Kevin Burchett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA Repeal

Good afternoon

From the bottom of my heart I'm begging you not to repeal ACA. I'm 60 with a pacemaker and other preexisting conditions. I will pay out the wazoo even if I can get insurance. This bill does not guarantee affordable coverage for pre existing. I'm also the only caretaker for my wife, we have no other family, and she is a few years older than me she has worsening dementia but she is on Medicare.

Many people will be hurt by this cruel bill, and yet you all are trying to pass without a CBO score. This is not conservative or Christian, this is cruelty, plain and simple.

Kevin Burchett

[REDACTED]  
Spotsylvania Va 22553





common among Americans, including cancer, diabetes, hepatitis C, heart disease and mental health and substance use disorders.

The health of our patients with HIV and millions of others with chronic conditions depends on having access to reliable, affordable, comprehensive healthcare coverage. This bill would fundamentally restructure and limit federal support for the Medicaid program, a critical safety net for many and an important source of support for more than 40% of individuals with HIV in care. Those with HIV can live long, healthy and productive lives with access to the appropriate health care and treatment; and when effectively treated, their risk of transmitting the virus is nearly zero.

We are deeply concerned that this promising progress would be erased by the Graham Cassidy proposal for reasons outlined below.

- **Ending or phasing out the Medicaid expansion will leave a majority of low income individuals with HIV uninsured.** Medicaid is the largest source of coverage for individuals with HIV covering more than 40 percent of patients with HIV who are in care.<sup>5</sup> Prior to the ACA, most people with HIV did not qualify for Medicaid coverage until they became sick and disabled by HIV and in non-Medicaid expansion that continues to be the case. In the 31 states and the District of Columbia that expanded Medicaid coverage, there were significant improvements in insurance coverage and in viral suppression rates in 2014, the first year of the expansion.<sup>6</sup> Medicaid works for low-income people with HIV because of its limits on premiums and cost sharing in addition to the strong consumer protections ensuring access to essential services. Phasing out the Medicaid expansion, even over an extended period, will still leave most individuals with HIV who gained coverage through the expansion uninsured.
- **Cutting and capping federal funding for the Medicaid Program would leave states without sufficient resources to respond to increases in care and medication costs, public health outbreaks or natural disasters or new treatment advances and therapies.** States will be forced to restrict Medicaid access, benefits and provider payments as the disparity between funding and actual care costs grows exponentially over the years.<sup>7</sup> We are deeply concerned about the impact of the cap across the U.S. but in particular on states in the Southeastern U.S. where we continue to see higher mortality rates and higher rates of new HIV cases. HIVMA supports<sup>8</sup> the following policies to sustain the Medicaid program as a viable healthcare program for lower income children, adults, people with disabilities, pregnant women, and seniors to improve health outcomes and our nation's public health:
  - Maintain the Medicaid Program as an entitlement program supported by an open-ended federal/state matching formula that gives states the flexibility to respond to disease outbreaks and epidemics; to increases in healthcare costs and prescription drug costs; and to medical advances, such as those seen for HIV, cancer, and hepatitis C.

- Continue the Medicaid expansion with a gradual decline of federal financing that will remain fixed at 90% of costs by 2020, allowing states to provide a stable, affordable and efficient healthcare coverage option to lower income families and individuals.
  - Ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries have access to the range of services they need to stay healthy by not only maintaining the current minimum benefits and coverage requirements but also expanding requirements to ensure all Medicaid beneficiaries have access to critical services, such as preventive screenings, prescription drugs, mental health and substance use treatment.
  - Maintain protections that limit premiums and cost sharing based on income and continue to bar denial of medical care for failure to pay cost sharing for those enrollees with incomes under 100% of the federal poverty level (\$12,060/per year).
  - Ensure access to adequate services so Medicaid beneficiaries can stay healthy and able to work, care for their families, and/or pursue educational and training opportunities without linking Medicaid eligibility to work requirements. Such requirements carry the potential to lead to disruptions in care and treatment for patients with HIV, leaving them at risk for serious infections and requiring more costly medical interventions, such as hospitalization and the need for additional and/or higher cost medications, including the treatment for toxoplasmosis. (Treatment for toxoplasmosis is \$750 per pill of Daraprim® since a 2015 price increase from \$13.50 a pill. )
- **Ending or weakening non-discrimination protections for people with HIV and 52 million Americans with pre-existing conditions will result in denials of coverage.** Prior to the ACA, most people with HIV were either denied coverage or offered coverage with exorbitant premiums in the individual insurance market. Allowing states to waive community rating for health status will once again leave individuals with HIV with few or no private insurance options.
  - **Making health insurance unaffordable for millions of lower-income individuals and families by eliminating the premium tax credits and cost sharing subsidies.** More than 8.7 million people count on premium assistance to be able to purchase health care coverage through the Marketplaces, and at least 6 million receive cost-sharing help. People living with HIV and others living on low incomes are living paycheck to paycheck and have little or no savings. If the ACA's tax credits and subsidies are eliminated, many individuals and families will lose their health insurance.
  - **Ending the individual and employer mandates would cause significant harm by destabilizing the non-group insurance market.** Our patients with HIV and others with pre-existing conditions will be disproportionately affected by these policy changes since healthier individuals whose

lives do not depend on regular access to medical care and treatment will be more likely to drop their health coverage as premiums rise.

- **Leaving people with HIV and millions of others without coverage that will meet their basic medical needs.** Allowing states to waive the Essential Health Benefits will leave our patients and millions of others without the security that their healthcare coverage will meet their medical needs. Prior to the ACA in the individual insurance market, key essential health benefit categories, including mental health and substance use treatment, prescription drugs and maternity coverage, were often not covered or had coverage limits applied.
- **Defunding Planned Parenthood will leave individuals at risk without access to HIV and STD screening and prevention services in rural and underserved areas.** Planned Parenthood clinics are the sole source for HIV and STD prevention services in many rural communities. This was the case in Scott County, Indiana when the 2015 HIV outbreak occurred following the closure of the local Planned Parenthood clinic.

Please reject the Graham Cassidy Plan, cease efforts to repeal the ACA and work instead to support a bipartisan and transparent process to strengthen the individual market and lower coverage costs. That is what a majority of Americans want and individual health, public health and the stability of our country depends on it.

Thank you for considering our views. We can be reached through HIVMA's Executive Director, Andrea Weddle, at [REDACTED]

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<sup>8</sup> IDSA, HIVMA, PIDS. Policy Statement on the Medicaid Program, Public Health and Access to HIV Care. June 25, 2017. Online at: <http://www.hivma.org/Policy-Advocacy.aspx>.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Pkaderli <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy health bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. My husband and I are on a fixed income and both have pre-existing conditions. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Patricia Kaderli

Chesterfield, VA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Sandra [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

The passage of this would end my life as I know it. I have a 36 yr old so with autism and CP both never covered when he was little as they were pre-existing, from birth. I am 71 and still working I would love to retire in Dec. I am single parent who has always worked and paid our way. My son has a good life now. He is happy. He cannot be left alone as it would be unsafe. I have in home care for him and he goes to a day program that gets out in the community. If these were not available I could not work and the quality of both our lives will suffer. The medical costs have left me in a bad financial situation. My marriage broke up from this strain.

Don't we all just want our families to be happy and productive members of society? The programs we have help with this. I have him at home with me, a much less expensive option than institutionalisation Please don't take us backwards!

Thank you,

Sandra Phillips

Roanoke, VA 24015

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Fancy hill.wk [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband and I have a 24 year old daughter who is able to be covered under our insurance thanks to the ACA. She is also able to obtain birth control at no cost which prevents unwanted pregnancy. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Wendy Kendrick

Amherst, VA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill

To the Senate Finance Committee:

I write to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). While I am concerned with many aspects of this bill, I am particularly fearful of the impact it would have on Medicaid and long-term care services for persons with disabilities. As with previous bills, the Graham-Cassidy bill would go far beyond repealing the ACA and would also end Medicaid's individual, needs-based entitlement to services and replace it with block grants and concomitant caps on state funding. Previous proposals of this type have been estimated to cut approximately \$800 billion from Medicaid over ten years. Such sustained cuts in funding would inevitably command devastating reductions in needed health care and support services to children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

My brother, who will turn 50 next month, has severe autism. He requires 24-hour supervision and support. Since 1991, when my parents died, I have served as his court-appointed legal guardian. Also since that time, he has lived in a group home in the community that is funded through Medicaid's Home and Community Based Services "waiver" program. These services are a more integrated and more cost-efficient alternative to institutions. Yet such services are also "optional" for States, meaning that States may cut or end them entirely without jeopardizing their overall eligibility to participate in Medicaid. If Graham-Cassidy passes and states are faced with billions of dollars in cuts, community services -- of the type my brother has depended on for 26 years -- will be among the first to suffer cutbacks. This is not overreactive speculation, but a very real possibility given the circumstances.

I am not alone in my fears. Across this country, in red and blue states, millions of persons with intellectual disabilities, their parents, their brothers, sisters, family members and friends are equally concerned that the Medicaid services that have allowed persons with disabilities to live, work and thrive in the community are at serious risk of ending or being curtailed significantly. They worry that this will force their loved ones into institutions and nursing homes, or back into their family homes with aging parents and relatives who can no longer care for them. Regardless of one's political views, this is not viewed as "progress," nor as necessary to "repeal and replace" the ACA. Parents and families of persons with intellectual disabilities, including my parents, fought long and hard for over 40 years to transform Medicaid into the program it is today: one that provides a lifeline for persons with disabilities who want to receive assistance in their own communities, rather than institutions. The ACA has even helped to expand some of these programs. Graham-Cassidy threatens to reverse all of these hard-won gains. I urge you not to let this happen.

This is not a Republican or a Democratic issue. This is an issue of compassion and basic human decency, and a measure by which our society is and will be judged by future generations. While commonsense solutions to the ACA's shortcomings are necessary, families of persons with disabilities will recognize any attempt to use dissatisfaction with aspects of the ACA as a cover for fundamentally undermining a 52-year old program that serves millions of Americans, including persons with disabilities.

I appreciate your consideration of my views. I urge you to vote "no" on Graham Cassidy and resume bipartisan efforts to reform the ACA.

Sincerely,

Max Lapertosa

[REDACTED]  
Lorton, VA 22079  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Lisa and Walt Whitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:16 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** delin@cff.org  
**Subject:** Statement on Graham - Cassidy to SCF

### Statement Submitted by Lisa Whitt

#### Senate Committee on Finance

#### Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

September 25, 2017

I have been anxiously following the healthcare debate and the efforts to repeal Obamacare. This is a deeply personal issue because my 20-year old son was born with Cystic Fibrosis, "CF", a genetic disease that causes chronic, life-threatening lung infections and digestive complications. The current life expectancy for someone with CF is about 40 years.

In the 1950's, a child born with CF was not expected to live long enough to attend elementary school. There was little understanding of the disease and few treatments. Today, my son is a sophomore at Harvard College. This is only possible because of the significant advances in CF care and medicine. It is devastating for me to think about his future now being threatened by the Graham-Cassidy proposal.

My husband lost his job working as commercial real estate banker 2 years ago and was not able to find another corporate job that offered benefits. He is now working for a small start-up investment advisory firm and we purchase our health insurance on Virginia's Individual Marketplace.

Having access to affordable, adequate health insurance is an absolutely necessity for my family. So far this year, my son's prescription medications alone have cost \$358,521. We worry about what will happen if the protections against annual and lifetime coverage caps are removed. We worry about our premium costs if insurers can base fees on pre-existing conditions. What will happen to our son's health? Do we face financial ruin? The fear and sadness we feel is indescribable.

The Graham-Cassidy proposal would have devastating consequences for our son and anyone fighting a chronic condition. People with CF require a complex and demanding care regimen, and need access to high-quality, specialized care. **I urge all U.S. Senators to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill** because it would roll back protections for people with CF and jeopardize their access to affordable, adequate health care coverage.

**The Graham-Cassidy bill fails to protect our community** and is absolutely unacceptable for people with CF because it would:

- a. **Remove full pre-existing condition protections for people with CF** by allowing insurers to set premiums based on an individuals' health status. This may put insurance coverage financially out of reach for some people with CF and prevent them from accessing critical health care.

- b. **Eliminate Medicaid expansion and drastically cut funding for the program** by instituting a per capita cap or a state block grant system, putting coverage of new and innovative treatments at risk. Medicaid provides a critical source of health care coverage for one half of children and one third of adults with CF. We must preserve this safety net by retaining expanded eligibility and ensuring adequate funding for Medicaid.
- c. **Remove protections against annual and lifetime coverage caps**, including for the millions of Americans with employer-sponsored insurance, by making it easier for states to amend Essential Health Benefits standards. Health care costs can accumulate very quickly for people with CF, making it very easy to reach annual or lifetime caps. The results of these caps can be devastating – leaving people with CF stranded without any coverage – and our community needs the protections against these caps to be kept in place.
- d. **Allow states to waive Essential Health Benefits.** Eliminating the guarantee of essential health benefit coverage for individual insurance plans would segment the market into plans for sick people and plans for healthy people. This would likely drive up the cost of plans needed by people with CF, which provide more robust benefits.

I urge all US Senators to please keep families like mine in mind as you consider this legislation. In this great country of ours, access to adequate, affordable health insurance should not be taken away from those who rely on it the most.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Robin Fanslow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** American Healthcare

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,

Robin Fanslow

Arlington, VA

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Holly Markwalter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Comments

Dear Leaders,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions extends to family members with Juvenile Diabetes and myself with multiple auto-immune diseases as well as severe, extensive allergies. Without guarantees and safeguards to protect individuals and families like ours we would not be insurable. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Holland Markwalter

Fairfax, VA

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**From:** tomas rahal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Good Evening Senators

I strongly urge you to vote no on this death bill. Poorly and hastily conceived it sacrifices real American lives for political expediency. A return to regular order should happen first and foremost. Secondly Sec Price should be banned from squandering taxpayer funds on his private jet habit

Tomas Rahal  
[REDACTED]

Charlottesville VA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Susan Boyd <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:16 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.

Susan Boyd  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Alexandria, Virginia 22305

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**From:** Phyllis T. Albritton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Phyllis T. Albritton  
[REDACTED]  
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Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

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**From:** ROBERT BAILEY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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ROBERT BAILEY

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
PORTSMOUTH, Virginia 23707



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**From:** stephen witt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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stephen witt

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

moneta, Virginia 24121

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**From:** Anne Leino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

Senators:

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

My story with Medicaid relates to students at the school where I work. These kids are born with congenital disabilities and diagnoses. Many of them will live their lives in a wheelchairs, eating through feeding tubes, taking multiple daily medications. Some suffer from intractable seizure disorders, heart disorders, and respiratory fragility. Their lives -- their futures -- consist of multiple visits to physicians, specialists, and medical equipment technicians; to therapists, nutritionists, and pharmacists. The only way these kids and their families survive is through affordable health care, through Medicaid. AND YOU WOULD TAKE THAT AWAY from these CHILDREN.

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

Sincerely,

Anne Leino  
Duluth, MN

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**From:** Donna Eisenhower <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy proposal

Many families rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Those needing Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, disabilities, affordability, will suffer. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Donna Eisenhower

Richmond Indiana [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Robin Diederich <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:09 AM.  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bil

The Graham-Cassidy Bill for healthcare "reform" is an example of misguided legislation. I have adequate healthcare through employment, but I know that so many of my fellow Americans depend on the ACA for healthcare and in fact their lives depend on it!

I have several friends and family members with pre-existing conditions who need protection in order to access healthcare. I also have a close friend with Stage 4 Cancer who needs protection from caps on her healthcare treatments. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Robin Diederich  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Sherri Wright <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

The people of this country, myself included, are incredibly frustrated, and increasingly angry. Our representatives in congress are ignoring our pleas, and attempting to impose a horrible healthcare bill on us. The majority of the country supports universal healthcare. So why is it that we still don't have it? The rest of the civilized world has figured out how to do this. We seem to have the money to kill people all over the globe, waging never ending wars, but not to provide healthcare to our citizens. The republicans priority seems to be simply undoing whatever Obama did, regardless of the consequences. Here's a novel idea for the GOP, work for the betterment of our country. The doctors, nurses, and insurance companies think that the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill is awful. The American Medical Association says that it goes against their basic principle of, first, do no harm. All 50 state Medicaid Directors agree that this bill is awful. Our congress needs to start doing the job they are being paid for, representing the American people.

Sherri Wright  
Nebraska

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**From:** Jessica Segal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My pre-existing condition from my thyroid cancer at age 16 (9 years ago) may limit the affordability of my healthcare as a result of this repeal. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jessica E. Segal

Portland, ME [REDACTED]

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Jessica Segal

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**From:** Noli Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposed to Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern:

I am a mother with two young children and we rely on the quality, affordable health care we receive through our state subsidized, excellent health insurance. Because of this, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

When my son was born, he faced respiratory complications and we had to be airlifted from our rural hospital to a major metropolitan hospital. If we didn't have insurance, our medical bill would have been over \$100,000, which would have put us in permanent financial peril.

This is but one story of many over these past 10 years demonstrating how critical it has been to the wellbeing of our growing family to have access to our publicly supported health insurance. We are counting on you as our elected officials to work in a bipartisan way to improve the ACA that helps so many like us be able to tend to the well being of our children and families. Do not repeal it for the sake of making a political statement--actually stand for working families like ours and protect our health care.

Sincerely,

Noli Taylor

Aquinnah, MA

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**From:** tin lymon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; Lynn Timon  
**Cc:** Joan Ess; M.Andre'a Timon; ariel alicious; Alyssa Timon  
**Subject:** Regarding The Upcoming Graham- Cassidy Hearing

To All It May Concern (and there are many of us),

Although, **at this time**, I am one of the fortunate recipients of health insurance (provided by my highly ethical employer), I am 64 this year and am concerned about my future health care.

I have had 3 heart attacks (ie: "pre-existing condition"). My cardiomyopathy is rare and has nothing to do with my pretty darned healthy habits.

I oppose the current Graham - Cassidy bill.

I believe improvements to the ACA are necessary, but not by completely eradicating it.

I believe that a bipartisan Congressional effort is not only possible, but essential to the "health" our nation's future.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Fran Harellick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable health care

I am a senior citizen who is very concerned about the situation in Congress.

We need to work together

, Republican , Democrat, Independent....to come up with a health care plan for all Americans....with no worries about pre existing conditions, affordable prescription drugs, and Medicaid expansion for those in need.

The ACA is not perfect, but it provides health insurance for all.

Please reach across the aisle and work together to provide affordable health care for all....not just for the young , healthy and wealthy....

Please say NO to the Graham-Cassidy proposal....it's mean harmful and expensive.

Frances Harellick

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**From:** Lisa Stempka <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Lisa Stempka  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

As most Americans, me and my family rely on quality, affordable health care. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I oppose the bill because I can't lose my health insurance and I believe ALL Americans should have health care and those who do have health insurance shouldn't lose it over time!

My personal story is, I suffer from a disabling chronic illness, which puts me in the categories of pre-existing conditions, as well as disabled and in dire need of continued affordable medical insurance coverage to continue to survive. I don't want to be penalized in the future and/or uninsurable because I became ill through no fault of my own.

Being seriously ill and unable to continue to work is financially devastating to the ill person and their family as a whole and sometimes even to the extended family. Being medically uninsured would be deadly! Most Americans want, need and deserve quality, affordable, health care. With this said, I want Congress to work together for the American People to provide sensible health care for all Americans. As a voting American, I want to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the Affordable Care Act (ACA), not repeal it! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Stempka  
[REDACTED]

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"You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing there will be no result".  
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**From:** Chris Nagy-Chow <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing

To Whom it may concern:

My family relies on quality affordable healthcare. Honestly, what family does not rely on quality affordable healthcare! Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Numerous persons in our family have relied on Medicaid for the children during lengthy job transitions while retraining and educating themselves to better the family. My husband has a severe pre-existing skin-condition that has presented a continuous challenge. I suffered a brain aneurysm many years ago and would be dead if it were not for quality affordable healthcare. Health issues do not discriminate and most do not allow for planning.

What this country needs is a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Noah Naamad <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA Repeal

Please vote no on the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thanks,  
Noah Naamad

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**From:** Joan E. Bechtold [mailto:joanbechtold@grahm.com] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** All families should be able to rely on affordable and high quality health care

1, no restrictions on pre-existing conditions 2. keep (and expand) Medicaid Expansion.  
3. We have evidence that states act in opposition to the best interests of their constituents, do not leave decisions in states hands.

This is a ludicrous and dangerous situation that will hasten the downward spiral of what used to be a superpower and leader of the free world.

Joan Bechtold  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dave Edmond Lounsbury <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy ...

To whom it best concerns:

I write as a citizen and 40-years' physician appalled, if not terrified, by the healthcare bill before us -- a legislation proposal that seems entirely void of preparatory review and careful considerations of its effects near & far down the road.

What on earth is this? Insurance?

~ What is "insured" if pre-existing calamity is not guaranteed coverage but, instead, is left up to the whim of one state or another? If care can be garnered in South Dakota but not North Dakota does one pick up and move?

~ How is "insurance" secure if not everyone, well and sick, is enrolled and paying into it? Where would funding come from?

~ And how are the indigent poor able to benefit from this "insurance" once Medicaid is dispensed with? What obligates each state to look after these less luck in life's lottery?

Where is the assurance in this wobbly ill-conceived rush-to-conclusion of an insurance damned by Blue-Cross, the AMA, the American College of Physicians, the American Hospital Assn, and every careful reader.

"States rights" was a 19th Century euphemism to hide and protect slavery. Today the same term -- devolution of healthcare to the 50 states -- is a hasty ill-concocted euphemism employed simply because of the name affixed to its better uncle ... aka the Affordable Care Act.

Shame on you who so blithely disregard the lives of millions solely to obliterate the legacy of one who cared for them. Shame!

Dave Lounsbury

Dave Lounsbury, MD, FACP  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Florence Leto <[REDACTED]@com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare.

I am asthmatic & have diabetes, so this bill's removal of protections for those with pre-existing conditions, is gravely disconcerting to me. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

The ACA may not be perfect but it's a damn sight better than Graham-Cassidy. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Holly Armitage <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA and the Graham - Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable health care and has benefited from the ACA. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Any proposals should go through the entire vetting process and not just jump to a vote.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter, Holly Armitage  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad



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**From:** Allison Donahoe-Beggs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not repeal ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare, as do all Americans. 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,

Allison Donahoe-Beggs

Temecula, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Leah Kaplan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Graham-Cassidy

Greetings,

My partner and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I had no health insurance for the majority of my young adult life, being a freelance employee, and thus never went to a doctor for many years. It turns out that I have early on-set osteopenia ( I am 36 years old ) that was discovered after I got healthcare from the ACA. Now that I have this incredibly important knowledge I am able to adjust my lifestyle accordingly and avoid future disease that would cost the government a lot more than one bone density scan. Taking away this health insurance would diminish my quality of life and health to a massive degree...and that's my perspective now as a relatively healthy young person. I can't imagine not having this at a later stage in life when my situation was life-threatening or debilitating.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. If you are 90% of the way there, why not just fix the last 10% rather than abandon the American people and leave us stranded?

Sincerely,

Leah Kaplan

Tomales, CA

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**From:** constancet <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** PLEASE DO NOT Repeal the Affordable Care Act

**Importance:** High

I and all of my family rely on quality, affordable healthcare.

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

My personal story is...

On 10/29/17 I will be 8 years cancer free.

Without my current health care plan, I would not have been able to afford the care I've received, and continue

to receive for breast cancer and the following bi-lateral mastectomy and complications from the multiple surgeries.

After a seriously traumatic work injury 24 years ago, my husband crushed both heels when a scaffold failed and he

fell 19 feet. Two years ago he had to have the left heel reconstructed as it was more badly damaged than the right,

and has have continuing therapy in order to be able to walk.

If he Medicare supplement plan and Medicare coverage, as it stands now, were not in place or if the supplement plan

costs were to go up any higher we would not have adequate insurance. We are barely able to afford it as it is now.

If the 'existing conditions stigma' gets attached to our health care costs, giving insurance companies the freedom

to set their price, we will not be able to afford the supplemental coverage. We would not be able to get the treatments

medical supervision needed to keep us the active, healthy, contributors to our society that we are now.

Please don't play political games with our future health care.

If everyone involved in making this life changing decision - FOR US - would truly try to work together, repair and improvement can and should be done. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater please!

These are real lives you all are dealing with, myself, my husband, my family.

Please do the job we all hired YOU ALL to do.

I would like to see a BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL EFFORT to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely we thank you,

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**From:** Kim Kaliszewski [mailto:kkal@minnstate.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Honorable members of the committee:

I implore you not to support the Graham-Cassidy bill. Not only would the bill heartlessly deprive millions of Americans of health coverage, it would have as well a devastating and openly punitive effect on the economies of states, such as my beloved home state of Minnesota, that opted to expand Medicaid under the ACA.

Graham-Cassidy is a cruel, desperate, poorly designed bill. Please let it die, and allow Congress to effect bipartisan, fair measures to improve the ACA.

Kind regards,

Kim Kaliszewski

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**From:** Mimilu <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Hello.

I'm just a hard working middle American who at 63, is desperate for healthcare that includes pre existing conditions. I was born with both hips out of the socket and although I am fine and lead a very active life, I had to have a hip replacement 10 years ago and will certainly need another in my other hip. I struggled when I retired and piggy backed on a family members health insurance when I was unable to get my own. I was very willing to pay but was denied. Obamacare allowed me to purchase my current Kaiser insurance. I pay 700 a month. No help from the govt. The help I need is for you to not endorse this BS of a healthcare replacement. Do like John McCain endorses !!!! Work together and work to make Obamacare better for everyone.

Thank you  
Marian Utley  
Fairfax, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jackie Aguilar [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 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.

Jackie Aguilar

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Universal Healthcare

I am writing to let you know how I feel about appealing ACA. DO NOT THROW ME TO THE GUTTER!!! I am 60 years old and had to retire from my job as an international flight attendant due to a brain tumor. My credit is ruined I live extremely frugally and yet can just keep my head above water.

My daughter is a T1D and make 50\$ to much to get state insurance..making 1200\$ an month. She is a single mom working as a CNA receiving no child support.

When you as a public servant take monies from insurance companies and pharmaceutical companies you should be ashamed that you even think you can vote on healthcare without a serious conflict of interest .

Hear me your countryman speaking about the real situation.

Lora Carnahan

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Roy Hunt  
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**From:** K Ramsey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with disabilities, pre-existing conditions includes a family member with Crohn's disease and a bilateral family history of diabetes and osteoarthritis, all of which would be outside my control if I contracted them later in life and should not be cause for me to lose healthcare.

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

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Ramsey

Plymouth, Minnesota

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**From:** Maia Zander [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please oppose the Graham-Cassody Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill for that reason, as well as the following:

1. My brother-in-law on Medicaid because he has been disabled by chronic seizures. As he and my sister try to support their three children under such difficult conditions, their children also rely on Medicaid. Removing them from Medicaid or making it more difficult for them to obtain healthcare would be a death sentence for my brother-in-law, and would put an even greater strain on their family. When people like them have access to preventable medicine, not just emergency care, they are able to lead more productive lives, and our entire society benefits.
2. I have a genetic auto-immune disease, which raises my cancer risk greatly. My husband and I have great insurance through my job, but it costs well over \$1000/month. If insurance companies are allowed to jack up rates for those of us with pre-existing conditions, we will not be able to afford insurance at all. My condition is genetic--it is not something that came about because of poor choices. This is not my fault. I do everything I can to lead a healthy life, but I need health insurance in case that isn't enough.
3. All insurance plans need to cover both contraception and maternity coverage. This will benefit even those who do not need those services at this time. When people have children they never intended to conceive and cannot afford, we all have to pay both the societal and monetary costs to the system. As for maternity care, it is something that every human being needs at some point! We all had mothers. We were all born. Our society also needs people to continue having children (responsibly!), so that they can take care of the rest of us when we get old. Please give people the choice to only have the children that they can afford, and then support them in that decision!
4. I'm not a terrible person. Seriously, why is this argument not made more often? What kind of person makes it hard to get health care for someone who has cancer, or someone with a chronic condition, or really anyone who needs medical help? If that's the kind of legislation that you want to pass, you are a terrible human being and you should be ashamed of yourself.

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

Sincerely,  
Maia Zander  
Malibu, CA

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**From:** Julie Veile [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy Hearing

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions is only partially told by the fact that I was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 28 with no family history of the disease. Complications from treatment are still impacting me seven years later. Without follow-up care, I could die. There are so many people just like me who will lose coverage due to pre-existing conditions. Why do I and so many others deserve that? This is a life or death issue for me and so many people. Please come up with a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA instead of repealing it. Every human being deserves to be cared for no matter what the status of their health is.

Sincerely,  
Julie Veile  
Bloomington, IL

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**From:** Marcy H [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Debacle of a bill

This latest round of horribleness titled the Graham-Cassidy-Heller (and who-all) bill is the worst yet. (I can't believe anyone would put their name on this!)

It's a feeble attempt to show the far right-wingers of your constituency that you "did something." But we all know that you're doing this in order to stay in the good graces of your corporate overlords, the Kochs. This bill is the largest pile of excrement, out of some really big stink loads, that you've tried to force on us yet.

This bill's nickname should be KANG. Killing Americans in the Name of Greed.

And anyone who votes for it should be ashamed of themselves.

Don't make 60 million of us come down there. We WILL turn this car around, Buster!

Marcy Hamilton  
Illinois

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Beverly Cameron [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The latest Obamacare repeal bill by the GOP

This bill serves for profit hospitals, some insurance companies, the Koch Brothers, and GOP conservatives but it doesn't serve Americans. Please vote NO on this destructive healthcare bill that only has a political, not human caring, motivation.

I am a registered Republican in AZ.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Elizabeth Mannir <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Pro-ACA, against Graham-Cassidy, in advance of Monday's hearing

To whom it may concern,

Our family relies on insurance purchased via the ACA and marketplace.

As two contract professionals whose employers do not offer us health insurance, the ACA has been a lifeline.

We are very satisfied with the plans we've bought the last three years, which would have been out of reach for us financially prior to the ACA.

Besides affordability, we are also troubled that the Graham-Cassidy bill includes no protection for people with pre-existing conditions, and we're appalled that it defunds Planned Parenthood, a wonderful and important organization which provides more compassionate, affordable, and accessible routine reproductive healthcare than our nearest local federally funded health clinics here in the 2nd largest city in Indiana.

For these reasons -- and others -- we oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

We would like to see a bipartisan effort to IMPROVE and build on the ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you,

Elizabeth and Rusty  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

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**Elizabeth Mannir**

Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature  
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**From:** David Reagan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Hearing; Support of ACA

Dear Senate Finance,

I am writing in support of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Prior to the ACA, I had a pre-existing condition due to a one time incident that required 10 days of antibiotics, something that has never come up again. I wanted to start a business (law practice), so I had to get my own insurance. When I applied *before* the ACA came into effect, the insurers wanted to charge me \$850 for a plan with limited coverage, but *after* the ACA my plan only cost between \$320 to \$360 a month. It currently costs \$370, which is affordable and covers my needs. Consequently, due to the coverage provided by the ACA, I was able to successfully build my small business for the last five years, even hiring an assistant at times. I would not be able to do this without the ACA. The proposed Graham-Cassidy bill would also threaten my ability to obtain coverage given my pre-existing condition. I do not support it, particularly because nobody really knows the expansive effects it may have.

What is more, my partner is a health care worker (nurse), and the coverage for her patients has improved dramatically with the Medicaid expansion. The hospital is doing very well, hiring more health care workers, and treating more patients. There is a huge economy built around the ACA - people's lives are at stake. The Graham-Cassidy bill would not only greatly reduce the funding for Medicaid and other health services, but also throw the structure of the health care system into uncertainty.

We need a truly bipartisan effort at health care reform. This is not it.

Sincerely,

David Reagan

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**From:** Lisa Davis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Healthcare

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Especially my mother who lives in constant pain and has other health issues. Prior to the Affordable Care Act, she had difficulty paying all her bills and could not pay for healthcare. She was always in pain or sick. Now, because of Medicaid and affordable insurance, she can take care of herself and maintain her bills.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Davis  
Ventura, Ca



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**From:** Stephanie Clemen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Care

My brother relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My brother works for a small company that does not offer health insurance. He has multiple medical conditions and would not be able to afford medical care or medication without insurance. Without insurance, my brother would not be able to keep his diabetes under control and the consequences would be severe. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Clemen  
Chicago, IL

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**From:** Scott Sandler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Hello, my family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Without the Affordable Care Act, my cousin would not have the treatment he needs for recurring seizures. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Scott Sandler

San Francisco, California

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**From:** Laura Tesler Waldman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** public testimony

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy health bill. My husband has severe Crohn's Disease and our premiums and co-pays are already very high. My biggest fears are that we will either no longer be able to get insurance coverage for him at all due to his pre-existing condition, either because insurance companies will no longer be obligated to provide it, they will be allowed to raise the amounts of the premiums to a rate we can no longer afford, or that lifetime caps will be reinstated and we will quickly reach the limit on our policy. When I was eight months pregnant, my husband developed complications and spent a full month in the hospital, half of it in the ICU in a medically induced coma (with sepsis) and the other half recovering from the surgery that ultimately performed. If it weren't for the Affordable Care Act, that stay alone would have caused him to reach the lifetime cap on our policy based on the standard amounts of caps that were previously in place. My son is now five years old and I don't want him to lose his father because we can no longer get him the treatment he needs. Please don't politicize health care, too many lives are at stake. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Tesler Waldman  
865 Ballow Way  
San Marcos, CA 92078

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**From:** David Brody - Home [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:08 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Frederick, Julia (Warren); Pearson, Beth (Warren)  
**Subject:** Do NOT vote favorably on the Graham - Cassidy bill

Our family has had many health crises over the past several years. While we are fortunate to have employer health insurance, our grown son does not. He and his family are dependent on an ACA exchange for their health insurance, and our grandson suffers from a life threatening allergy. Without coverage through the ACA exchange, he will face his future allergy attacks without the health insurance necessary to get life saving treatment. I urge the Senate NOT to pass Graham-Cassidy and repeal the ACA but, rather, to undertake a bipartisan approach to improve the ACA in a way that will not take health insurance away from my grandson.

Sincerely,  
David Brody

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**From:** Craig Calsbeek <gczer@roadrun[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Cassidy/Graham Healthcare Bill

**Importance:** High

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Urging a NO on Cassidy/Graham Healthcare Bill.

Thank you.

Craig Calsbeek

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Congress:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare currently available through MNSure, made available to me by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Prior to the ACA, my family experienced rate hikes of up to 20% per year on our insurance premiums. We are thankfully relatively healthy, but I am self-employed and my husband works for a small employer. We have been dependent upon a single family policy for several years. Prior to the ACA, our premium had become high enough (again, since it happened with a couple of previous insurance companies as well) that we were at risk at having to drop our insurance. Since being able to join MNSure and get our insurance through this program, our premiums have been affordable and we have been able to keep our family healthy.

My family and I support all bipartisan Congressional efforts, especially in regards to improving the ACA (instead of repealing it).

Sincerely,

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## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Emma Linkhart <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Quality and affordable reproductive, routine and emergency healthcare is something I feel very strongly about. I do not believe that pregnancy should be considered a pre-existing condition, nor should history of C-section. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Emma Linkhart

Cameron Park, California

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**From:** garet <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because it makes me fear for my daughter's life and my family's financial future.

We adopted our youngest child from Ethiopia as an infant. When she was 20 months old she was diagnosed with a rare disease called RRP. The disease causes obstructions to grow in her airway. There is no cure and the only effective treatment is surgery, repeated whenever the obstructions regrow.

After the first few surgeries (3 in the first 4 months) we started getting inquiries from our insurance company. They wanted to know: wasn't the patient's illness a pre-existing condition? Could we prove she had continuous coverage from her birth? Fortunately, we were shielded by a law that protected adopted kids. But we knew that if we ever missed a payment for any reason, we were toast. They were itching to dump us. I can't tell you how that added to the stress of having a seriously ill child.

When the ACA passed, insurance companies could no longer discriminate based on pre-existing conditions, and we heaved huge sighs of relief. Now if our daughter ever accidentally lets her insurance lapse as an adult, she will still be able to buy coverage. She will receive the care she needs throughout her life.

The ACA protections give us peace of mind. That's something that everyone who has ever had a serious illness, or loved someone who was seriously ill, should be able to understand. In other words all of us, sooner or later.

Please do not repeal the ACA. Put your heads together and improve it.

Sincerely,

Katherine Scott  
Nyack, NY



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**From:** Jessica Kent [redacted] <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony regarding my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I was diagnosed with cancer when I was 15 years old and have a slew of secondary issues as a result of that completely unforeseeable illness. One of the secondary issues was a second bout with cancer two years ago, which I was able to survive thanks to health insurance that does not waive care or raise premiums for pre-existing conditions. I continue to suffer from long-term issues as a result of my battles with cancer, and I live in fear that I will be priced out of my healthcare coverage if the Graham-Cassidy bill is passed. I would like to see bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jessica Kent  
Omaha, NE

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**From:** Pat Margulies <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:41 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** PLEASE FIX THE ACA ... and stop all the other baloney

You know what I mean!

Fix the ACA... Give the industry security, or whatever

Use Medicaid.

Help people.

Help families who have old, old, old people ..

Help families that have young, young, young people ...

Help PEOPLE who have no one because they are poor and sick.

HELP!!!!

Stop all this bad, crazy stuff. Go perform for Trump however you want, but not on the backs of the rest of us.

Pat Margulies  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Eleanor Bryan [REDACTED] m>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:37 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** reject graham-cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My partner relies on the ACA for affordable healthcare as a freelance artist, a job which fulfills him and makes him happy in a way that his full time job with full benefits never did. Without the ACA, our family would have to make hard choices about employment and finances that would seriously impact our mental health. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Bryan

Chicago, IL

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**From:** Burgess, Helene <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:42 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Please vote no on the Graham-Cassidy proposal. Use your time instead to come up with a plan that will provide quality affordable health care for every American.

Thank you,  
Helene Burgess  
Richmond, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Katie Hanson-Dorr <katie.hanson-dorr@congress.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to Graham-Cassidy

I am writing today to express my concerns about the Graham-Cassidy amendment and repeal of the ACA.

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. My husband has an illness called hemochromatosis that went undiagnosed for years. That in turn has caused irreparable damage to his joints and his liver. At the age of 50, my husband has zero cartilage in his knees, has osteoarthritis in his hips, neck, and other joints, and has liver damage. We will be faced with special health needs for the rest of his life.

This disease is incurable and he will live with it for his entire life. This is also a pre-existing condition, and if protections for people with pre-existing conditions afforded by the ACA are allowed to be thrown out by states if Graham-Cassidy is passed, our family is going to suffer.

There are very real consequences that are going to fall on millions of families who have family members with pre-existing conditions. I hope you will take this into consideration and recognize the need to throw out the Graham-Cassidy amendment. I would like to see a true bipartisan congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. The ACA has some problems, but much more good came out of the ACA than bad.

Sincerely,  
Katie Hanson-Dorr

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**From:** Elaine Baden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham Cassidy Bill

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My Husband was treated for depression after his 1st wife died. Because of this he was labeled as having a "pre-existing condition" which jacked up our rates - even after 10 years! I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Elaine Baden  
Richmond, CA

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**From:** Alice Rogers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:48 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Graham-Cassidy bill Sep. 30th 2017

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I am strongly opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill, this bill will harm the people of this country in so many ways. Not only will 32 million people lose insurance but the insurance that people do have, will not cover as much as insurance covers now. We will lose the basic protections and costs will soar. Leaving these decisions to the States is not smart, especially since they will not have enough money to take care of the residents of the State.

This bill punishes citizens to favor big corporations and the very richest in our country. The Government is supposed to work for the people, not against them.

Protect our care and do not enact this bill!

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**From:** Richard Thornton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA repeal

My Family, the Thorntons, rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am nearing retirement and have preexisting conditions that might result in being left with no affordable health care options without the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Richard Thornton

Los Altos, CA 94024.



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**From:** Loretta Van Damm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Medicare for all

I have Medicare and no other supplemental insurance. With my co-pay and possible medications that I will have to pay out of pocket I am in danger of insolvency. Fortunately I require at this time little meds to survive. The co-pays on doctors' visits and lab work, or emergency transport/treatment is a hardship at this time. I am foregoing diagnostic tests for the shortness of breath that I am experiencing now solely to avoid the additional expense. I pray I will not require emergency care again.

My age prevents my successful application for jobs in any of the professional competencies I have: teacher; substance abuse counselor; management analyst. While I am no less competent, the addition of a full time professional salary is beyond my reach as a solution to my problem. I recognize that there are many seniors and mid-life citizens who also find no help on their own. We need health care adequate enough to live....especially after a lifetime of self sufficiency, tax-paying, and contributions to our communities. This nation is the richest in the world and one of the cruelest. Let me point out that eventually this I-have-mine-the-hell-with-you attitude is unsustainable in the end and is exposing the myth of American Exceptionalism for the lie that it is.

Yours in Hope,  
Loretta Van Damm  
213 W Clark St, Weyauwega, WI 54983

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**From:** Andrea Flink [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill on health care

Dear Senators,

My family urgently needs quality health care. Several of us have pre-existing conditions which require steady, reliable coverage. I strongly urge you to vote NO on Graham-Cassidy, and to instead work together to strengthen and improve the ACA.

Sincerely,

Andrea Flink / New York, NY

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**From:** Alicia Leinberger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:45 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** BernieCare - MEDICARE FOR ALL - for public comment on Graham-Cassidy

To US Federal Legislators,

This attempt to hijack the public trust will create economic chaos.

We need to stabilize the cost of health care with a single payer system.

Please kill this ridiculous piece of legislation with your votes backed by our voices.

And while you're at it sign on to Conyer's bill or Sander's bill and bring us Medicare for All.

Alicia Leinberger, Viroqua, WI

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**From:** Connie Parker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy act

Dear senators, my name is Connie Parker and I happen to live in California. And I am thankful that I have a Democratic senators who actually care about me and my health care. This Graham Cassidy Act is a travesty of your attempt, GOP, to just get a political win. You are not putting the Nations health care needs and ones above your party. This will get Medicaid and millions will lose their healthcare. Just because something is available doesn't make it affordable. You are going to allow people with pre-existing conditions to either lose their healthcare and die or be charged more than they can afford and they will lose their healthcare and die. This will remove healthcare from veterans. Children will lose their healthcare and they are the most vulnerable in our society. Caps can be put on for lifetime benefits which will affect those with pre-existing conditions. I am a pre-existing condition, I am disabled and this will affect my access to healthcare. Obama care may have its problems but there was a bipartisan effort to fix some of the problems it has so that the exchanges would stabilize. You are a liar senator Cassidy and Senator Graham you should be ashamed of yourself for what you were trying do. The GOP passes this bill and in 2018 American people will remember who took away their healthcare. I will not forget. This bill is bad for once in your sorry life foot the country over party. Thank you to my California senators senator Harris and Senator Feinstein for all that you do for those of us in California.  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Diane Bowler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Please drop the Graham-Cassidy Bill. The policy proposed by this bill would negatively impact the citizens of the United States. Please listen to the people and the medical providers who would be affected and stop this bill now.

Sincerely,  
Diane Bowler  
Waterbury, CT  
Health Care Worker

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**From:** Rachel & Timber Wolf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, and my compassion for others, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am disabled and live on \$900 a month from Social Security and SSI combined. Without Medicaid I couldn't afford medical care. Is there a good reason I should suffer needlessly or die of a treatable disease? I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Rachel Wolf

Santa Cruz, California

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**From:** Robin Fink [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH Comments

Hello,

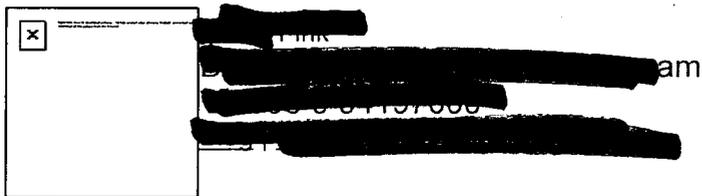
My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with Medicaid is having to watch my mother, when I was 12 years old, die of cancer. We were struggling to make ends meet and my mother was going to school, working, and taking care of me when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She didn't think she could go to the doctors because she couldn't afford health services. This eventually caused for her delayed access to healthcare, but thanks to medicaid, she was able to access treatment that at least was able to give her 4 more months of life. When I was 12, those four months made everything in order to be able to have my mother in my life that much longer, thanks to Medicaid.

I can't even begin to imagine all the children who will lose their mothers and fathers if Medicaid funds are cut. Please, think about the lives of your parents and your family members and how much you love them. Why would you want other families, who love their parents and children just as much as you did, to die because funds to help save their lives were cut?

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

Sincerely,  
Robin Fink  
Berkeley, California

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**From:** Erica Elam <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

The Graham-Cassidy Bill is a disaster for anyone who isn't rich and/or very well-employed. It also punishes states that accepted Obama's reforms. It is heartless and cruel. We need our representatives to work together to improve healthcare in this country, not make it worse out of partisan spite.

The Graham-Cassidy Bill is a travesty for our most vulnerable citizens. The strength of our country lies in the compassion we show to our citizens, and this bill is the antithesis of compassion for those with pre-existing conditions (like my parents who are both cancer survivors), those living in poverty, and all of our fellow Americans who need affordable healthcare to survive.

Bridget Elam  
Brentwood, TN

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Meghana Menon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is incredibly important for me to receive affordable care that is not impacted by pre-existing conditions. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Meghana Menon

Chicago, IL

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**From:** Madeline Zhu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:07 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** 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. This includes my mother, who has 2 jobs and has recently been identified as having a potential pre-cancerous condition.

Madeline Zhu  
Hudson, WI

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**From:** Lachlyn Soper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:54 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** oppose Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with affordable care is that my sister and her young son could not have insurance without it. She is a hardworking American who has worked every single day of her adult life. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Lachlyn Soper

Argyle, Wisconsin

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Ms. Lachlyn M. Soper

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**From:** George Stubbs <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:05 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have severe allergies and have had to depend on my healthcare more than once - and that stands to potentially go up in smoke. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you,

George Stubbs  
Sausalito, California

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**From:** Linda Selph [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare and so I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with affordability of healthcare is that because my mother had the misfortune to have breast cancer in the days before the Affordable Healthcare Act, her illness bankrupted my family and we eventually lost our home. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Linda Selph  
Oakland, CA

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**From:** Beth Moss <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

Several members of our family rely on the Affordable Care Act for their health insurance and other supports. My cousin in LA is an artist and doesn't have employer paid health insurance, so she's bought hers on the exchange and for the first time can see a doctor and not go to the ER. Another cousin in MD has a physical disability and mental health issues so receives SSDI and health insurance through Medicaid. My son has autism and lives on his own with just a weekly check-in by a support person (paid by Medicaid). He swims for the US Paralympic team and receives room, board, and training. He also has a part time job with a job coach (Medicaid). He does not have employer paid health insurance, so his health insurance is through Medicaid as are his job and independent living supports.

He lives independently with a roommate with the weekly check-in because over his lifetime of 24 years he has benefitted from therapy at school (Medicaid) and at home (Medicaid) that taught him how to be an independent person. That up-front investment in his health and teaching him independent living skills, how to speak, how to cope with the world has made him the man he is today.

If Medicaid is taken from him and other people who rely on it to be healthy, live their lives as independently as possible, and contribute to society and to the economy, then we will see a sharp uptick in people who are more dependent and who will be living in more expensive segregated institutions.

The responsible thing to do is to slow down and improve the system now in place so that more people can access affordable health care. Vote no to Graham-Cassidy.

Thank you,

Beth Guthrie-Moss

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Lesley Boyland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:05 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

I urge you to strike down the hastily-proposed and ill-conceived Graham-Cassidy Bill, because it would adversely affect millions of Americans. Recently I was encouraged to hear of a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it – please continue this for the good of the nation rather than rushing headlong on purely political grounds to overturn the system in place.

Sincerely, Lesley Boyland, voter in Palos Verdes, CA 90274

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**From:** Kameelah Waheed Wilkerson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

Hello,

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, Kameelah Wilkerson  
Pasadena, CA



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**From:** Rosemary Patterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have pre-existing conditions that would seriously affect my ability to get the care I need. My granddaughter has a history of epilepsy. If this bill was passed she would be facing a lifetime of higher premiums just as she is trying to pay for her college education.

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

Sincerely,

Rosemary Patterson

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Craig Campbell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have diabetes and am in remission from leukemia. My wife is a survivor of breast cancer. These are pre-existing conditions that would probably not be covered under this bill for those without insurance. We are fortunate that we have insurance. I want to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. All Americans should have reliable, affordable and good health insurance.

Sincerely,

Nelson Craig Campbell

[REDACTED] Pl.

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**From:** ME Pratt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:08 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy Bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have something that would be considered a pre-existing condition, but with the ability to check in with my doctor once a year and take maintenance prescriptions, I haven't had a problem in 14 years. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
E. Pratt  
Las Cruces NM

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**From:** Kelly [REDACTED] 3  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:07 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to graham-Cassidy bill

To whom it may concern,

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with the ACA is related to my recent pregnancy. I received the care I needed, free of charge, to have my wonderful twin boys. In addition, I received a free breast pump and now am receiving free birth control to prevent any unwanted pregnancies... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Kelly rufca  
Torrance, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Karen Bohn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

My family and friends rely on affordable health care for serious illnesses including Multiple Sclerosis And ALS. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

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

Thank you

Karen Bohn

Sebastopol, Ca

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**From:** Neva [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:11 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill opposition

I'm writing to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My 19 year old daughter has a genetic disorder that causes her to need ongoing medical treatment. She is currently a sophomore in college majoring in pre-med. Given good health care, she will be able to make a positive contribution to this country. Without guaranteed health coverage for pre-existing conditions and no lifetime medical cap, she will not and her life will be ruined. We, her family, know that this bill does not guarantee these. We are terrified by all these attempts to repeal the ACA. We want to see a bipartisan congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Neva Walden  
Buffalo, NY

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**From:** Patsy Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

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[REDACTED]



- *From 2020-2036 California will lose federal funding for healthcare, the entire trillion<sup>1</sup>*
- *6.7 million Californians will lose coverage, 115,000 people in the 3rd district alone*
- *Repeals essential health benefits, like maternity and pediatric visits*
- *Allows insurers to charge higher premiums and individuals with preexisting conditions*

<sup>1</sup> Avalere Health

<sup>2</sup> UC Berkeley Labor Center

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**From:** Hillary Wootton [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

I rely on the quality healthcare I receive. I do not take advantage of any discounts--I make too much money for that. But I do have some pre-existing conditions that can make my insurance costs prohibitive. I am a small business owner, so I pay for my healthcare out of my own pocket.

I realize the ACA is not perfect. But it's a first attempt. I believe that a bi-partisan effort to improve the ACA is the smartest course right now. Repealing it with something that CBO doesn't even have information on seems foolhardy, at best.

There's been a lot of flip talk lately to the tune of: If the members of Congress think this new plan is so great, let's see them drop their current plans and adopt the one they propose. While this is snarky and off-hand, there's also a degree of truth to it. It's a bitter pill for the populace to swallow when the elected officials ostensibly say, "Let them eat cake."

I urge you to keep the plan in place and work to fine-tune it so it's beneficial for all.

Sincerely,

Hillary Wootton  
Santa Rosa, CA



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From: Bonnie Krichbaum [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:55 PM  
To: gchcomments  
Subject: Health Care Bill

Dear esteemed Senators,

Since I understand that you do not have to worry about health insurance because the public, your voters and constituents, furnish you with the Gold Star plan, you may not realize that this country is FULL of seniors, children, working adults, ill patients and many others who depend on doctors, tests, and medications and health insurance every day. Many of us have previous conditions and on going ailments. PLEASE do not

make this all worse by passing this awful bill.

Aarp and all seniors are watching the Congress and watching the voting.

Thanks you, Bonnie Krichbaum,  
Oceanside, CA

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**From:** Donna Alexander [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

My close family members and several friends who are hard-working people rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Donna Alexander

Berea, KY

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Carrie Ott-Holland  
<c.ottholland@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

To whom it may concern:

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,

Carrie Ott-Holland

San Francisco, CA

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**From:** Kelly Kelso <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions is I had a full cardiac arrest in 2016 due to a congenital heart valve issue I was not aware of. I am 56 years old and later in 2016 I had a stroke which was secondary to the metal valve I had implanted after the arrest. I am healthy today and have returned to work full time. It is important to me to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kelso

Fort Thomas, KY

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Cara Carrillo [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

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

I have a number of close family and friends who risk their health and life with the loss of affordable healthcare. My sister has been devastated by multiple neck and back injuries that have left her with pre-existing conditions and on disability for many years. If ACA is repealed and replaced by the Graham-Cassidy bill, she will likely be left without essential care for her ongoing pain. As for me, I rely on affordable medications for thyroid disease and neck injuries. Healthcare is not affordable to us under the proposed bill and I urge you to find alternatives that provide healthcare for ALL.

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

Sincerely,

Cara Carrillo  
Oakland, CA

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**From:** Jeri Lu, Mattson [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I am writing in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is a travesty which takes away health care from millions. I had cancer in my 50s when I was still working and had the luxury of health insurance. When I left my job, I could not get insurance because of pre-existing conditions - as if cancer was a condition I had wanted. I was so fortunate to be able to afford high risk insurance which covered NOTHING but at least we would not lose our home and all our assets if the cancer came back. Then, miracle upon miracle, on the day I became eligible for Medicare, EVERY insurance company that had denied me coverage wanted to cover me. By supplementing Medicare, insurance companies can maybe provide the service they should provide.

I strongly urge that all members of congress sit down and rationally work out improvements to the ACA. No one should have to die or suffer because they don't have or can't afford insurance.

Jeri Lu Mattson  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Katherine Keefer <katherine.keefe@y...>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Repeal of the ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. I am very concerned at the direction our country is taking. What happened to compassion? I have migraines which, it turns out, is a pre existing condition and before the ACA my healthcare premiums were \$750 a month which was more than I could afford. Block grants do not guarantee coverage. In fact my state, California, who opted to expand Medicare, would get less money. If Canada and Europe can figure out how to provide health care to EVERYONE so can we. I would like to see a **bipartisan** Congressional effort to **improve the ACA**, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Katherine Keefer  
Crockett, CA



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**From:** Randy Karsten [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Approval of the new Health Insurance bill

I have not read the bill in its entirety but I think it would be a start to replace the problems with the Affordable Care Act. I would recommend to pass this bill and be able to add changes later as problems occur.

Randy Karsten  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jesse Claflin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:11 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing Public Comment

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I know that the ACA allows my family to afford health insurance that covers all of the essential benefits, and I know that the ACA is even more vital for families throughout the US that are less fortunate than my own. I am sure you will hear many of their stories in emails like this one, and I hope you will be as moved by them as I am when I hear such stories on the news, on Facebook, or even from my own friends and family. In short, I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Jesse Claflin  
East Haddam, CT

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**From:** Charlotte Marie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy means loss of healthcare for my family.

My family relies on quality healthcare. My brother has Multiple Sclerosis and is the first one who will lose coverage if GrahamCassidy is passed.

We need a bipartisan effort to fix what is wrong with ACA instead of constantly trying to repeal it.

Thank you

Charlotte M. Sicard

Sent from my Gmail account

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**From:** DANA LEVY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy

To the senators of the United States,

I am a children's book author, married to a nonprofit leader, and we rely on quality, affordable healthcare. This bill is a travesty, and would hurt our family, as well as millions of other Americans. Whether we are small business owners, parents of chronically ill children, or people who seek to improve the public sector while still taking care of a family, we all need healthcare to be available, affordable, and fair. Being alive is a pre-existing condition. We don't need healthcare just to avoid catastrophe, we need healthcare to KEEP us healthy. That means well visits and preventative medicine and accessible care for all.

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

Sincerely, Dana Levy

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Brittney Littler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public comment

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

My story with pre-existing conditions is a long one. The important piece of it is that a hereditary heart disease has plagued my family for generations. Now that we better understand the hereditary aspect of the disease my family has gone to extremes to prevent afflicting further generations. We are doing our part. Those who were born before science could help should not be punished for the audacity of their birth by being denied healthcare.

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

Sincerely,

Brittney Littler

Anaheim, CA

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**From:** Jaimie Vaillancourt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO to Graham-Cassidy Bill

I'm writing to urgently express my disappointment and disdain for the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family and friends rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Children and mothers need quality, affordable healthcare. The disabled and elderly deserve quality healthcare. Why ruin the lives of millions in an effort to uphold an uneducated, empty promise? 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,  
Jaimie

Brooklyn, New York

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**From:** T S Hedwall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to the 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,

Shaula Hedwall

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Robert Hall <[redacted]@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:15 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

Quality, affordable healthcare is essential. In fact, it should be a human right. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Letting healthcare companies kick you off the insurance due to pre-existing conditions is ridiculous. Why, even a sore back can badly affect your permanent record. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Let's people first, not corporate donors seeking tax breaks.

Sincerely,

Robert Hall

1 [redacted]  
San Francisco, CA 94117



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**From:** Amber Eisenmann <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on Graham Cassidy

I urge you to vote no on this horrible cruel bill. It could take us backwards and is opposed by most health care groups and most Americans. We need affordable, accessible, high quality health care. This bill would be a disaster.

Sincerely,  
Amber Eisenmann

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Hieronymi, Pamela <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposing Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senators:

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. First, do no harm.

Sincerely,  
Pamela Hieronymi

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Pamela Hieronymi, Professor  
Department of Philosophy, UCLA  
[REDACTED]  
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<http://hieronymi.bol.ucla.edu/index.html>

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**From:** Gail B <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

**Script:** 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,  
Gail Bukowski  
Exeter, NH

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**From:** Rebecca Maines [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

Dear Committee Members:

Like most Americans, and especially as a (very) small business owner, I depend on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Although I am right now insured through my husband's employer-provided plan, we have both been self-employed (and may be again) and purchased health insurance. Before the ACA, that insurance was prohibitively expensive and only covered hospitalization. We were pressed to afford preventive care, so we often skipped it, and waited until we were sicker (and more expensive) before seeking care. This bill makes it likely that we would return to the days of costly plans with very limited coverage, forcing people to wait until they're very sick and their healthcare much more costly to seek care. That doesn't make sense, economically or medically.

Now, as I said, I'm covered by an employer plan. That plan covers me and my pre-existing conditions (asthma, a breast tumor) without penalty, and there is no copay for the preventive care that keeps me healthy. That is thanks to the provisions of the ACA. This bill has the potential to eliminate those protections and make it difficult or impossible to afford care—and without care, I wouldn't be able to run my business, and could end up needing public aid. That seems like a poor tradeoff, both economically and medically.

Moreover, should I or my husband experience a severe illness or accident, the ACA's provision that prohibits lifetime caps means we wouldn't find ourselves bankrupted and dependent on public welfare trying to pay for life-saving care. I know what cancer treatment can cost. I know what an ICU stay costs. We can't afford that out of pocket. Most people can't. Getting and keeping people well contributes to American productivity and to American greatness. Putting people on welfare or making them homeless because of illness or accident is not just cruel, it is simply stupid public policy.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. This can be done, and it must be done. It is the only responsible course. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
P. Rebecca Maines  
Baldwin, New York

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**From:** Laura Garbes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to 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,

Laura Garbes

Buffalo, NY

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Laura Garbes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kellee Richards [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill (ACA repeal)

Good evening,

I live on a modest income and depend on my health insurance being readily affordable. Last summer, I was hospitalized for just two days in order to have a non-life-threatening but persistent streptococcus infection treated with intravenous antibiotics. This fairly minor procedure, all things considered, would have cost me over **twenty thousand dollars** if I had to pay out of pocket. That's roughly two-thirds of my annual income! Fortunately, my insurance reduced it to a \$250 copay which I could easily cover. This is what affordable health insurance means for the vast majority of Americans.

Instead of scrubbing the ACA, please pursue bipartisan measures to improve it. That is what the vast majority of Americans want.

Thank you,

Kellee Richards  
North Hollywood, CA

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Rose Buscemi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

To whom it may concern,

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

My sister was born prematurely and has had lifelong health issues. She relies on affordable healthcare in order to maintain a normal, productive life. My mother developed breast cancer three times, and is currently recovering from a double mastectomy. My mother relies on affordable healthcare in order to fight cancer and stay alive. I have two wonderful children, and I rely on affordable healthcare to ensure that they will be able to get whatever care or services they need in order to stay healthy.

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

Sincerely,

Rose Connelly

West Hempstead, New York

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**From:** Charlie Nelson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Bill

Hello Out There!

Health care is a human right. PLEASE DO NOT REPEAL THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

Best,  
Charlie Nelson Keever  
Hermosa Beach, CA



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**From:** Rebecca Brian Pan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. My friend with a severe disability is very concerned that if any part of his healthcare coverage is reduced, he will have to decide between living expenses and having the medical care and medication he needs daily. 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,

Esmeralda Marquez  
Oakland, California

Voter

Cheers!

Rebecca

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Rebecca Brian Pan  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Beth Minear [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

Some of my friends rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My experience with friends convinces me that this program is necessary for people with disabilities and little income. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Beth Minear

Orleans, Ma

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jackie Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am a self employed 60 year old widow and rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is time for a bipartisan Congressional effort focusing on helping all Americans with strategies to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Johnson  
[REDACTED]  
North Granby, CT 06060

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**From:** Ellen McGee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Hurt, Nikki (Markey); Pearson, Beth (Warren)

Dear US Senate,

I urge you to protect Medicare for it's intended purposes. Do not let Medicare fund the Affordable Care Act.(ACA)

Please repeal the ACA. We need a health care system that will provide a competitive business environment and follow the person where ever they are. Health car should totally disregard previous conditions; including having no effect on ones premium. Any insurance company should have the right to charge what they want for a particular coverage, but the cost of that coverage should be the same for everyone who purchases that item. Competition will lower prices and the insurance companies will still have huge profits. There will always be more healthy people paying the same premiums as the critically ill and elderly.

Thank you for serving the people and the insurance industry,

MaryEllen McGee

[REDACTED]  
Framingham, MA

617-721-0648

cc Senator Warren [REDACTED] and Senator Markey [REDACTED]

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**From:** Erin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please vote NO

As of now, many medical organizations, hospitals, the AARP, and the heads of Medicaid in EVERY state have come out against the Graham-Cassidy bill. Because it is terrible for people old and young, those with disabilities, the poor, women, and anyone who ever has or ever will get sick in their life.

This bill is not about health care, it's about repealing Obamacare just for the sake of doing it. Listen to your constituents, listen to the professionals that know what the effects of this bill will be. And do not pass it!

Sincerely,  
Erin Petty

Indianapolis, IN  
46250

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**From:** Michael Litzky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on Graham-Cassidy

I'm opposed to the Graham Cassidy bill. I'm blessed with good insurance right now through my wife's job. If she leaves that job and this bill is law, I face tremendously expensive coverage or none at all because of a nerve disease called CMT. Further, a dear friend who is a struggling piano teacher would lose her subsidy and would not be able to afford insurance. Please do not allow this cruel bill to become law.

Michael Litzky  
94602

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Michael Litzky  
Storyteller

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Sample hard sci-fi: [The Sky is Made of Stone](#)  
Sample fantasy/horror: [Safe as Houses](#)  
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**From:** Linda Hartshorn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham Cassidy bill

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. Please keep Health Care affordable and accessible for all Americans. Do not repeal the ACA.

Sincerely, Linda Hartshorn

Eureka, CA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Leslie Hastings [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

My husband and I, in our 70's and 80's, rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As we age, we have more and more pre-existing conditions, from two prior heart attacks to neuropathy, from asthma to depression. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. There are many, many poorer than we are who depend on common-sense, fair health insurance. Please don't vote for this terrible, immoral bill!

Sincerely, Rev. Leslie Hastings

Hampden, MA



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**From:** Meg Shaw [REDACTED] ✉  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing

I family rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with the need for affordable healthcare is the need I had while out of work after taking a volunteer position in Tanzania for 18 months. When I returned to the US I was unemployed and needed health insurance. Offering affordable insurance the humane thing to do. Health coverage should not be a privilege nor a profit center for insurance companies.

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

Sincerely,  
Megan Lauvetz  
Chicago, IL

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**From:** p smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Anyone who thinks this is an improvement has a lot of screws loose. How can anything that hurts those that need it most be good for anyone but the super rich? If this passes it will sentence millions of Americans to death, many of the children. I have an 10 year old niece whose medication costs over \$10,000 a month. Just how are her parents, who both work, supposed to afford it? This bill will be sentencing that beautiful little girl to death as a lifetime cap would be reached in no time. She is just one of many. This bill needs to die and they need to do one of 2 things, fix the ACA or go one payer like the rest of the civilized world. Stop allowing big business, big pharma and the insurance industry from buying Congressional support for their interests and against the American people's interests.

Patricia Smith of New Jersey

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**From:** Brielle Grover [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:21 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,

Brielle Grover

Red Hook, NY

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jennifer Quisenberry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

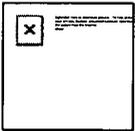
Senators,

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

I am a type 1 diabetic, and without adequate care, I would become a burden to society and the taxpayers. My quality of life would severely diminish, and it's well within the realm of possibility that I could die.

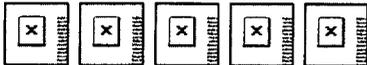
I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Quisenberry  
Canyon Country, CA 91387



**Jennifer Quisenberry**  
Editor-in-Chief at The Awesome Muse

Email [REDACTED]  
Website [REDACTED]



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**From:** Laura D'Elia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

To whom this may concern,

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Laura D'Elia

Westborough, MA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I would like to see a bipartisan bill to improve the ACA, not a bill that throws the problem at the states, most of which are struggling with budgets as it is. I believe that we should study how health care is handled in the world's healthiest countries and learn from them. As a Medicare recipient, I can see how well it works for me, and I would love to see it phased in gradually for every American. Health care should not be dependent on where you live or where you work or how sick you are or how old you are. Everyone should receive healthcare in this country and it should be subsidized by a Medicare tax. Private insurance can still exist for supplemental care, but no one in this great country should have to fear financial devastation because they have the misfortune to fall ill.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
Uncasville, CT 06382

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**From:** Colin Kelley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not vote for this HC 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, Colin Kelley, West Hartford Connecticut, 06107, [REDACTED]

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**From:** Teresa Peipins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Dreadful health plan

You only want tax cuts for billionaires. The rest of us can die. I vote in every election.  
TPeipins  
Zip 14223

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with [Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, disabilities, affordability, etc.] is... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Sandy Sullivan

Chatfield, MN

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Royelen Boykie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Reform

Dear Senators,

Thank you for taking my comments.

Especially since I have no elected officials of my own.

Please, let's get clear that the goal of health care reform is to IMPROVE people's lives, not to kill them off or bankrupt states.

What kind of political mess are you in that the only way to fulfill your campaign process is to kill people.

It's absurd.

Kill this bill and do something good.

Sincerely,

Royelen Lee Boykie  
Washington, DC  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** ME Rute Meyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

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,

Mary Ellen Rute Meyer

Madison, Wisconsin

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**From:** Celia Fleischman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I, and my family, rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story is with pre-existing conditions and disabilities. I have been diagnosed with severe suicidal depression, and my fiancé has been battling increasing deafness and Rheumatoid Arthritis since his early teens and his doctors predict that he will inevitably be confined to a wheelchair later in life because of the disorder. Without the ACA, neither of us would be able to afford the healthcare that we both need in order to survive and remain functional pieces of the workforce. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Celia Zoe Fleischman  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Suzanne Boutilier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please reject the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

Hello,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the most recent and most reckless attempt to repeal the ACA: the Graham-Cassidy bill. We all know how this bill will impact US citizens, especially the most vulnerable among us: the young, the poor, the sick, and the most constantly under attack: women. You don't need me to list the many acts of cruelty it contains.

Since those of you who wrote it and are supporting it don't seem to care about the health and wellbeing of your fellow citizens, I hope you at least pause to think about how your base will feel about you in the midterms when they no longer have access to affordable healthcare. Do you really think they'll continue to stand by you when they can't afford the medicine or the treatments that could mean the difference between life and death for them or someone they love? Do you really think they'll put their politics before the lives of their own family members? They will not. They will, rightly, hold you responsible and rightly, vote you out of office.

Please think hard about your decision to support this morally bankrupt bill. This is not a legacy you want to lay claim to.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Boutilier  
CA

Sent from my iPhone, hence the rampant typos.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** ann rickert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** GCHcomments@finance.senate  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Nikki\_Hurt@markey.senate  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham- Cassidy Bill

*Members of the Senate Finance Committee,*

*As a physician who cares deeply about the ability of America's patients to access the care they need, I write in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill to replace the ACA. This bill is just as bad as the ACA repeal efforts that came before. My home state has worked hard to improve the well-being of its residents, and this bill would clearly undo many of the gains that we have worked hard to achieve over the years.*

*Any physician knows that when it comes to our patients, coverage doesn't always mean care. By overturning protections for patients with preexisting conditions and by slashing coverage of essential health benefits, this bill would leave too many patients between the cracks – especially the most vulnerable.*

*Rather than stripping health care from millions of Americans, Congress now has an opportunity to take a bipartisan approach toward stabilizing the insurance markets and fixing the ACA. I urge you to take that opportunity and join me in opposing Graham-Cassidy.*

Ann Rickert, MD - Mendon, MA

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Linda Fisher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

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,

Linda Fisher

White Plains, NY

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**From:** Shantha Mohan [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to 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,  
Shantha  
Palo Alto, CA



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**From:** Jim Caruso [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** VOTE NO

Please...stop the insanity. I oppose this bill.

Jim Caruso  
NY, NY

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** D. E. Green [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Rep. Jason Lewis  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Comments

Senators:

My family, in particular my working-class son, relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My 26-year-old son works 40-60 hours a week but does not make enough money to pay for insurance on the exchange; his small-business employer does not offer insurance. He's a diligent worker and shouldn't be penalized by the system because he has a pre-existing condition; we're proud of him. Right now, he qualifies for MN Care, the Medicaid program in Minnesota, a state that has always innovated to increase the number of people with healthcare insurance. Therefore, I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not to repeal it.

Sincerely,

Douglas Green

Northfield, MN 55057

cc: Rep. Jason Lewis

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**From:** Dani Schlichter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH comments

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have several pre-existing conditions - including clinical depression. If I were not able to get access to appropriate psychological services during these episodes of depression, there is a very real possibility of suicide. The ACA not only prevents insurance companies from denying me life-saving coverage, but also makes sure that psychological services are treated as medical illnesses - not optional parts of one's coverage.

Additionally, the ACA allowed me to open my own business so that I did not have to rely on having an employer to be guaranteed of having insurance. Surely nothing is more American than the spirit of entrepreneurship and having the freedom to pursue one's dreams!

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Danielle Schlichter

Glendale, California

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Bill Too Dangerous to Pass.

I am deeply opposed to tampering a system that may pull the guarantees of coverage out from millions of Americans.

1) the rush to pass a bill without CBO oversight is too risky. This law affects literally 1/6 of America's overall GDP. You might usher in an economic catastrophe if you get this wrong. Rushing to vote WILL NOT HELP. Design it it right. GET INPUT FROM real stake holders like the AMA and all the other organizations opposed to this bill

2) allowing states to ration care for high risk patients and preexisting conditions is cruel and inhumane.

3) you need a bipartisan approach to designing a good health care system. You'll need buy in from EVERYONE. Don't lone wolf this because you hate Obamacare. If you got a better plan, let it stand the test of time. This bill is an embarrassment.

4) on a personal note, the ACA gave me coverage when I could not find one in the legacy insurance market. I find this new bill completely inadequate in protecting people from preexisting conditions. Insurance markets loved to rejecting people for care in the name of profits. What you are voting for is a return to a deeply abusive system.

I hope you come to your senses and reject this horrible bill

-P Wei.  
Los Angeles, CA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** the Graham-Cassidy bill - FIX, do not eliminate, the ACA!

To Whom It Concerns:

I have been blessed with industry-related health care in the past, but now have to rely on medicare as a senior citizen. People in Congress have their own health coverage. The Obama attempt to provide health care to so many of the rest of us who are not so fortunate in

this age of high-priced medical care may not have been perfect (no help there from the Republican Party), but it was a step in the right direction. I implore the Senate leadership to make an effort at bipartisan cooperation to fix the system, rather than the wrecking-ball approach of the G-C bill. People like you legislators and some of the rest of the wealthy people of the country may eliminate health care assistance for the rest of the country, but those hurt by such a false economy are the general public. PLEASE make a bipartisan effort to fix the health care insurance system rather than scrap it.

Do the right thing. Do not rush through a repeal in order to score political points at the expense of the rest of the country. Make a bi-partisan effort to craft for all of us a REAL health care solution.

Sincerely, James Alley - Port Ewen, Ulster County, New York WState

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**From:** Ruth Apter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This bill is a death sentence to the most vulnerable people in our country and is basically a bill to benefit the top 1% of the already obscenely wealthiest people. You all should be deeply ashamed of yourselves for even considering this purely evil bill. I am being polite here when I say anyone voting in favor is of the lowest immoral, poor excuse, for a human being.

Ruth Apter  
[REDACTED]  
Olympia, WA 98506

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**From:** Tamara Fahey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Testimony

Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
September 25, 2017  
Tamara Fahey  
[REDACTED]  
Sharon, MA 02067

To Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I urge you to vote NO on Graham-Cassidy and protect Medicaid for our nations most vulnerable: children, seniors and individuals with disabilities. Block granting Medicaid will impose impossible financial and administrative burdens on states, particularly Republican controlled, high poverty states.

Block granting a safety net program designed to respond in times of national crisis renders it as weak as our neediest state economy during recession, natural disaster, or worse.

Please stop wasting taxpayer dollars tearing insurance from our nations most vulnerable and get to work improving the ACA already.

Frustrated and fatigued,

Tamara Fahey

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**From:** Molly Travers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Regarding the Graham Cassidy Bill

To whom it may concern,

My name is Molly Travers, and I am a 22-year-old constituent from Sandwich, Massachusetts.

I'm writing to express that I am unequivocally against the Graham-Cassidy bill that will repeal the Affordable Care Act. It's appalling that the Senate GOP is pushing through a bill without a CBO score instead of working to strengthen the ACA's individual markets. The American people want a bipartisan approach to repairing the ACA, not a repeal of it.

It is unnecessary and cruel to take away healthcare from millions of Americans for petty political gains. For this reason, I'm deeply worried about the repeal of the ACA and the potential implementation of a bill that does not even define the word "affordable" - something that will be of concern to low and middle income Americans, who, unlike the wealthy, do not receive a substantial tax cut in this bill.

The bill is just like other "TrumpCare" bills in that it hurts children with disabilities, seniors, and even victims of natural disasters like Harvey and Irma. It also takes away funding to help people afford health insurance through the marketplace, and it hurts states that have expanded Medicaid. Any healthcare plan that eliminates Medicaid expansion, protections for those with pre-existing conditions, and hasn't been scored by the CBO is unacceptable and irresponsible.

I implore you to do the right thing, do your job, and shut down this disastrous bill. Thank you.

Molly Travers



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**From:** Rob McLean [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on Graham-Cassidy

The Graham-Cassidy Bill is a travesty for the nation, especially for our most vulnerable citizens. The strength of our country lies in the compassion we show to our citizens, and this bill is the antithesis of compassion. Please, please consider those with pre-existing conditions, those living in poverty, and all of our fellow Americans who need affordable healthcare to survive. If the Republican Party claims to be Pro-Life, it cannot in good conscience support a bill that would be a death sentence to so many of its constituents.

Please kill the bill, not Americans.

Thank you.

Robert McLean  
Voter in Chicago, IL

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**From:** Gina Storts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I am contacting your committee regarding the Graham/Cassidy bill that is potentially coming up for a vote. While I'm not a health care professional, over the past week almost every person and organization in the medical field has voiced their opposition to this bill. It's not a good bill.

Please, do not hold a vote on a bill that will affect 1/6 of our country's economy without a CBO score. How can you responsibly vote on this legislation without fully knowing and understanding the impact it will have on millions of Americans' lives?

I will confess, I have an immediate, personal stake in this high-stakes game that's being played out in Washington. I'm a breast cancer survivor. The vague language in this bill could allow states to loosen protections for pre-existing conditions, leaving my family open to financial disaster should I ever have a recurrence. How would you like to choose between treatment for cancer and your family's continued ability to have food and shelter? You can't possibly have any idea of what that feels like.

I have a son, 28, with autism. Thanks to Medicaid funding, we have an agency that helps get him services. Through education, job training, and SSI, he now shares an apartment with a roommate, has a job in data entry, and this fall will take an intensive class in medical coding and billing which will boost his employment prospects and potential income. He is an independent young man. Reducing Medicaid funding so drastically - as this bill does - will cut these services for people like my son, depriving them of the chance to help support themselves and have a life of their own in the world. Is this what you want? Seniors would also be left out in the cold.

This cruel bill that many of you are rushing to push through like there's no tomorrow will not bring health care to more Americans. It's predicted that more than 30 million people will lose their existing coverage, and will have to choose between eating and getting healthcare. Just like the "good old days". Doesn't this bother anyone? Do any of you care? What are you in Washington for, anyway?

Lastly, I find this proposed bill to be heartless, mean, and petty. Let's face it, it's a way for Republicans to pay for their ever-lovin' tax cuts. Instead of helping fellow Americans, it's a bill that will hurt the most vulnerable in our country.

Please, do not pass the Graham/Cassidy bill. Return to regular order. Work across the aisle on improving the existing law, and end with a vote that requires ALL of Congress to work together for a solution. It can be done. You just have to want to do it.

Thank you

Gina Szmulewicz  
Tappan, NY

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**From:** Liane Wong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Need bipartisan solution to U.S. Healthcare - IT'S NOT THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL

Dear elected Senators,

Our family - in fact all American families - relies on quality, affordable healthcare. In fact, the data from the U.S. Census was just released today that since the Affordable Care Act was passed in 2010 the number of uninsured Americans has decreased from 50 million (men, women, children, babies) to 28 million people in 2016 - including 5 members of my immediate family. This third attempt to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act has become about fulfilling a campaign promise and as I am very familiar with family coverage and insurance markets being self-employed - it's clear there are NO provisions that actually improve our nation's health care system, it's underlying financing and ultimately our nation's health. For these reasons I - and all of my family who have seen their access to a doctor, preventive care, urgent care (when my son broke his arm this spring) improve since 2010 - deeply oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. We have a silver plan through our state exchange that will still be affordable with the ACA intact and NOT very affordable if premiums increase by 15-20% (that would be for us \$3,600 more in 2018!) due to all of the uncertainty created and in not really working on a bipartisan basis (though an effort is underway with Senators Alexander and Murray) towards REAL solutions.

We CAN do better on healthcare - we can make it more affordable and extend it to all Americans. As Senator McCain pointed out, nothing substantive for the American people can be done behind closed doors and without active, informed debate. We need to return to normal legislative rules and bipartisan governance, and reclaim a thoughtful and open process for how we improve healthcare and the health of our nation.

Please for the health and well-being of our nation finally put aside the animosity towards the ACA and work to fix it by working with purpose and thought across the aisle. YES health policy and really putting our nation on the road to transformational change is hard and will require us all to roll up our sleeves - but WE CAN DO THIS. Just not through this bill you have before the American public! This is far too important for all Americans to screw up!!! We can use our time and resources to put forth much better legislation and there are many, many smart policymakers and staff in DC and in states on both sides of the aisle to write a plan that will put our nation on the road to better health. Listen to your better angels, the AMA, AHA, AAP, AARP, kid and disabled groups and the millions of Americans whose lives will be *worse off to much worse off* and our health system thrown in to utter disarray if this bill become law.

Sincerely,

Liane Wong  
Los Altos, California

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**From:** Nancy Zone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** SUPPORT FOR GRAHAM-CASSIBLY BILL

We have got to get rid of Obamacare! Please support and vote Yes on this bill!! It's for the good of the country.

Thank you.

Nancy Zone  
San Diego, CA  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Gary Niebuhr [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** health care

Health care for all Americans is not a political football. I don't care whether our health care is a Republican or Democrat bill. What I care about is that all Americans have some access to a quality life and quality health care. Passing this bill just to erase the legacy of the past President is truly one of the most desperate and despicable acts in American history.

We need a national debate and a bipartisan health care bill that provides all Americans with the opportunity to be healthy. Why can we not do the right thing?

Best, GWN  
Gary Warren Niebuhr

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee, WI 53228  
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**From:** Lois S [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for the Graham-Cassidy hearing scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

I am opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill. In addition to its causing millions to lose coverage and changing Medicaid as we know it into block grants for states which will affect millions, including middle class elderly Americans who have become impoverished by medical bills and rely on Medicaid for caregivers or nursing homes, it will permit states to get waivers from Essential Health Benefits under the ACA, which could result in people with pre-existing conditions being charged such excessive insurance premiums that they cannot afford health insurance at all. In addition, it could allow employers and insurance companies to reinstate annual and lifetime limits on insurance coverage.

Several of my relatives have pre-existing conditions. If they can be charged excessive insurance premiums, they will not be able to afford medical insurance at all. This could result in their deaths. Cancer and chronic conditions cannot be treated in the Emergency Room, despite some politicians' assurances that everyone can simply go to the Emergency Room if they don't have health insurance. You cannot get chemotherapy, radiation therapy, daily insulin shots, caregiving for dementia, etc. in the Emergency Room. And the Emergency Room is not free--charges are very high and unless a person has no assets, they could face bankruptcy, lose their homes and their cars, have wages garnished as hospitals turn to collection agencies to squeeze payment out of them.

It is simply wrong for the Senate to vote on this bill before the CBO analysis is released. You wouldn't buy a car or a house without seeing a detailed explanation of the costs and liabilities. Yet the Senate would vote on this bill without knowing how many would lose insurance.

For all of the above reasons, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Lois Smallwood  
Sunnyvale, California

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**From:** Natalie Heling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

I urge you not to vote for the Graham - Cassidy bill. Health Care must be a bipartisan effort to be truly effective. This bill would deny coverage to so many.

We desperately need good health care in our country. Okeas work to improve the ACA, not repeal and replace it, especially not with this bill.

Thank you.

Natalie Heling  
San Jose, CA

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**From:** S Kaufmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill is an atrocity

To whom it may concern,

This latest healthcare bill is nothing short of deathcare.

Why does Republicans not understand that American citizens want health care. Not access to cheap insurance plans, lower premiums and plans that cover nothing..

Sincerely,  
Susanne Kaufmann  
San Francisco, CA

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile



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**From:** Melody Camp [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA vs Graham Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I prefer the current ACA to the Graham Cassidy healthcare bill. GC is ill conceived. It ignored the process a U.S. bill should go through. It is being rammed down people's throats without due process. I really would like to see a bipartisan effort to improve on the existing ACA.

My brother is a pastor with Parkinson's who relies on the ACA for his insurance coverage. Without it, he would not be able to afford insurance or the care he currently gets. I know there are many, many such stories out there.

It seems many of the benefits that currently exist are at great risk of being eliminated. These include preexisting conditions, care for the young, poor and elderly. Let's put our efforts into reforming our healthcare system and assure everyone gets care like other developed countries get.

Financially this jerking around with the system leaves too much uncertainty for the insurers. They can't price and offer products with any comfort. As a matter of fact, the uncertainty in the entire healthcare community ends up hurting everyone from the providers to the patients.

Please discourage the passing of this bill unless it can be vetted appropriately.

Melody

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**From:** Sarah King [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** My Thoughts on the Graham-Cassidy bill

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Sarah King. I am nineteen years old and I live in Letcher County, Kentucky. You have probably never even heard of it. It's in the heart of Appalachia. My father is a retired coal miner and my mother is retired as well. Both are disabled and receive social security benefits.

The Affordable Care Act made it possible for all three of us to have access to the medical care we deserve. If the Graham-Cassidy bill is passed and the ACA repealed, it would be seriously detrimental to my family and me.

My Dad suffers from chronic back pain from his years in the mines. My Mom has rheumatoid arthritis. I'm pretty healthy at the moment, but I still go to the dentist twice a month and the doctor when I'm under the weather. Having insurance through the ACA ensures I can do these things without expensive medical bills.

The Affordable Care Act is an absolute blessing to me, my family, and millions of other Americans. To repeal it would be a true moral tragedy. I hope our elected officials will vote no to the Graham-Cassidy repeal plan and protect their constituents' access to the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you,  
Sarah

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**From:** Susan Haller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Don't pass Graham-Cassidy

I earnestly urge you, as our leaders and representatives, not to pass the Graham-Cassidy Health bill, nor to support any variation of it that would make it more difficult for Americans to get, or keep, health insurance and medical care. You might not personally know someone for whom it would be a hardship to lose their insurance; but you most certainly represent many. Americans with pre-existing conditions, or who might have a health or financial challenge come upon them in the future, are no less deserving of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Rise above partisan conflict and be remembered for doing right by all Americans.

Sincerely,  
Susan Haller  
Lincoln, NE

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**From:** Donald Kohrs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

I and my family rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with [Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, disabilities, affordability, etc.] is similar to an untold number of other Americans who struggle to find affordable healthcare. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Donald Kohrs

Santa Cruz, California

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**From:** John Ritz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

If I was running a company, I would want to keep my employees healthy. It just makes sense. Fewer sick days mean more productivity, and if employees don't have to worry about health care (and health care expenses), they can focus on their work, and feel better about where they work. The same is true for America. To help our great country reach its full potential and compete effectively, we must ensure our citizens have quality health care coverage, without concerns about coverage. The Graham Cassidy bill would not provide that, and would wind up putting millions of Americans in situations where their focus will be on dealing with health care issues. It's tough enough to worry about the health of yourself or a loved one. You shouldn't have to also worry about how to pay for it.

Please vote no on this bill. Thank you.

John Ritz  
[REDACTED]  
Hopkinton MA

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John Ritz

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**From:** Amanda Glascott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with Medicaid is that two of my aunts, who worked their whole lives and fell on really hard times the last 5 years, rely on it. I honestly don't know what they would do if it was affected badly. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Glascott  
Chicago IL

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**From:** Jennifer Kleine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

Graham Cassidy is another horrible bill that should never even see a vote.

The ACA works, for the most part. We need a BIPARTISAN panel to come up with solutions to improve the ACA. We need hearings and testimony from ordinary Americans, medical professionals, and people in the healthcare industry. We need a careful study of the financial costs of any changes to the ACA. We need to work all together to create the best healthcare system for every citizen in our nation. Graham Cassidy is NOT that solution.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Kleine  
Nashville, TN

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**From:** Sarah Kessler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

Dear senate republicans,

I am writing to express my deep concerns and disappointment in the latest attempt to repeal the ACA. There are so many reasons why this bill would be disastrous for millions of Americans, but I thought I would share just a few that will negatively impact me and my family.

First, my nephew was born with congenital defects that required extensive treatment early in his life. He also has autism and requires special care. Without protections granted under ACA he might reach his lifetime cap while he's still a child.

Next, my sister is a stay at home mom and her husband is self-employed as a children's author. He is successful and they have a relatively comfortable life, but without The ACA they never would have been able to afford health insurance for themselves and their two children.

And third, I have excellent health coverage provided by my husband's employer. But even that coverage could be severely damaged if you proceed with this terrible healthcare bill. I am 34 years old. I eat healthy foods, I don't drink or smoke, I exercise, and am in good shape. Despite my lifestyle choices I still struggle with elevated cholesterol and am pre-diabetic. I also suffer from chronic inflammatory bowel disease. Thanks to the ACA my insurance premiums are still affordable even with all of these pre-existing conditions. I don't have to worry that if my husband changes jobs or is fired that I will lose my health coverage. I don't have to worry that I will hit my lifetime coverage limit. I don't have to worry that one day I might become a financial burden on my family and that they may be forced to choose between bankruptcy and saving my life. I don't have to worry that I'll be forced to choose between paying for my medication and feeling so sick that I can't be more than 5 feet from a bathroom so I can't leave the house and ultimately lose my job.

How many times do we have to go through this? You've been trying to repeal Obamacare since day one and each time a bill is considered it is shot down because the American people did not want you to take away their healthcare. We still don't. Please stop turning our healthcare into a partisan issue. Every person should be able to afford quality healthcare in America. What is proposed here would make that impossible for millions of people. Please vote no.

Sincerely,  
An angry voter  
Sarah Kessler  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Gmail [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as gainfully employed male with employer provided health care. I knock on wood as I tell you I am healthy and have not used the healthcare I have had for the last 14-15 yrs other than a z-pack and, regretfully, a set of stitches after a night with old friends.

I work in commercial insurance and understand how insurance works. Health care insurance is a bit different from your standard General Liability policy, but the bones are the same. We all pay in and those that need it take some out. With healthcare I do believe that there should be some individual risks taken into account when pricing a policy (smoking, obesity, drinking), but I feel strongly that healthcare should be provided to all so we all pay into the risk pool. I have paid in several thousand times over only to take out a small fraction of what I have paid in. But I know when I do need coverage for an illness or severe accident, my insurance is there for me.

The ACA is not perfect, but it is a good foundation on which we can fix/improve healthcare, lower premiums and find a way to provide good policies to all families, the disabled, those with pre-existing conditions, the elderly and those that don't know they will need it for an illness they don't yet know they have. I do not support the repeal of the ACA that would leave tens of millions without coverage and a number of states with insurmountable Medicaid deficits in the coming decade.

If repealed, I will double my efforts to ensure that my voting power goes to those that will work to provide more healthcare coverage to those in need and not to those that want to take benefits away from those that need them most.

Thank you,

Nick Lauranzano  
Boxford, MA

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**From:** Marjory Keenan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

Dear Senators,

I am a senior and rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, and disabilities is being a child care worker my entire professional life and witnessing so many families and children suffer because of the lack of health care. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the Affordable Care Act, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Marjory Keenan  
Berkeley, CA 94703

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**From:** Erika Malinoski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy Bill

Having access to healthcare through the Obamacare exchanges is a major factor in enabling my parents to run their own business until they're old enough for Medicare. Being an entrepreneur is something that all politicians say they support, but prohibitive healthcare costs shut down entrepreneurs. The Graham-Cassidy bill would cause my family's health insurance premiums to skyrocket, or worse if it destabilizes the individual markets. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. All Americans should be able to get high quality, affordable healthcare regardless of their preexisting conditions.

Sincerely,

Erika Malinoski

Oakland, CA

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

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this I **oppose** the Graham- Cassidy bill. I am a married senior on Medicare with 2 adult children and 6 grandchildren. One of my daughters relies on Medicaid to provide healthcare for her sons. She is a single Mom, working full-time, with a ex-husband who owes more than \$30,000. In back childcare who doesn't provide for his children's healthcare needs. My other daughter and her husband have 4 children. Their 3 year old daughter has a pre-existing condition due to a gene mutation. She will require on-going care. Their family income puts them in the upper middle class but they live paycheck to paycheck due to the high cost of healthcare.

It is a sad state of affairs when hard working Americans are unable to afford quality healthcare.

My family and i want to see a **bipartisan Congressional** effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Ann Lumm  
Mesa, AZ

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kathy Yanulavich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Improve the Affordable Care Act, don't repeal it!

To Whom it May Concern,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Having a son with special needs, my family is grateful for and depends on the Affordable Care Act to keep our health bills manageable. Without the ACA, our healthcare bills would be unaffordable and our son wouldn't receive the healthcare he needs to survive. Being without health insurance is not an option for our family and it is not an option for families across the country.

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

Sincerely,

Kathleen Yanulavich

South Hero, VT

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**From:** M. Parfitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

I have a pre-existing condition and I depend on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. If I lost my health insurance due to having a pre-existing condition (rheumatoid arthritis), I would not be able to afford the prescriptions that keep me functioning. I wouldn't be able to work, then I wouldn't be able to pay my mortgage. As you can see, my entire life depends on good healthcare. Graham-Cassidy would be a disaster for me and for millions of other Americans. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Mattie Parfitt  
Sacramento, CA

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**From:** Jeanne Doyle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Healthcare

To to the members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am a fortunate American citizen because I have company sponsored healthcare and it is a privilege that I am fortunate to have access to healthcare. In my writing to you I am speaking on above of my fellow citizens who are not so fortunate.

It is unacceptable that our government want to cut healthcare benefits, when we should be working towards the goal of quality healthcare for all. In a week that the President stated that America would be spending billions of dollars on military. He also stated that he wanted to put America first, this should start with placing our citizens healthcare priority and a plan that is good for all citizens, one that is agreed on bi-partisan basis.

As a taxpayer, I want to my taxes spent on our citizens well-being in a pursuit to a life of happiness.

I stand with the millions of Americans, many medical associations and Jimmy Kimmel who are not in favor of the Graham Cassidy bill.

Yours truly,

Jeanne Doyle

Foster City, CA

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**From:** Heidi Lyn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

To the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to register my unhappiness with the Graham-Cassidy repeal and replace bill for the Affordable Care Act. This bill is a disaster waiting to happen that is only being pushed to score potential political points. It will result in millions of people losing health care and setting health care reform back by years. With no bipartisan integration or CBO score the process by which this bill is being pushed is also outside of acceptable behavior for US lawmakers. As such, the Graham-Cassidy bill must be defeated.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Lyn  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564



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**From:** Julie Valentine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please vote no!!

I am very concerned about the Graham-Cassidy "Healthcare" bill. If it passes, my family will lose our healthcare. I am a self-employed single mother of three. Two of us have pre-existing conditions. We rely on the ACA for affordable healthcare. If Graham-Cassidy passes, we will lose our healthcare. What is "available" to us will be unaffordable.

There are people who have it worse than we do. People will die if this bill passes. I encourage everyone to please consider Americans like me and my family and vote no on the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you!

Julie Valentine  
[REDACTED]  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

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**From:** Sydney Cloonan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Hello,

My name is Sydney Cloonan. My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I'm a speech language pathologist and I work with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. They require comprehensive, affordable health care to make sure they have the services they need. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Sydney Cloonan

Brooklyn, NY

Sydney Robert MS, CCC-SLP/TSSLD

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**From:** Deborah Ditekowsky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Whom it May Concern:

I really like being alive. I would like to stay that way. Unfortunately, I am now in my 50s, as a result, I have pre-existing conditions. Most of my relatives have lived healthy, happy lives into their late 90s. I would like to be able to do the same. Please don't pass the Graham-Cassidy bill. I can't afford to spent 90% of my income on health care.

Sincerely,

Deborah Ditekowsky  
[REDACTED]  
Morton Grove, IL 60053  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** alyson steinman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** stop the new health care bill

To those whom we pay to represent the majority of our citizens,

There is absolutely no reason to jeopardize millions of people's health care in this nation so that the wealthy can pocket the cash. We are a nation that should take care of our people. Health care is a right, not a privilege. We should be encouraged to stay healthy through the use of health care, not worry about being penalized for using it. Keep the system in place from the last presidency, continue taking care of our people, not letting them get sick and be unable to access treatment. We care, but the people behind this bill don't care to make health care affordable for the people who cannot afford it. Kill this bill and let people live!

Sincerely,  
Alyson Steinman  
New Mexico voter

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**From:** Susan Christman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** IMPROVE ACA-- DO NOT CONSIDER GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL

We are a family of four in California. We have to pay our own healthcare as my husband and I are both self-employed. My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare as we enter our 60's our rates would skyrocket without Obamacare protections. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Both my husband and I have pre-existing conditions and our children may inherit our genetic conditions. A bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the current system is the proper approach. Enough of the gamesmanship and partisanship. Improve ACA, do not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Susan Christman

Larkspur, CA

Susan E. Christman  
Attorney At Law

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**From:** Gary W. Priester [REDACTED] ✉  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy Graham

Here's a novel thought. Instead of trashing something that works, even if it was created by a Democrat, and a black Democrat at that, why not come up with something better that actually provides better more affordable health care. How could this possibly hurt your standing and reelection possibilities? It might even make your constituents think you have their best interests at heart. Something like Single Payer.

And since it is obvious you have no intention to do this, then why don't you concentrate your efforts on something more productive, like getting this dangerous and mentally unstable, immature president to step down before he gets us into a war where nobody will survive?

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**Gary W. Priester**  
Placitas, New Mexico USA  
7043-9139  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jennifer Baker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is absolutely reprehensible to not provide individuals with pre-existing conditions proper healthcare and I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Baker

Los Angeles, CA

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**From:** Jolie Kapelus [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

My family urgently needs quality health care. We have a son with significant mental health needs, and we will not be able to afford the type of care he will need without steady, reliable coverage. Losing coverage for pre-existing conditions would financially destroy us. It is already very hard to pay for the level of care he requires. When he is no longer covered by my health insurance, I do not know how he will ever get his own insurance. This is cruel legislation, and it has not been properly vetted and the impacts have not been thoroughly considered. That is undemocratic. I strongly urge you to vote NO on Graham-Cassidy, and to instead work together to strengthen and improve the ACA. We are all depending on you.

Sincerely,

Jolie Kapelus/ New York, NY



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**From:** Kim Snyder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy - Healthcare Needs a Bi-partisan effort

I am writing to inform you that affordable healthcare is too important and crucial an issue to be pushed through in the way it is . I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Like so many Americans, I qualify as one of those with "pre-existing conditions." This bill is hazardous for too many Americans. This is not a solution, it's a bigger problem. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Kim Snyder  
New Rochelle, NY

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**From:** Brodie Lockard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Improve the ACA, don't repeal it.

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have thrived with a pre-existing condition--quadriplegia--for 37 years, working full-time and volunteering with many organizations. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Brodie Lockard  
Kailua, HI

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** latest health care bill

I am against this newest health care bill. I am especially appalled that people with pre-existing conditions can be denied health care or charged exorbitant rates for treatments. If you are over fifty years old, odds are you have or have had some illness which will put you in the "pre-existing" category. I'm also against this bill because it fails to cover women's medical issues adequately. Planned Parenthood is critical to the health of poor women across this nation. I do not want it to be defunded. Please Senators and Representatives, sit down with members of the opposing party and discuss what would actually benefit the citizens of this great nation and stop trying to erase all vestiges of Mr. Obama's administration. Country before party! Act like grown-ups.

Miriam Trogdon  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill

Our family relies on the ACA. We have ten family members with preexisting conditions. They may die if they are not able to get AFFORDABLE health insurance. Some of our family members are low income and may need Medicaid.

The Graham/Cassidy bill will cost more money for healthcare because millions of people will not be able to afford care and will end up in the emergency room. Emergency Room care is much more expensive.

Thank you,

Mary Frink

[REDACTED]  
Santa Barbara CA 93102

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** \* Lynn Evenson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

My family and I rely on affordable health care. Neither Graham-Cassidy nor any other republican proposal offers that. Scrap this bill, and work bipartisanly to construct affordable, sane, comprehensive health care. Thank you.

--Lynn Evenson  
Ely, Minnesota

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**From:** Jennetti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Preserve the ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill will hurt millions of Americans who have benefited from the ACA. Graham -Cassidy would leave millions without insurance, cut back on Medicaid and hurt those with pre-existing conditions and disabilities while only benefiting the wealthy. This bill is even worse than the previous one. I urge you to vote against it!

Sincerely, Mary Jane Jennetti

Sunnyvale, CA

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**From:** Pat Hastings\* [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Trumpcare

It is essential to the health of all Americans that the ACA remain intact, and Trumpcare be defeated.

It's outrageous that so many Republicans would even consider taking away health care from Americans.

Sincerely,

Pat Hastings  
[REDACTED]  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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**From:** Jen Gripman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:15 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Graham-Cassidy

I am lucky to receive quality, affordable health care through my employer. However, many of my friends and family are not. If Graham-Cassidy passes, I personally know individuals who will be left to struggle with cancer treatment, mental health issues, diabetes, and multiple sclerosis on their own.

LEAVE ACA ALONE! We can improve on what we have with bipartisan Congressional efforts. Please do not repeal it.

Best,  
Jen Gripman  
El Cerrito, CA



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**From:** Leslie Eichenbaum [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:08 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

What kind of a country are we if we don't take care of the elderly, the children, those with pre-existing conditions?

I want a bipartisan Congressional effort which improves the ACA.

I am grateful for the ACA.

ACA is imperfect, but far better than what we had before and FAR FAR BETTER THAN GRAHAM-CASSIDY.

Don't destroy, improve.

I want to feel safe in, and proud of, my country.

You are selling out those who need your help the most.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leslie Eichenbaum  
Westlake Village, California

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**From:** PAULINE FINBERG [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** health care bill

My family needs good health care because of conditions like diabetes and heart problems. We need bipartisan cooperation to make the ACA better not take away what millions need.

Pauline Finberg

Peabody, Massachusetts

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**From:** Andrew Kij [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Hello,

My name is Andrew and I hail from Buffalo, NY. Myself, my brother, my sister, and both of my now elderly parents rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

My story with affordability and disability is this: while my family would technically qualify as middle class, due to what would likely be classified as pre-existing conditions under this bill, both of my parents had to spend a great deal of our disposable income on medication, doctor's visits, and other health related costs. I myself take a variety of medications to aid in my day-to-day functioning. For these reasons, it is **imperative** that I have access to affordable healthcare.

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

Sincerely,

Andrew Kij

Buffalo, NY

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**From:** Lauren Johansen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:14 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony

Many of my friends and family rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My mother has a pre-existing condition, my friends cannot afford healthcare, and I fear for the future of my low-income students.

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

Sincerely,  
Lauren Johansen  
San Carlos, Ca

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

Our country needs our representatives to thoughtfully work together to improve the ACA.

This Graham-Cassidy bill is not the answer.

Please do not proceed with this hearing on September 25, 2017.

Thank you,

Julia Gaysunas

[REDACTED]  
Solana Beach, California  
92075

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Jan Landry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:07 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please do not appeal the ACA, reach across the aisle to improve it

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I live with a pre-existing condition and cannot afford to not have health care or pay more than I already am. Health care is a right for all Americans and should be available and affordable for all. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Jan Landry

Santa Cruz, California

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**From:** jane Fisher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Care Act

Hello,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions and affordability is that with a past cancer diagnosis it is imperative that my family member be allowed to obtain ongoing screening at an affordable rate to ensure the cancer does not return with a debilitating impact on his life and a situation where he cannot afford treatment. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jane Fisher

Santa Cruz CA

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**From:** LOUISE J ELBAUM [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Health Care bill.

My family and I depend on having affordable, consistent, health care. As a widow, with two sons who have developmental disabilities, I do not have endless resources. But the three of us depend upon the good quality preventive care we receive. I am convinced that, without the medical care we receive, my sons would become much more burdensome charges of the government. Currently, both can participated in supported work programs in competitive employment.

I understand that there is considerable concern that health care is so expensive in our country, however, I feel that the issues can be identified and worked upon by a bi-partisan effort to repeal the ACA, not to dismantle it. I would certainly back an effort to control prescription drug costs. And we should investigate the profits reaped by third party insurers. What we should not do is pass any bill without fully understanding the cost in dollars and in human suffering.

Yes, it is essential that congress address health care, but do not do so without fully considering the needs of all the population. This is not, and must not be, a partisan issue.

Louise Elbaum  
[REDACTED]  
Madison, WI 53726  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Karen Gladding [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I oppose this bill. There has been/will be no time for meaningful review, debate or OMB impact assessment before a Senate vote. Please give us a bill where all Americans have a real opportunity to consider and assess. Furthermore, I oppose healthcare measures that do not provide the same benefits and coverage to all regardless of state and health status.

Karen Gladding  
Washington DC

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**From:** elise wessels [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

To whom it may concern aka everyone in the USA;

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am fearful that under this bill anything can be described as a pre-existing condition from asthma to pregnancy. Not only that I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional bill where Obamacare is tweaked to give the United States Citizens usable and affordable healthcare that includes pre-existing conditions.

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**Elise Wessels**

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**From:** Sue Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:03 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Fix ACA, don't repeal it

Hello,

So many of my family is happy to have quality, affordable healthcare with the Affordable Care Act, but I am very concerned about poorly thought-out bills to change the ACA. It is not perfect, but it is dangerous to approve the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Let's make a real bipartisan Congressional effort to fix it, NOT REPEAL IT!

Sincerely,

Sue Jones  
Berkeley, CA

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**From:** Melanie Comito [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am concerned about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because as a physician I remember the terrible choices families had to make before the protections of the Affordable Care Act. Any proposal that throws millions off insurance is not about promoting health in our country. This bill effectively kills Medicaid which is bad for children.

Sincerely,

Melanie Comito

Melanie Comito

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ashley MacKenzie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:02 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Graham-Cassidy Hearing

I rely on being able to have access to the healthcare system—something I cannot do without the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”). I may seem to you to be an uninformed citizen but I assure you that I am informed both legally and practically. If you take away my healthcare, you take away not only my ability to work but my hope for any semblance of a future.

Once more I just have to say that I sincerely hope that people supporting this bill over the realities of life are not put in the same position I am. If my party—the *Republican* party—betrays me by disabling my ability to work after it betrayed me by ramming a man who lost the popular vote down my throat, I will have lost all faith and confidence in the party. It is my greatest and sincerest hope that my party will grow a conscience since it seems unable to be proactively sympathetic. I otherwise hope that its members are forced to be empathetic.

If ACA goes the way Republicans are asking--the way my party is begging--this taxpayer will be one of millions in this country who will have to choose between housing and insurance because someone else hit me with their car. This responsible citizen who just wants to go to work will one day make more money on disability than she contributed to the system because she will not have access to the remedial and proactive healthcare she is receiving now. You see, on April 25, 2012 a woman was not paying attention on the road and shoved me so hard through my bike I totaled her car. That is not to say I made the value of that car worth less than it would be to repair it—I demolished the hood, impacting the engine; I destroyed the windshield; I cracked the sunroof; I cracked the back windshield; then I scraped my way off of the trunk until finally landing in a position that the police described to my parents as, “It’s better she doesn’t remember.” I spent the next four (4) months participating in care that I can only remember three (3) pieces of: begging not to be moved because the radial injuries from my hip and fractured femur woke me out of surgery-level sedation on top of a massive concussion that delayed me from law school for a year, and wiped away years of memories; being trapped in a bathroom because I could not get out because the nerves on my left side were only conducting enough to tell me I was in pain and not enough to tell my leg to move; and proudly announcing to the doctor that they were finally going to release me because I had stopped falling out of the bed—medical student Dr. Morell gave me a thumbs up.

What I don’t remember, but was in my medical file, was that I couldn’t eat because of the side effects of the pain medication; that I could not sleep because I spent so much time in and out of consciousness; that I couldn’t coordinate drinking between the concussion and the pain medication so I was so dehydrated my veins collapsed and they had to use infrared and radiographic technology to dig around in my arms for a vein that they could force a needle into; that I couldn’t walk even with assistance; that I was confused and couldn’t make my own decisions; that for the rest of my life I would have to have a heavy intramedullary rod in my left femur attached by fifteen (15) screws because the damage was so severe to my bones it wasn’t certain that the pieces would ever come together; that my hand was broken and was in a cast for eight weeks; that there was so much damage when I first came in they couldn’t clean out the asphalt from my arm which led to the hospital not realizing my arm was also broken; and just...just a great deal.

What I don’t remember that you won’t find in my medical records was that during that time I met my future aunt, who I had to meet all over again over a year later; that because I had gone from biking one hundred (100)

miles a week to maybe taking twenty (20) steps a day I couldn't sleep and would wheel around the house for hours in lieu of pacing; that I had lost control of my emotions and would randomly become upset even at a blank television; that I had to give up my occupational therapy visits for physical therapy visits because of the caps in my insurance; that I was angry for not being able to go to work because I was so behind already; and just...so much more.

What I do remember beginning in August 2012 was having to go to the University of New Mexico School of Law and explain that while I was the student they had accepted in early April 2012 I could not attend school—I could not fulfill my life's ambition—because I was still relearning how to sit, stand, and walk; that I was depressed to find that I wasn't married to some guy named Jeremy—a man to this day I know does not exist but that I was extremely sad to have lost and if I still think about am still upset that he is gone even though he was never there; urinating on myself in my doctor's office because I needed to prove that I wasn't on any drugs that I was not prescribed in order to get thirty (30) five milligram (5mg) tablets of oxycodone that would last me the next sixty (60) days and I was too weak to be able to get on my haunches to provide a urine sample; that I would watch the blinking light on my laptop at night praying that the next blink would come because it felt like all I had; being told that I have this tear in the gasket between my femur and hip bone that will deteriorate over the course of my life and will eventually cause me to have a hip replacement before I am even fifty (50) years old; realizing that I could no longer tell time; having to re-teach myself how to read and write forwards because I was seeing and doing it backwards—something I still struggle with when writing with a pen as opposed to using a computer; being fired because I wasn't getting well fast enough; and realizing that I will never be the lawyer I hoped to be.

I don't tell you this because I want your pity. I am telling you about what happened when one (1) woman stopped paying attention. When one (1) woman failed to realize that there was someone other than someone like her out in the world, she used two-thousand (2,000) pounds of machine to destroy my future—or, at least, she *could* have destroyed my future. You see, in 2012, I became eligible for COBRA on the back of the groundwork for the Affordable Healthcare Act. I would not have been eligible for COBRA had it not been made law earlier that my parents could keep me on their insurance until I was twenty-five (25). I was twenty-four (24) the year I had been hit. I was on a gap year from my undergraduate while working at a law firm to get into law school. I was not eligible for my own insurance because I had the pre-existing condition of Hashimoto's Thyroiditis—an autoimmune condition that causes my thyroid to swell in reaction to my body just not recognizing that I am swimming in thyroid hormones. By being on my parents' insurance, I was able to qualify for COBRA insurance, which cost me almost six-hundred (\$600.00) per month in addition to nearly forty dollar (\$40.00) co-pays for physical and other therapies, doctor visits, medication co-pays for anti-inflammatories and nerve depressors, and all of the other treatments I underwent to address everything else that happened to me by that one (1) woman's inattention.

Then my three (3) years came up. I was in law school, unable to both work and go to school because I was still learning to walk independently. (It was the highlight of my educational career when I was able to finally be rid of the cane as a primary mode of walking around. Or was it when I was finally able to drive myself instead of having to be dropped off? It's hard to say, really.) I needed opiates to be able to sit for the long periods of time required to complete my work. In addition to my previous pre-existing condition that insurance companies used to get me out of the insurable pool—a condition that is treatable, by the way, for a fifty dollar (\$50.00) per month prescription of a generic drug when the entire cost is covered out of pocket—I had a bursal tear in my left hip that was too small for surgical intervention but the likely cause of the majority of the hip pain in light of the eighty-nine percent (89%) reaction my body has to the metal in the screws and rod implanted less than three (3) centimeters away from the tear; chronic hip and back pain resulting from the fact that I became one inch (1") shorter on my left side during the debridement of my dead bone fragments which took place during the rod replacement surgery of March 2013 that had to be done because the previous rod had degraded and failed (which, in retrospect, is probably because my body had eaten away at it); a thick rod in my leg that will forever scrape away at the marrow in my femur which will forever make it impossible for me to produce the red blood

cells any other normal, healthy adult would; a history of a broken arm and broken hand, a history of a massive concussion, hospitalization, and in-and-out patient rehabilitation; a drug history of opiates, prescription anti-inflammatories, and bone stimulators; a history of requiring alternative treatments through chiropractic and acupuncture in order to qualify for opiates; and being treated for depression through drugs and counseling to rule out that my pain was psychosomatic or otherwise related to my mental state. Any one (1) of these things in a vacuum was enough to disqualify a person from private insurance prior to the Affordable Care Act but I was blessed by the inattention of one (1) woman giving all of them to me.

As you can see my from my e-mail handle, I obviously made it out of law school. Every single day was a fight that I chose to try and overcome. I was not able to drive myself to school the entire first year. No one thought I was going to make it past the first semester because I had to drop down to part time on the back of being unable to handle three (3) classes in a day. With the groundwork that led to the Affordable Healthcare Act, COBRA got me into law school—I went to law school with insurance that could help me get through what I needed. If the Affordable Care Act had not been there, I would not have been able to finish because I would not have been able to get the help that I needed. I would not have been able to get the medication necessary for me to go to Ireland and take a class with Justice Antonin Scalia; I would not have been able to go to London to meet Attorney General Loretta Lynch during the celebration of the Magna Carta; I would not have been able to intern at the Third Judicial District Courthouse of Dona Ana County, New Mexico to find the community I love and wanted to serve; I would not have been able to go from crying out of the emotional dysregulation caused by my concussion over something as simple as presenting my legal memo to performing at Harvard University School of Law for Appellate Mock Trial; I would not have been able to be one of the few lucky ones to be employed before leaving law school; I would not have been one of the few lucky ones to pass the Bar on the first try in a year of record lows; and I would not have been able to gain the experience I needed to open my own firm so that I could fight for abused and neglected children in the custody of the Children, Youth, and Families Department.

You see, though, I made the choice to be a productive, tax-paying citizen because I was *given* that choice through the Affordable Care Act. Without it, I would not have had the choice of being a contributing member of society. I would not have had access to the healthcare system unless I was making emergency room visits for the opiates I now take—medication I get only because my doctor regularly tests me for drugs, alcohol, and compliance with alternative therapies. I would not have been enabled to get the services I needed to get out of the wheelchair and into a walker, away from the walker to a cane (the cane which, by the way, my grandfather used, the same grandfather who is the progenitor of my originally disqualifying autoimmune disease by way of the rheumatoid arthritis that is inherent in my family line but who ultimately died from an aortic rupture due to complications from the cancer treatments he was receiving), and from a cane back onto a bicycle. Granted, that bicycle is not going to train me for any triathalons—but I can still have that freedom of person that makes me a person in a society.

If I had not been given that choice, it is very likely I would have continued to remain on disability for the rest of my life. You see, after my company let me go for taking too long to heal, the only way I was able to support myself was through disability payments because the settlement for the lawsuit—which was very small because the woman was barely insured and had no assets—took almost a year to come through. I have spent the majority of that settlement on my healthcare—to the tune of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) on average per year. It's gone—there is no more—and I still have outstanding medical bills waiting to be paid. (Please don't tell the ethics board, though, because that is a reason for them to suspend my license—I'm slowly but surely paying everything I can back as it becomes available.) Instead of taking out more than I had put in, I am now contributing to the system. Now that I am contributing to the system to the tune of taxes on one hundred, seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per hour (except for the State contract cases for CYFD which only pays me an average of five dollars (\$5.00) per hour), I am not only paying back what I put in but I'm putting in more than I took. When I get to the point of being able to hire an independent contractor or employee, I will be enabling someone else to put in more than he or she is taking because I will be taking someone else off of public

benefits. While it took one (1) woman to put me in the position of failure to thrive, I am deciding to be one (1) person to help others thrive. She had the choice to pay attention or not—but I am not going to make that same choice for someone else.

If the Affordable Care Act goes away because my party has degraded to the point that it cannot pay attention to people like me, the thousands of people like me in my State and the millions of people like me in the United States will have no reason to keep moving forward. Why should we go bankrupt for the privilege of paying taxes to a government who would rather put someone wholly ignorant about the healthcare system and literally anything else based in fact but cognizant of his free airplane rides, free security at his properties, and free publicity? Why should someone like me choose to get out of bed to fight for those who can't fight for themselves when I have no one fighting for me? I'm not even legally allowed to kill myself, so why would I fight to stay alive in a system that just wants to crush the life out of me? All incentive of everything you are hoping that I will ascertain by dreaming and hoping about a brighter future goes away because it will be *wholly* unobtainable—and I'm not even talking about the war on opioids. Why would I hire someone to work for me—employ someone else—when that person's paycheck is going to stand between me and the healthcare system?

This is not to say that the Affordable Care Act has been perfect—by all means, it has its flaws. However, I would not be where I am today without it. If you take it away from people like me, you are taking away our future and the future good that we are doing as demonstrated by the future good that we are doing. The majority of people on the Affordable Care Act subsidies are people like me—people who just want to wake up, go to work, and be people in a society. People like me don't want to wake up to nothing with nothing to look forward to. The ability of people like me to work depends powerfully on being able to access the healthcare system. People like me who were doing what they should have for the right reasons resent the implication that we are sponging off of the system we wake up every day fighting to contribute to.

It took one (1) working class woman whose only asset she owned she totaled using my body to put me in this position—imagine what all of you will do using our bodies and the position this country will be in if you continue on this path.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Ashley

From the Desk of Ashley S. MacKenzie, Esquire

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**From:** Rebecca Chekouras [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do Not Repeal ACA

The Republican bills have become increasingly harsh to the point of punitive. I agree with Senator John McCain. Let's use a bipartisan committee to draft sound legislation and keep 20 million Americans covered with reasonably priced healthcare.

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Rebecca Chekouras  
Oakland, CA

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**From:** Margaret Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Dear Senators,

The The Graham-Cassidy healthcare legislation takes the bad ideas from previous Republican health plans and makes them worse.

Independent analysts have already delivered the bad news:

- 32 million people would lose their health coverage;
- This bill ends Medicaid expansion and converts Medicaid to insufficient block grants;
- Ends tax credits for low- and middle-income Americans purchasing their own insurance plans;
- Ends guaranteed coverage of essential health benefits, which include maternity care and treatment for addiction;
- Ends protections from discrimination for people with pre-existing conditions; and
- Reinstates annual and lifetime caps on health coverage.

In my state of Massachusetts this bill would cause us to lose EIGHT BILLION in health care funding.

This is a terrible bill.

Please do not support it.

Instead, please work out a bipartisan plan to reform the ACA.

If you cannot do that I am sure most Americans would prefer Medicare for all..

Margaret Miller  
[REDACTED]

Plymouth, MA 02360

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Holly Morand [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy will kill me

To whom it may concern,

I am a 37-year-old mother of two young children currently in grad school for social work. I have been married to my husband for almost 10 years and we met working together while was a chemist (before my kids were born) and he was (and is still) a chemical engineer.

I was born with cancer, the doctor that was supposed to only remove my cancer was an alcoholic and almost killed me due to a medical error. Instead of killing me, he left me with a lifetime of medical issues, including the need for two kidney transplants (and I will need another soon), arthritis, liver disease, thyroid issues and hearing loss. Because of what happened to me when I was an infant, I have had over 100 surgeries and will require more. Without health insurance there is no way my family would be able to afford the care I need to keep me alive, including daily medications, check-ups and frequent blood work (this is during a good year).

If the Graham-Cassidy bill passes, and my state chooses not to cover (or allows insurance companies to cap coverage for) pre-existing conditions, there is no way we would be able to afford the care I require (through no fault of my own).

Please, for all the transplant patients, the people with cancer, the diabetics, or anyone else that requires care that is lifelong and expensive, please realize that putting a cap on insurance is equivalent to putting a cap on our lives. It is cruel. It is inhumane. It is wholly not American.

Thank you,  
Holly Morand  
[REDACTED]  
Hopkinton, MA  
[REDACTED]

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Holly Morand, MSW Intern  
Community Impact  
Ph: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Ellen Wahle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable healthcare

To Whom It May Concern:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions, disabilities, and affordability, is this: my family was in a serious car accident 20 years ago; fortunately at the time, they had good medical coverage through my father's employer. However, several of my family members now have pre-existing conditions as a result of the accident. It has been difficult to find affordable quality medical insurance for my brother, mother and father. My father lost his job as a result of a larger law firm absorbing his; during his search for a new job he and my mother struggled to afford medical insurance. However they were all to aware that accidents and the unexpected happen. Many Americans would not have been able to make those payments. Additionally I have an adopted sister with Downs Syndrome. She and her husband live independently, but rely on social security and Medicare. They are valued members of their community and our family. They have both been hospitalized for extended periods and required rehabilitation. She was hit by a car while in a crosswalk and he had a stroke.

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

Sincerely, Ellen Wahle

Sacramento, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ariele Rodriguez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

American families 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.

Thank you,  
Ariele Rodriguez  
Sacramento, CA

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**From:** Joanne Cohn [REDACTED] †  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** against Graham-Cassidy

Hi,  
As an American, I would like healthcare to be available and affordable, and Graham-Cassidy will make this difficult, if not impossible, for many Americans. I agree our healthcare needs to be improved--I would like to see a bipartisan approach to this, it is a hard problem and we should come together to fix it!

Thank you!  
Joanne Cohn  
Berkeley, CA

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**From:** Nancy Diao [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable health care. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My daughter, who's a late bloomer, goes to school full time and works at a part-time job to support herself. Under the ACA, she qualifies for Medicaid for health services. There are many young adults like her who rely on Medicaid for health services. The proposed bill would impose drastic cuts on Medicaid and will significantly impact young and struggling people like my daughter.

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Diao  
Oakland, California

Sent from my iPad



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**From:** Linda Kornetka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing

I rely on Medicare for quality medical care. Before the ACA my daughter in law was refused medical insurance she could afford after she had a child because of a pre-existing condition, migraines. She was a new mother without health insurance. We can do better than that.

I would like to see a bipartisan effort to improve the ACA. Please do it the right way and not in a way that hurts our citizens.

Mary Kornetka  
Auburn, California 95603

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**From:** Patrick Murphy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I'm a Minnesotan caseworker & every day I work with people with disabilities who rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. The Medicaid expansion gives funding that allows states to provide quality healthcare to people who would otherwise go without it. State programs like MA-EPD & MinnesotaCare provide important coverage to people with disabilities, especially if they don't have a disability determination or they make too much to qualify for disability-based Medicaid. These programs makes it possible for people with disabilities to work & live healthy lives. Repealing ACA would cut the funding that makes programs like these possible & undermine the ability of states to help their residents. I'd like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

PJ Murphy

Minneapolis, MN

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**From:** Emily Mitchell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Our family relies on the ACA

Dear Senate Members,

Our family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I STRONGLY oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I was a very healthy person supporting others who could not afford healthcare, until I was diagnosed with pre-eclampsia during my first pregnancy. Without affordable access to great pre-natal care, as well as delivery of a breech baby, I would not have survived. Additionally, my sister has survived because of great access to mental health support and medicines - without which she would be unable to work and have a productive life.

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

Sincerely,

Emily M.

Richmond, VT

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**From:** Toby Adams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:59 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. All three members of my family have disabilities that make us uninsurable without the ACA. I am the breadwinner of the family working for a **company that does not offer insurance**. Without the ACA I would not have the medications and specialists I need to be able to support my family. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Toby Adams

Fremont, CA

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**From:** Jan Ledoux [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 5:04 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story my husband and I are both living on a fixed income and affordability is critical.

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

Sincerely, Jan Ledoux  
Newburyport, MA

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**From:** Susie Segal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:37 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to bill

I think we can all fairly say that we rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I think we all have someone we know and love who is alive today because of the quality, affordable healthcare we have been able to receive in this country. But by allowing the states to control this under this new bill, you allow states to find ways to make healthcare unaffordable and inaccessible. Most of us have some sort of pre-existing condition. Passing this bill allows states to discriminate against those who do without oversight or compassion. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Let's truly work together to create a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Let's not leave those who need it most out.

Sincerely,

Susan Segal

Minneapolis, MN

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**From:** Julie O'Brien [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy/Graham ACA

I am a person who wants to see healthcare for all citizens. I do not support this bill and ask Congress to work out a bipartisan bill for everyone.  
Vote against this bill!

JulieO'Brien  
[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Kathleen Barczak <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

Rare disease patients and their families rely on the patient protections that the Senate is considering eliminating by passing the Graham-Cassidy plan. Specifically, this legislation brings back annual and lifetime caps, limitless out-of-pocket costs, and inadequate coverage by rolling back essential health benefits. This bill would also allow insurers to discriminate against rare disease patients by charging them premiums based upon their health status, thus pricing them out of the market.

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.

Ms. Kathleen Barczak  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
New York, NY [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Darbi Worley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

This bill is unimaginably cruel. I find it incredibly disheartening that the Republicans would rip health care coverage from millions of people just to say they got a win and to keep the Koch money rolling in. Please don't do this to us.

Sincerely,

Darbi D. Worley  
New York

Sent from my iPhone, upon which I will blame any typos.

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**From:** Patricia Foschi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 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.

Patricia Foschi  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

SANTA FE, New Mexico [REDACTED]

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Sasha Verma  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Brooklyn, New York [REDACTED]

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**From:** Cathleen Bohnlein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Everyone, at some time in their life , will get ill. That will put them into the pre-existing condition for healthcare, category . So many people will be unable to afford insurance without subsidies or Medicaid. And our government wants to remove half a decade of Medicaid safety net. What will happen to those in nursing homes who worked all their lives and saved, only to have a health crises take it all. What about the children with chronic diseases that can be managed with proper healthcare? Why don't we focus on cutting costs of healthcare in the US, which is higher than anywhere in the world due to back room fixes with providers?

Cathleen Bohnlein [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kristen A Remick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I am opposed to Graham-Cassidy and here's why

In ACA coverage for pre-existing conditions is guaranteed. There are no caps on healthcare spending for an individual. These things cannot be guaranteed in the Graham Cassidy Bill. It is simply an effort to spend less money on healthcare, but it isn't honestly being called that. The claim is that it is better and that people will not lose coverage. That is a lie.

At least 21million people will lose coverage. This will drive every last one of them to the ER for treatment.

We need to improve ACA and not get rid of it simply because it has the name "Obama" attached to it, or because of empty GOP promises that ACA should be repealed and replaced with something much better. That isn't going to happen.

Our tax dollars will be better spent by sticking with regular order in congress and creating a bipartisan plan that will last.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kristen Remick

[REDACTED]  
Gilford, NH [REDACTED]

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**From:** Henriette Dresens [REDACTED]  
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Henriette Dresens

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
westwood, Massachusetts [REDACTED]

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**From:** Heidi Washburn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** no to Graham-Cassidy Bill

**My severely mentally disabled and autistic 54 year old niece** relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My niece is totally dependent on Medicaid for her health and life. Her parents are in their 80's and not able to provide for her. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, NOT repeal it.

Sincerely, Heidi Washburn

Bearsville, NY [REDACTED]

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**From:** Tama Adelman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Make the ACA stronger, not repeal it.

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. Thank you for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Tama Adelman  
Napa, CA

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[REDACTED]



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**From:** Tamara Moan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:38 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare comment

Aloha--

I and my husband depend on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, we oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband relies now on Medicaid coverage. Although I have Kaiser Permanente coverage through my employer, I have a pre-existing condition that was grounds for denying me coverage before the ACA kicked in. We would like to see bipartisan Congressional efforts succeed in improving the ACA, not repealing it.

Sincerely,  
Tamara Moan  
Kailua, Hawaii

Tamara Moan [REDACTED]

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

Dear Senators,  
It is imperative to address the insurance needs of Americans in a bipartisan manner. The Graham-Cassidy bill does not do this and only endangers the healthcare of millions of Americans.

Kathy Jones

[REDACTED]  
Wayzata, MN [REDACTED]

Kathy Jones  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Adena Rose Bright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH comments

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with Medicaid is that we WOULD NOT be able to afford healthcare for our family without receiving medicaid. I would be unable to work because I would not be able to receive care for my broken foot. And I would rely even more heavily on govt services. My son would not have healthcare without this. My husband and I are both educated, people, working full time, and we can still not afford healthcare.

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

Sincerely, Adena  
Jericho, Vermont

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Adena Rose Ayurveda  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Carol Brennan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:51 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Dear congress

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. Thank you

Sincerely

Carol Brennan  
San Francisco CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Rick Telberg <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:41 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Kill Graham Cassidy

Save the ACA

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Rick Telberg  
(Registered Republican. NY [REDACTED])  
[REDACTED]  
East Hampton NY [REDACTED]

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**From:** Ann Murray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Stop the Graham-Cassidy bill

My patients rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am specializing in Child Neurology, which means I often work with patients with disabilities, pre-existing conditions, and overall complex medical issues. They deserve to be cared for properly and their families have a right to affordable healthcare for their children. I have seen the results of children who do not have healthcare - they still present for care, but to the emergency department when things are far more complicated. Better coverage means sooner care and cheaper care overall. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Ann Murray, MD  
[REDACTED]  
Rochester, MN

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**From:** Laura Kramer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill is a disaster

Please do not strip millions of Americans of their healthcare. The Graham Cassidy bill would not cover maternal care, and as a pregnant young, working woman, this appalls and frightens me. I also was covered under the ACA for 3 years when my small employer did not offer health insurance to employees. Thanks to the exchange, I was able to find an affordable plan that was comprehensive and met my family's needs. Furthermore, I got to keep my doctors and all other medical providers.

I'd be happy to discuss this further.

Laura Kramer  
Nashville, Tennessee

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**From:** Hanii Ziehl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. If Medicaid gets cut in my state I would not be able to afford to take my children to the doctor with their current primary insurance. We don't go to the doctor often, but the deductible on their primary insurance is so high that we can't afford for them to get sick. Before we qualified for Medicaid we ended up in collections due to unpaid medical bills and when all of my children got sick at once I had to decide who would go to the doctor and who wouldn't. On occasion the kids had to share prescriptions for antibiotics if they all came down with strep at the same time, which happens when you have several children in the same school. This is not a situation I would wish on anyone, and I do not want to be there ever again. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Hanii Ziehl

Las Cruces, New Mexico



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**From:** Jamie Porreca [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** BiPartisan Effort, PLEASE!

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

As the bill is written, I now have several pre-existing conditions due to pregnancy complications and if my husband ever loses his job, we will not be able to afford healthcare. It's one thing to take healthcare away from adults, but then my 6-year old child will not have care. SHAME ON YOU!

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

Sincerely,

Jamie Porreca

Cambridge, MA, [REDACTED]

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**From:** Tanya Bogue [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

To whom it may concern,

We need to go back to regular order. We need bipartisanship when it comes to Healthcare.

Instead of thinking of party, we need to think of all Americans and what their concerns are. We need to stop with trying to sabotage the ACA until a better plan comes together.

Not one Democrat is against a better plan. But all these bills are not better. No one supports them and they are being rushed through just for a campaign promise.

This is too big of a deal, my kids and a lot of ppl rely on good healthcare to stay alive and out of bankruptcy. Graham-Cassidy is not a good bill and shouldn't even go to the floor for a vote! Kill the bill.

#voteNoGrahamCassidy

Sincerely

Tanya Bogue  
Arizona

Sent from Tanya's iPhone

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**From:** Jesse Lutz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill

I am a citizen of the [REDACTED] in California, USA. I do not want 32 million of my fellow Americans to go without health care, just because they can't afford it. It is often nobody's fault. We cannot take away emergency servicing, valuing one American differently than another, based upon their tax bracket? That it would financially benefit those who live way above the poverty line, is what makes it extra offensive. It is not in our fabric as Americans, to hurt one another while we are down, but rather to lift each other to sustainable success.

Please do not support this bill.

Sincerely,

Jesse Lutz

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**From:** Sandy Gustafson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:12 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Info (Duckworth)  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Graham-Cassidy Hearing, September 25, 2017 at 1:00 PM EST, Senate Finance Committee  
Sandra Gustafson, Indivisible Illinois  
[REDACTED]

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The most recent version of the healthcare law which I believe you are considering today seems an extreme disappointment. At least I think it is ... not much is really known and those who have attempted to work with what has been revealed aren't coming up with any encouraging conclusions. Those with pre existing conditions have few real protections, shifting medicaid programs to the states with reduced funding is appallingly crass, moving \$ from blue states which probably expanded medicaid to red states which not wisely did not is punitive, shrinking medicaid \$ gradually to eliminate the program is disgusting. I could go on - this is not a plan designed to help people. I realize there are problems with the ACA but the ACA is so much better than any of the insurance plans I struggled through my whole life. Now I have Medicare and for the first time feel safe. Your plan appears "thrown together", a rush job to beat next Saturday's deadline - a deadline that exists because you can't get 60 votes on this stupid attempt so you changed things so that fewer votes are required. (If you don't like something, just change the rules, right? ) This is not the government I grew up with. Working on something like providing good healthcare - vitally important to people- should be more important than meeting some deadline, passing something to just pass something, trying to obliterate another's achievements or any of the other shallow motives this process has revealed.

This process needs to include more than Republicans, more than politicians -- there are so many stake holders you have just completely ignored. What do you think are you doing? These are lives you are affecting here .... what you do is about life and it's quality ,and death. It is about my daughter's family, my grandchildren. I want them to struggle less for healthcare than I did and, so far, that is not true.

I do have problems with the ACA and it does need to be changed but this is not the way to do it. And it does not have to be rushed. Please take your time and get it right.

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**From:** donna d'amato [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Save lives!

I am completely AGAINST cutting health care for those who cannot afford it!!  
Please enter my statement into the record for the Senate Finance Committee Graham-Cassidy hearing!  
Donna M McKee

[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, CA [REDACTED]  
Thank you.

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**From:** Sandy Lynn Davis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** re: hearing to consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal on 9/25/2017

Dear members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As a mother of two small children, I find it terrifying that something as weighty and consequential as healthcare reform is being rushed through the budget reconciliation process. The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal will affect every single American, and will be the most hurtful to the most vulnerable among us: children, the elderly, the sick, and the poor.

We need a thoughtful, considered, bipartisan effort to address the problems with our current healthcare system, and this most definitely is not it.

I urge you to reject the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Davis  
El Cerrito, California

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**From:** Diana Carroll [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

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

I have a son who has been afflicted with mental illness. For a while, he was receiving Social Security disability benefits. However, through treatment and concerted effort, he recovered to the point of no longer qualifying. Since then, he has remained stable and independent only with ongoing medical treatment. His earning capacity is limited, so the ACA has helped him by first, allowing him to stay on my company's health insurance until age 26, and then by allowing him to receive expanded Medicaid benefits. Without these, the cost of therapy and psycho-active medication would have been prohibitive.

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

Sincerely,

Diana Carroll  
San Jose, CA

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**From:** Leah Drew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment on Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill

Dear Finance Committee Staff Member,

I work for a small business and rely on the Affordable Care Act for health insurance. Like 133 million other Americans, I have a chronic illness - I was diagnosed with asthma at age four. Allowing insurance companies to discriminate against me because of my lifelong illness is cruel. Getting rid of the insurance mandate will raise my premiums and eventually put health insurance out of my reach.

I already spend a considerable sum on premiums and prescriptions, but it is nothing compared to what I would pay without the ACA. Without insurance, my prescriptions alone would cost roughly **\$1,060.00 per month**. This is almost half my salary. And without these prescriptions? No more rugby, no more running, no more hiking. I will become an invalid, with frequent ER visits, which will further burden the taxpayer.

Please commit to defending and strengthening the ACA. It hasn't even been entirely implemented yet. We haven't allowed pilot programs to gather the data they are designed to provide. At the very least, please stick to the usual process of getting the CBO score, holding hearings and mark-ups, and voting under standard rules, when you bring a bill to the floor that plays with our lives.

Sincerely,

Leah Drew  
Washington DC [REDACTED]



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**From:** Joan Kellam [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family has some pre-existing conditions which would make our health insurance very expensive. At present we are assured that our health is not in jeopardy, but with any change, I am worried we won't be covered or it won't be affordable. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Joan Kellam

Owego, New York

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**From:** Robin Bernstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare under the Affordable Care Act. Because of this, I oppose the disastrous Graham-Cassidy bill.**

**Sincerely,  
Robin Eileen Bernstein  
New York, NY**

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**From:** Gail Bartlow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments for Graham Cassidy Act

Dear Senators,

My husband lost his job in 2008 when the economy crashed. I was self-employed and we had always relied on his employer provided insurance. I never thought getting insurance would be a problem. We had always maintained insurance coverage. We were receiving certificates of continuous coverage in the mail. We would be able to just get individual coverage because we were covered by the HIPAA laws, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Imagine my surprise when I found out the portability means something different to you than it does to me. I suspect that access to health care is another case where it means something different in Washington than it does to me. I thought I could take my insurance with me, that it was portable. Instead I was told that the insurance companies could not exclude my pre-existing conditions, we were in our 50's so we had pre-existing conditions, but did not actually have to sell us insurance. Welcome to the high risk pool.

In the year before the A.C.A. took effect we were paying \$1398.00 per month for high deductible, poor coverage insurance. That may not be a lot of money to you but to people approaching retirement it was a lot. We signed up for the A.C.A. as soon as it went into effect.

I keep hearing that the A.C.A. is failing. That the premiums are going up and that deductibles are increasing. Guess what! My premiums increased every year we had insurance as individuals. In the years since we obtained coverage with the A.C.A. My husband broke his arm, dislocated his shoulder and had cataract surgery. The deductibles for all these instances were still less than one year of premiums on the old plan.

My story isn't a life or death story. It is more an example of how health insurance can be too expensive and cause grave financial harm. I have had to delay retirement. Please do not take health care from millions of people. You could literally be costing someone their life or the life of a loved one.

I was very encouraged when Senators Alexander and Murray started working in a bi-partisan attempt to stabilize the insurance markets and fix health insurance. This is your job. You should be working together to help all Americans and not be playing partisan politics. Please do your jobs and work together. Do not pass Graham-Cassidy and take health insurance from millions of Americans.

Sincerely,  
Gail Bartlow

Gail Bartlow

[REDACTED]  
Applegate, CA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Teresa Murray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Whom it May Concern:

I have read many analysis of the new GOP healthcare bill and all of them seem to conclude that this would be a disastrous law for most Americans if implemented as is. Patient, Doctor, Insurance and other health organizations all agree. I would urge the Senate to go back to the drawing board and come up with a *bipartisan* bill that does not involve any cuts to Medicaid or any weakening on the protections for pre-existing conditions. Please do not play politics with people's lives.

Thank you for your attention.

Teresa Murray  
San Francisco

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**From:** Kirstin Sego [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:09 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Improve ACA - don't repeal!

My family relies on quality, affordable health care. We pay for our own, without government subsidies. However, without the ACA, our insurance would quickly drop us altogether or become prohibitively expensive. I was a healthy person until I had preeclampsia during my first pregnancy and almost died. My son came too early into this world and spent 8 days in the NICU, using up what would be his lifetime maximum before he even saw the sun. Today I am healthy and my son is healthy, and we deserve the protection of quality, affordable healthcare so that we don't live in fear of a devastating medical event.

Now is the time for for bipartisan effort. We expect our senators to work across the aisle to find the best solution for all of us - building on the foundation of the ACA to improve options for all of us, not profits for corporations.

Sincerely,  
Kirstin Sego  
Palo Alto, CA

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**From:** Louise Specht [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:07 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Obamacare Repeal

Like all Americans, I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I was out of work in 2015. I would not have had healthcare without the Affordable Care Act. The fact that I was healthy through that time does not diminish the security I felt knowing I had coverage if I needed health care. For this I was, and am, grateful. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Louise Specht  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** wendy & mitch gross [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please vote no on the Graham-Cassidy Bill!

Please vote no on the 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,

Wendy Gross

Scarsdale, NY

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Stephenson, Marijean [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to Graham-Cassidy Bill

**Importance:** High

The Graham-Cassidy bill would cut and cap Medicaid and repeal major portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. If passed, this bill would have far-reaching negative impacts on seniors and people with disabilities.

For the sake of my patients, do NOT go forward with this bill.

Marijean

Marijean Stephenson, RN, BSN, BS, CRRN, CBIS  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails.*

*Explore. Dream. Discover.*

*~ Mark Twain*



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**From:** Julie Regalado [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:58 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Stand for affordable, accessible, comprehensive health care for Americans!

Dear members of the committee,

The American people deserve quality, affordable healthcare. It's our country, it's our system not that of the insurance companies, the pharmaceutical industry, or the Republican Senators who think they have something to gain by restricting access to health care for the American people.

The USA 's health care system in terms of how regular people access it is far inferior to any other system in the developed nations. Because of this, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am an American, from California, currently living in Australia. One of the reasons I chose not to go back to the States as a singly parent, despite a job offer, was the miserable state of health care in the USA compared to what I have in Australia. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Julie Regalado  
Sydney, NSW, Australia  
(I am registered to vote in California)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:37 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** In support of the Affordable Care Act and against Cassidy-Graham and any ACA repeal bill

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

My story with pre-existing conditions, and affordability, is that one of my children who is 29. She has been until now, covered by her employer but she has stopped working to get a Master's Degree so right now the best choice for healthcare for her was through the Affordable Care Act. Without it it would have been very difficult for her to afford good, comprehensive healthcare. She is also well but does have several pre existing conditions which would have driven up her premiums.

My other daughter is 24 so still covered by our health insurance due to the Affordable Care Act. She does not have any benefits in her job too, so when she turns 26 she will need to go on the ACA as well. She also is well but has pre existing conditions.

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

Sincerely, Ruthanne Ranz Appell

Mill Valley, California

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**From:** Vera Vergara Bullard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

Senator Blumenthal:

My name is Vera Vergara Bullard and I am a disable citizen living in Alabama. I implore you to please vote "no" on the upcoming Cassidy-Graham healthcare bill. This bill would do great harm to myself and to my special needs son. It would adversely affect many people in my state. Please consider that the most vulnerable of us need your help now.

With kindest regards,  
Vera Vergara Bullard

[REDACTED]  
Madison, AL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Sandy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill bad for our health

Like most human beings, I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because it will reduce the quality and affordability of health care to all Americans. As someone who had been without health insurance for over 10 years due to a pre-existing condition, the ACA came along just in time and probably saved my life. Not from the pre-existing condition which had excluded me from purchasing health insurance but something else. The inclusion of preventative screenings in the 10 essential benefits required under the ACA saved my life and saved money.

These last months have been very stressful and I only have a few pre-existing conditions that are not life threatening, but my heart goes out to the many Americans across the country who have serious health concerns and have had to live through this madness.

All Americans deserve the comprehensive affordable healthcare that the ACA strives to provide. We need a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Dildine  
Oceanside, CA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Erin Spivey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Heller

Dear Senators,

I implore you, once again, not to repeal Obamacare and replace it with the Graham Cassidy Heller bill. This is not healthcare. This is a bill designed to strip millions of Americans of healthcare for the benefit of the wealthy few.

In California I will be protected from the worst of it, as my state will not opt to insurers jettison universal health benefits like pediatric visits or maternity care. My state will shield me from preexisting conditions skyrocketing the cost of care. However, many of my brother and sister Americans will not have the benefit of living in the great state of California. Many of them will suffer. Many Californians will suffer with the cuts to Medicaid. As a citizen and as a Christian, I cannot stand by while others suffer. My God and my conscience command me to act.

So I beg you to choose what is right. I implore you to choose to improve Obamacare. I plead with you to reject this disastrous Graham Cassidy Heller bill, which merely masquerades as healthcare.

You are better than this. We, as a country, are better than this.

Sincerely,

Erin Spivey  
Huntington Beach, CA

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse any typos

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** anne mattina [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Bill

Hello, The Graham-Cassidy bill, if passed, will lead to disastrous financial consequences for members of my family, particularly several of those with heart defects. Please understand that the ACA is the only law which has allowed the majority of Americans to have any measure of peace with regard to medical costs. Fixing the problems with ACA does not mean gutting provisions that have kept working families from experiencing economic collapse when faced with illness. Anne Mattina, 40 Eastview Rd. Hopkinton MA 01748

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**From:** Mary Donahue [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am appalled about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate. Medicaid saves lives! Medicaid covers nearly half of all births. Eliminating protections for people with pre-existing conditions, bringing back life time caps, gutting Medicaid, gutting maternity care and blocking access to Planned Parenthood's health care services will kill people. You are not doing your country justice by allowing a bill that will impact millions of Americans to be rammed through without a CBO score or adequate public input. Do your job! Listen to the people speaking out all over the country! There was widespread resistance in July and there will be hell to pay if this bill passes. Please do what is right and vote no on the Graham-Cassidy proposal!

Mary

Mary Donahue  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Alyssa Eppich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Opposition

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions, and disabilities, which are the result of my mother's German measles while pregnant with me and a family inheritance of aortic stenosis, make it necessary to always be in a doctor's care. Affordability is a huge issue to me!, I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Alyssa M. Eppich  
Old Orchard Beach, ME.

Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it.



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**From:** Arline VG <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do NOT take away my healthcare, my family's healthcare, my friends and my neighbors as well

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband has a pre-existing cardiac condition, my daughter is 23 years old and is still able to be insured on our plan. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

I will be watching carefully for who votes for this bill and who does not. In the days ahead, I intend to work tirelessly to support Indivisible groups in the states where their MOC voted for the bill. And.....you should know, I'm not alone. There are a lot of us ready to mobilize. I'd be careful, very careful.

Sincerely,

Arline Van Gessel

San Rafael, CA

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**From:** Hilary Kleese [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

Name: Hilary Kleese  
Address: 900 Jenna Drive Verona, WI 53593



**I am writing to strongly, vehemently advocate for a NO vote by our legislators on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal.**

My husband and I own a small business. And as self-employed individuals with an annual HHI of >\$250K, we do not qualify for subsidy under the ACA. We pay a great deal in property and income taxes, and we pay a great deal each month in health care premiums for our high-deductible plan to cover major medical needs. As a relatively healthy family, we never meet our annual deductible.

The photo above is our family of five: Pictured left to right Kennedy, my husband Tom, Joe, me and Jack. Four of the five people you see pictured above are affected by pre-existing conditions. There are many things I oppose about the GCJH Bill, but one of the main things I abhor is how the bill would impact protections for people with pre-existing conditions, specifically those related to mental health and addictions.

Kennedy lived with us for six months during his junior year of high school, having bounced around from the home of one older sibling after another. Right now, Kennedy has

graduated from high school and is trying to work and attend college classes at Madison College. Man, he's trying to do the right things and become a productive member of society but he faces no shortage of obstacles, having grown up without either parent, in the care of only slightly older siblings who are also simply trying to get by. In order to overcome the rough start he's had in life, he will need every advantage, including adequate, affordable health care coverage. The Bill does not help Kennedy, and it certainly doesn't help the government that pays when Kennedy becomes MORE not LESS dependent upon government aid, as the result of further barriers to gaining access to healthcare through the ACA.

Tom runs a successful business, but has the pre-existing condition of arthritis. If pre-existing conditions are not protected, the bill hurts, not helps Tom. And countless others with pre-existing conditions who WOULD qualify for subsidized care under the ACA (unlike Tom). Why would you want to further burden self-employed entrepreneurs? Self-employed people and small business owners need every advantage to continue to propel our economy and create jobs.

Both Hilary (me) and Jack suffer from mental health issues managed by access to counseling and prescription medication. In addition, I am 8 years sober, in recovery from alcoholism. Perhaps no greater plaque to our society CURRENTLY is the lack of adequate solutions and care access for people dealing with mental health issues and substance abuse issues. The bill would HURT NOT HELP people like me and Jack, and even moreso those with lower incomes who would currently qualify for ACA care subsidies.

It is my understanding that in the bill, insurers would no longer have to provide "essential services." such as

- Emergency services
- Hospitalization (as for operations and overnight stays)
- Pregnancy, maternity and newborn care (both before and after birth)
- Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment (this includes counseling and psychotherapy)
- Prescription drugs
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices (services and devices to help people with injuries, disabilities or chronic conditions gain or recover mental and physical skills)
- Laboratory services
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management

- Birth control coverage

Knowing what I know about the societal impact and financial impact of mental health and substance use disorders ALONE, I strongly believe removing protections will COST, not SAVE this country money. Let alone the other bullets above for which protections would be removed.

Bottom line, it's 100% unclear to me how the bill SOLVES the current problems with the ACA, and it only makes matters WORSE for people who need health care coverage. It also burdens states who would need to create new solutions from scratch. I also disagree with how the bill is being ram-rodged through without due process. It's time to start representing US citizens rather than playing party politics at our expense.

If you want to represent THESE VOTERS, THIS FAMILY, THESE TAX PAYERS, YOU WILL VOTE NO on the bill.

Thanks,  
Hillary Kleese

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Diane Felde-Finke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

We oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. We have farmed for 32 years. Before the ACA's implementation, we could only afford \$10,000 deductible health insurance which did not cover any preventive care. For example, we could not afford the cost of mammograms or colonoscopies. When the ACA came into effect, it was a whole new world to us to be able to receive the preventive health care that we should all be able to claim as a normal part of life in this country.

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

Sincerely,  
Diane Felde-Finke and Doug Finke  
Carlton/Minnesota

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**From:** Robin Breeding [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham/Cassidy Bill

I am writing to strongly oppose the Graham/Cassidy Bill for the chaos and uncertainty it will bring to 1/7 of the American economy.

Robin Breeding  
Old Lyme, CT

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**From:** Eric and Krista [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy/ACA

As an oncology nurse in a rural state my patients rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Many more of my patients have been able to receive life sustaining and prolonging treatments since the ACA was enacted... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Krista Swager  
Morgantown, WV

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**From:** John Pankosky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy

The Graham Cassidy bill is a disaster. At least what reportedly is in the bill, as it appears few have seen the actual bill.

John Pankosky  
Ashby, MA  
Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Joan Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:22 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** RE: Comments for September 25th Senate Finance Committee Hearing on Graham-Cassidy Bill

The Graham-Cassidy bill, if passed, would have a profoundly detrimental affect on the health and well-being of millions of Americans. The bill is not health care by any means but political gains and quid-pro-quos incarnate. While not perfect, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has given millions of Americans access to services without the worry that pre-existing conditions, ones economic background, and other barriers will prevent them from getting the treatment, care, and coverage they need. Under the ACA, countless number of Americans--regardless of their age, gender, sexuality, race and ethnicity, religion, economic background, and political beliefs--have had access to care and even to the life-saving treatments they needed.

Quality, affordable healthcare should be a universal right and this bill does not provide this right nor does it bring us any step closer.

As members of the Senate, please remember your fiduciary responsibility to protect your constituents and the American people. Vote no on the bill.

Sincerely,

Joan Lee  
Arcadia, CA

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Nikie Nelson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

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

My husband is an Air Force veteran -- and a cancer survivor. The ACA ensures his healthcare is affordable despite his preexisting condition.

My sister receives health insurance through the ACA currently, and it's what her family relies on to ensure that she and my young niece remain healthy. She's also pregnant with her second child -- and the ACA ensures she has access to prenatal and birth care that's affordable.

My parents are retired and rely on Medicare. My father has diabetes, and can easily manage his condition thanks to affordable care provided by the ACA.

Beyond my family, many of my friends and colleagues are freelance professionals, and rely on the ACA for health insurance for themselves and their families.

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

Sincerely,

Nichole Nelson

Minneapolis, MN [REDACTED]

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**From:** Lana Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Lana Thompson; Sharon Dykes  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill

On behalf of my husband and myself, I am writing to The Senate Finance Committee in WA, DC to voice our complete disapproval for the Republican bill known as "Trumpcare" or "Graham Cassidy".

The Affordable Care Act must be improved and expanded for every American who deserves federally funded healthcare.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. John B. Thompson

[REDACTED]  
Morongo Valley, CA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Matthew Baldiga [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am a gig economy worker who sometimes relied on my union for healthcare coverage and in tough times rely on the ACA to provide healthcare that I can afford. Without ACA my chronic medical condition would not be treated and I would suffer greatly.

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

Thank you,

Matthew Baldiga

Brooklyn, NY

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family and friends rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. We live in a rural area where wages are low. Without subsidies and Medicaid, as provided by the ACA, most people would have NO health insurance at all. Personally, pre-existing conditions and age banding would completely price us out of being able to afford health insurance altogether.

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

Thank you,  
Robin Williams  
Silver City, NM [REDACTED]

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**From:** ikenko [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:16 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

The Graham-Cassidy bill will leave thousands of Americans with pre-existing conditions without proper health care.

Please make a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

\_-Susanna Siegel

Cambridge,MA

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**From:** Julie Newbold [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Improve not repeal

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Julie Newbold  
San Francisco, CA [REDACTED]

**Julie Newbold**

[REDACTED]

Thank you, Chicago! <http://climatechange.cityofchicago.org/> *The City of Chicago wishes to acknowledge and attribute this information to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, for their decades of work studying climate change and developing approaches to protect the environment. While this information may not be readily available on the EPA's website, in Chicago we know climate change is real. We are joining cities around the country to make sure citizens have access to information on climate change. We will continue to take action to adapt to climate threats while reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. This is courageous democracy in action. Go, Rahm Emanuel!*

This helps me take action and make a positive difference. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thank you, Steve Ballmer! [REDACTED]

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**From:** Stephanie Tilton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

As a self-employed individual, I pay for my own health insurance and rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill.

I have endured three knee surgeries and plenty of post-surgery physical therapy over the years. As my surgeon has always said, it's just a matter of time until the knee will need to be replaced altogether. Under the Graham-Cassidy Bill, I would need to cover that expense on my own, which is not a fiscal possibility for me.

And I know my story doesn't come close to comparing to those of friends and acquaintances who are overwhelmed and deeply concerned by the thought of losing their coverage because they suffer with cancer and other serious illnesses.

I work hard to make my way, pay my bills, and contribute to our society, as do those in my social network. Don't undermine everything we've worked for by taking away our health safety net. Instead of expending so much effort to repeal the ACA, please unite in a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve it.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Tilton  
Plymouth, MA

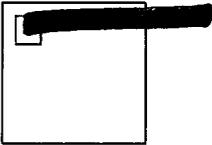


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**From:** Levylawfirm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

I oppose this bill as it does not afford health care coverage to all Americans.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** please vote no against the health bill

Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

Anita Byrne

[REDACTED]  
Oakland, CA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Hava Kagle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Both of my elementary school children have medical conditions which are expensive and will be considered pre-existing conditions when they need to find their own insurance. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Hava Kagle

Mountain View, California  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Esmeralda Marquez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy bill

**Importance:** High

Hello,

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. My friend with a severe disability is very concerned that if any part of his healthcare coverage is reduced, he will have to decide between living expenses and having the medical care and medication he needs daily. 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,

Esmeralda Marquez  
Oakland, California  
Voter

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**From:** Laura Corbett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill comments

Hi,

I **vehemently oppose** the Graham-Cassidy bill because I rely on quality, affordable healthcare.

Without the current protections of the ACA, insurance companies would once again be able to extort exorbitant premiums from disabled people like me who have several pre-existing conditions (through no fault of my own). My monthly premium was once \$825, leaving \$300 for mortgage, utilities, food, medicines, etc. We simply cannot return to this extortion!

***Please pursue a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA!***

Sincerely,

Laura Corbett  
Mountain View, CA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Meredith Comtois [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Care Act

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I can't get/afford health care because I have a lump in my breast that is being monitored. I would like to see a BIPARTISAN Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Meredith Comtois  
Angel Fire, New Mexico

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**From:** Sarah Axler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:24 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

I think that everyone should have access to quality, affordable healthcare, regardless of their economic status or pre-existing conditions. I am deeply concerned about the Graham-Cassidy bill because it would not accomplish these essential elements. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Axler  
Woodside, NY

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**From:** Lauren Saternus [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No Graham-Cassidy

My family is on my husband's insurance through his job, and it is wonderful. I do not have to live in fear that we will be financially ruined or that my daughters' prematurity will prevent them from being able to access care. However, in the time that my husband was between his teaching career and his firefighting career, he used the ACA exchange to purchase insurance. Without that opportunity, he would have gone uninsured for approximately 3 years while he was in school and staying home with our newborn daughter. I had a full-time job as a school psychologist, but adding him to my coverage would have been prohibitively expensive for us at that time.

My story is not one of tragedy or desperation. It is one of overwhelming gratitude that our life events lined up with the availability of affordable health care options through the ACA. So many people did not have that access prior to the ACA, and if it is repealed, they will not have it after. This will indubitably lead to tens of millions of people going uninsured and a percentage of those will become ill, bankrupt or dead as a direct result of Graham-Cassidy.

Affordable healthcare is a basic human right. Any person of sound mind would want to help a sick child if they had to stare them in the face. This should be no different.

Lauren Saternus  
Hoffman Estates, IL



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**From:** dhardage1 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy Healt Care bill

Honorable Senators,

**First, let me tell you that I am a working American with a full time job and employer provided insurance. I do, however, have a son who has severe mental development issues and receives services through Medicaid that help him live a normal life as possible. He works six days per week and puts money into the local economy. While it does not equal what he receives it gives him a sense of purpose and pride that he would not be able to get without the services her receives. It frightens me to hear that this bill will eventually wipe out Federal funding for Medicaid that he needs. It angers me that the bill is being used to glean money from the budget to be used to balance tax breaks that will benefit almost exclusively those who do not need it. Those that deny this reality are simply in denial or are intentionally shrouding the truth and misrepresenting facts. When someone says they will guarantee access to health care and equate that with forbidding insurance companies to raise rates for pre-existing conditions it is disingenuous at best and duplicitous at worst. I don't claim that the Affordable Care Act is perfect but it as improved the lot of many people I know through my seasonal work preparing income tax returns. It has been sabotaged by those in Congress who refuse to appropriate funds for the loss channels meant to compensate insurance companies for losses they experience, causing uncertainty in the market and thus higher premiums. This tactic, now expanded by the current holder of the office of President, has only hurt Americans that our Congress is meant to serve. The system could be fixed if people would stop trying to kill it. I urge, encourage, and even demand as a citizen, as one of the employers of our Federal and State officials vote no on this heinous bill that would cause harm to so many and instead work together to fix the issues with and stop the sabotage of the Affordable Care Act to the benefit of all of the citizens of our nation.**

**Yours Truly,**

**Dean Hardage**

**Clovis, New Mexico.**

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**From:** Stacey Brezing [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** 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.

Sincerely,

Stacey Brezing

Davis, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** gretchen neel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** no on healthcare vote

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, we oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. We have pre-existing conditions, are retired, and affordability would be an issue. We are now well taken care of under the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to IMPROVE the ACA, NOT repeal it.

Sincerely, Gretchen Neel (Walnut Creek, California)

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**From:** MAMA [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** VOTE no on Graham-Cassidy - Protect Medicaid

Dear US Senate,

The Graham-Cassidy proposal is an egregious attempt to take away health care from children and adults with disabilities and other vulnerable populations.. It would devastate the state budget for health care in Massachusetts. I urge you to oppose this proposal.

cc Senator Warren (Beth\_Pearson@warren.senate.gov) and Senator Markey (Nikki\_Hurt@markey.senate.gov)

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lori Schreier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham Cassidy

I rely on affordable healthcare which my husband and I access through the ACA. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. All people deserve decent affordable healthcare. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Lori Schreier

Lori Schreier  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sandra Siler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

As a Massachusetts physician and member of the Mass. Medical Society, I fully support the Society's opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill to destroy the gains in health care that have been made under the ACA. This bill would penalize my state, Massachusetts, for making significant gains in health coverage for all our citizens and wreak immeasurable harm on our most vulnerable people. What we need now from Congress is a bipartisan triage effort. The aim of this would be to stabilize the insurance markets, offset premium increases, and increase consumer choice. In the event that lack of choice cannot be increased it makes sense to offer a public option as an alternative.

Sandra

M. Siler, MD

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**From:** Laurel Granquist [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

I urge you to vote with your **conscience**, not party line. Every American deserves full health care, with pre-existing conditions and catastrophic illnesses covered. I was a school teacher with children with disabilities and saw the struggles the parents had for getting services their child desperately needed. Asking you to **VOTE NO ON GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL**. Instead, get better health care results for everyone with bi-partisan cooperation efforts. Respectfully,  
laurel Granquist  
Julian, CA [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** WILLIAM GUFFY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

My 63 year-old sister depends on the ACA to cover all of her medical appointments, emergencies, and prescriptions. I honestly don't know what she would do with it.

I would love to see a BIPARTISON congress make ACA better, as was always intended, not eliminate it.

Sincerely,

Karen Smith

[REDACTED]  
Tucson, AZ [REDACTED]



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**From:** Kerstin Porter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Why ACA needa to be saved  
**Attachments:** received\_473731249626096\_resized.jpeg; FB\_IMG\_1498515753507\_resized.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1499899684050\_resized.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1502037154690\_resized.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1502937195192\_resized.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1505182905502\_resized.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1505182866066\_resized.jpg

My name is Kerstin Porter and live in Texas. My foster daughter made me a grandma for the first time. Sophia Grace was born at 24 weeks! She was barely 1 lbs at birth, needed to be intubated and required a machine to breath for her. She had heart murmur and bilateral brain bleeding. Sophia Grace is a fighter! She lovely gained weight, started to breath on her own eventually and startwdnto take the bottle. After 4 long months in the NICU, we finally got to bring her home. She is her parents and grandparents pride and joy! She currently has subsidized insurance, as well as private insurance. With the Graham/Cassidy bill, she could lose coverage, because of her preexisting conditions and the lifetime caps would be exceeded, by time she turns a year old! It would bamcrupt her parents and her grandparents, trying to pay for her continued care, therapy, which she will need! I've attached photos of Sophia Grace, so there is a face to the story and maybe someone will show compassion and do what's right Please vote NO to this terrible bill and save our care for all the Sophia's, who this would effect!

Thank you  
Kerstin Porter

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**From:** Brad Stephan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senators:  
Simply put, this bill is an assault on America. Please vote "NO"!  
Sincerely,  
Brad Stephan  
Retired Hospice Nurse  
Kearney, Nebraska

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**Bradley Dean Stephan**

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**From:** Debra Quaka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** New health care proposal

This new proposed bill is atrocious. It seems as though every new bill actually becomes worse than the one before it. Vote NO on this devastating health care bill. For once put the American people ahead of the Republican agenda to undo anything that Obama endorsed. Your and Trump's obsession with Obama is sick.

Debra Quaka  
[REDACTED]

Indianapolis, IN [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Alka Joshi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill (the new Trumpcare)  
**Importance:** High

My husband and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare to bridge the gap before we are old enough to qualify for Medicare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

We do have pre-existing conditions which would not be covered under your bill.

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

Sincerely,

Alka Owens  
Pacific Grove, CA

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**From:** Michelle Olson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment regarding Graham-Cassidy

My family and my community rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. During my pregnancy with my first child, before the ACA, my husband got a new job-a job as a community college professor. I could not get health coverage for my pregnancy because it was considered a pre-existing condition. I did not qualify for Medicare because of our income. I needed healthcare but was denied by insurance companies. This should never happen to anyone. In addition, I live in a society and firmly believe that we all need to take care of each other. I do not rely on the ACA for health insurance at this point in my life but I feel that it is my responsibility and my privilege to pay taxes so someone else can have the live-saving care they require. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Michelle Olson

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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**From:** Lori Ashikawa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** OPPOSE GRAHAM CASSIDY

**To Whom It May Concern,**

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As hard working self-employed citizens, many of my friends and family, especially those with pre-existing conditions, were finally able to have healthcare plans under the ACA. While not perfect, the ACA was a step in the right direction. Efforts should be made to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Lori Ashikawa

Chicago, Illinois

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Paige Hodson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy - Alaska

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am a 56 year old woman living in Anchorage, Alaska.

I eat right, exercise 3-5 days a week, and through no fault of my own, have hereditary high cholesterol and an unspecified form of full-body arthritis.

I am very thankful that I have health insurance through my husband's employer, otherwise I would not be able to afford the medications I need to a) lower my risk of a heart attack, and b) go about my day with a lower level of pain.

Both of these things would be considered pre-existing conditions.

Before I met my husband I was self-employed. For quite some time there was NO insurance available to self-employed small business owners.

When I was finally able to obtain insurance, all that could be found was referred to as a "catastrophic" policy, i.e., it only kicked in if I became severely ill.

It covered no prescriptions, very high out-of-pocket costs, and a very high deductible. The rates rose astronomically each quarter to the point where I finally had to drop it because I could no longer afford it. At times I had to go without prescriptions, which sometimes made walking difficult due to my arthritis pain.

My husband is now 65. When he retires, I will again be without health insurance and will need to seek help through the ACA exchange to gain coverage.

We can not go back to times like those when people could not get coverage which allowed them basic medicines and treatments.

Please recall the number of medical bankruptcies, suffering and death that occurred at a much higher rate before the Affordable Care Act was passed.

My older sister lives alone and relies on a combination of Medicare and Medicaid. Without these benefits, she would not be able to get by. She has no savings, no assets, and social security is her only source of income.

She was laid off from her minimum wage job a year ago, and was so paralyzed by her unaddressed mental health issues that she could not complete her unemployment application and process required by her state.

She is truly unable to work. Should a work requirement be instituted in her state to receive Medicaid assistance, she would be screwed, to put it plainly.

We saw what happened when "Red" state governors and legislatures were allow to opt out of Medicaid expansion. Their citizens suffered as did their state economies.

Basic health care should not hinge on where you live.

Please do not pass this horrible bill. It is not only harmful to millions of Americans, but anything that further hinders the health and welfare of our citizens is also a drag to an already suffering economy.

**Paige R. Hodson, SRA**

[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Cynthia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please support the Graham- Cassidy bill

We think it is very important to pass it. Thank you. Cynthia Newsome, San Diego, CA



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**From:** Robin Wu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** please oppose Graham-Cassidy bill

All people of this country need quality, affordable healthcare. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because many, many people would no longer have affordable healthcare if it passes.

Here are some reasons that I believe the Graham-Cassidy bill would harm my own family and the community at large:

- My parent has suffered from cancer. The chemotherapy medications are ridiculously expensive; I am sure that the Medicaid cap would already have been reached by now. Is treatment halted for people who have reached the cap and cannot pay tens of thousands of dollars? The financial stress that this would cause the ill person is unimaginable, and no doubt would impact their health.
- My child has been diagnosed with asthma since childhood. Shortly she will no longer be covered under her parents' healthcare plan. She is just starting out in the job market – how expensive is her medical plan going to be with a pre-existing condition?
- I have been diagnosed with diabetes, also a pre-existing condition. My husband takes blood pressure medication – perhaps this is a pre-existing condition too. There are so many with pre-existing conditions, and the definition of pre-existing condition had been very broad in the past. I think the Graham-Cassidy bill would ultimately mean that many people would be unable to afford medical insurance at all as the insurance companies could raise rates for the unlucky 130 million with pre-existing conditions.
- I work for a safety-net hospital, which takes care of the poorest people in our area. If these people lose their health insurance, ultimately it will be worse for them and for the hospital and country, as they will wait for an expensive health crisis before coming in. One example of a negative outcome will be more children being born to mothers who have avoided the expense of prenatal care – more of these infants will end up ill and in the neonatal intensive care unit because various diseases which can come up in pregnancy will have gone untreated.

Please, please support a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve our current healthcare scenario. It doesn't matter whether it is called Trumpcare or Obamacare; the most important thing is to do the best thing for the people of our country.

Sincerely,

Robin Wu  
Los Gatos, California

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy vote NO

Desperately urging a NO vote on this legislation. Save & fix the ACA!!

Thank you  
Bill Madden  
California  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Katrina Edenfeld [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy bill

Like all Americans, my family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare, and because of this, I strongly oppose the Graham/Cassidy bill.

Within my extended family we have many concerns about changes to the ACA. Many people, if not the vast majority, have pre-existing conditions, and some that are of personal concern to us include depression, lupus, atrial fibrillation, chronic migraine, and being carriers of genetic diseases. We are a health-conscious family, exercising daily, eating healthily, and staying abreast of the latest health and medical news.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA. Repeal should not be a goal or a possibility. The ACA is one of the most important developments in our policy in decades and polls have repeatedly shown that many Americans appreciate the protections it provides.

The health insurance companies have been earning staggering profits during recent years. As the income gap in the U.S. widens and powerful interests control more of our financial resources, protections like the ACA become more important to the average American.

I urge Congress to protect the interests of its constituents by voting against the Graham/Cassidy bill and every other effort to repeal or hinder the ACA and Medicare.

Sincerely,  
Katrina Edenfeld  
Shoreview, MN [REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Nolina Beauchamp [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Whom It May Concern:

I was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis at 19 months of age. For my entire life, I have relied on quality, affordable healthcare to keep me as healthy as possible while battling this disease. Because I know how important health care is, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. All Americans deserve access to health care, and this bill will damage millions of lives if it is passed. Please do not let this bill become law. It will be a death sentence for millions of Americans.

Sincerely, Nolina Beauchamp  
Anaheim, California

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**From:** kerry keenan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Graham/Cassidy Submit public testimony

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have a preexisting condition. When I was 30 years old I was a professional in the advertising industry, paying for other people's healthcare. Out of the blue I was told that a virus had attacked my heart and I needed a heart transplant. I had no family history of heart disease and have no other illness or disease. It has been 14 years since my operation and I pay my taxes, live a very healthy life and have 2 beautiful children. If you pass Graham-Cassidy, I will not be able to afford the medication I take every day to keep me alive. Will you explain to my children why their mother is gone? I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Kerry Keenan  
New York, NY

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**From:** Emily P Ferguson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

To Whom it May Concern,

I, along with friends and family, rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. For one thing (among many), it is unforgivable to deny people with pre-existing conditions the **affordable** insurance/care that they need, and Graham-Cassidy does just that. Myself, and many friends and family members have benefited from the ACA, and I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve it, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Emily Ferguson

Burlington, MA

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**From:** Dawn McClintick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 7:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

I/my family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with preexisting conditions is such that without ACA I would not be able to insured. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to IMPROVE the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Dawn McClintick

Deerfield, Illinois

Sent from [REDACTED] on Android

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**From:** Ed Crasnick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** KEEP THE ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with affordability is that my 12 year old daughter is very sick and was in the hospital. Because of my coverage with the ACA, she was able to be treated with quality medical care. Otherwise her life would be in jeopardy. If anything; I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Edward Crasnick, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@gmail.com

*Always remember that you are absolutely unique; just like everyone else.*  
**Margaret Mead**



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**From:** Becca Pulliam [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy comment

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is disruptive.

Good health requires continuity of care.

To replace the Affordable Care Act with the Graham-Cassidy bill is to subject us the people to DIS continuity. Discontinuity in a critical industry.

The ACA is a start. It extends health care to hundreds of thousands of people who did or could not purchase personal insurance policies.

With it we have an insurance pool to which all people contribute. Some people use insurance more than others. Some people use insurance for a crisis, others use insurance for a chronic health issue. Some people stay healthy, whether by luck or life style.

Now that we have the ACA the intelligent course is to continuously improve it, make it more efficient and effective, not to repeal and replace it.

To repeal and replace the ACA -- which is young! -- is simply bad business, bad practice. It would be unacceptable in other arenas, but these attempts to abolish the ACA are pure politics.

Rebecca A. Pulliam  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kristina Lear [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please NO on the Graham Cassidy bill

Hello Senate Finance Committee -

Please shut down the inhuman thing that is the Graham Cassidy bill. We need more help and coverage for more Americans, not less.

I'm sure you have many emails coming in and nothing I say here will or won't change your mind, so I leave it at that. As a citizen, woman, mother, child of an aging parent, and a human concerned for others, please kill the bill.

Thank you,  
Kristina Lear

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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*Kristina Lear*

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Laura Brannen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

I am writing because I am opposed to the Graham-Cassidy repeal bill. It is time for a bi-partisan effort to fix the ACA.

My immediate family is fortunate that we have health care provided through an employer and that coverage improved under the ACA. I want ensure that my children, (especially my daughters) continue to have access to affordable health care throughout their lives. I want my sister-in-law to be able to receive treatment for her autistic son. I don't want to hear about doctors avoiding diagnosing a child's autoimmune disorder because they won't be able to get insurance later in life due to their pre-existing condition.

It's time to fix the ACA together; not repeal and replace.

Sincerely,  
Laura Brannen  
Savage MN

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**From:** B C-K [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

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, Barbara Comstock-King

Lebanon, CT

Have a nice day. Unless you had other plans.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Theresa del Rosario <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a self-employed single parent, finding quality, affordable care is a challenge. I am grateful for the programs that my state (MN) has had to offer. Both of my parents are elderly and rely on Medicaid for their insurance coverage. They often make a choice between groceries and medications. I offer my financial assistance when I am able, but funds are often limited.

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

Sincerely,

Theresa del Rosario

St Paul, MN

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**From:** Anne Hawthorne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill -- testimony for hearing  
**Attachments:** 0275\_001.pdf

Please place the attached letter into the record of the finance committee public hearing scheduled for Monday, September 25 at 2pm.

Thank you.

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Anne Hawthorne

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**Date:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Attached Image  
**To:** Anne Hawthorne [REDACTED]

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**From:** Kate Thomas <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

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,  
Kate Thomas  
Minneapolis, MN

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**From:** Lisa Prach <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:24 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have a pre-existing condition and am trying to get pregnant. While I currently have health insurance through my employer, I typically work contract jobs that last several months to 2-3 years and I have been without a full time position with health benefits in the past. Without affordable health insurance my family would be in vastly different financial circumstances. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Healthcare is a basic human right and not a privilege. I encourage everyone in congress to move toward single-payer, universal healthcare.

Sincerely,

Lisa Prach  
Oakland, California



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**From:** Finlay-Morreale, Heather <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:46 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

I am a pediatrician working in primary care in central Massachusetts.

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill.

This bill will deprive millions of health care. It tears away vital protection for people with pre-existing conditions. I fear it's changes to Medicaid will destroy the entire system. Many children are on Medicaid and ACA plans and will lose out with this bill. The return of caps is flat out discrimination against people with severe health conditions and risks their lives.

Sincerely,

Heather Finlay-Morreale [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jane Clement [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:48 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

My son and his family **rely** on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, **I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill**. He has many pre-existing conditions including diabetes and mental health issues. Since he is unable to work, he needs assisted medical insurance for himself and his family. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Jane S. Clement

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Robbin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

I oppose the Graham/Cassidy Bill. We need to keep the ACA and improve the quality/cost of healthcare for all Americans. We need to treat the solution as a bipartisan endeavor to craft a bill that cuts the cost of drugs and healthcare. The ACA is the most ambitious program to reach all Americans. I know many people that were able to purchase Healthcare for the first time. I do not appreciate the sneaky way Graham/Cassidy Bill attempts to convince people that all preexisting conditions will be covered.

Robbin Gross  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Lukas Best [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:59 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please do NOT repeal Obamacare

To all whom it concerns and cares,

I have emotional disabilities and injuries sustained after being struck by a car, and it is only due to the ACA that makes it so I am still alive.

I rely on the current quality, affordable healthcare that I receive through Obamacare

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,  
Lukas Best

Northampton, MA

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**From:** Elizabeth DaSilva <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:58 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GC Healthcsre bill

Please do not pass the GC Healthcare bill. You will be taking insurance away from America's most needy populations. People will die. The middle class status will further erode under the weight of healthcare premiums. Almost everyone has a "pre-esisting" condition - it's anxiety and depression under this president and the Republican Congress.

Liz DaSilva  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sheila Noonan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Care

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My mother has struggle with Hashimoto encephalopathy all of my life. Her body has been at war with itself, resulting in the death of many of her organs at the aim of her auto-immune deficiency. As a child, I remember often having to nap on the side of the road that was necessary during the short 5 minute drive to school.

She is alive and able to play with my son today because of an expensive cocktail of drugs that has to be closely and constantly monitored. The repeal of any portion of the healthcare bill will result in a crippling medical debt, and worse the likely end of her life prematurely due to lack of consistent access to healthcare.

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

Sincerely,

Sheila Noonan

Los Angeles, California

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**From:** anne marie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** My Healthcare

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I had insurance when I got breast cancer, my insurance company claimed it was a pre existing condition and stopped paying my healthcare providers. I can not express how horrifying it was to have cancer and to have my insurance company refuse my claim on trumped up excuses. Thank God the Affordable Care Act passed and with the help of a patient advocate the insurance company began to provide the service that I had been paying for. Insurance companies must be required to cover pre existing conditions because they will refuse payment even when pre existing conditions don't exist like they did to me. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Anne Gaffney

Yorba Linda CA

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**From:** Gleason Bauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

To You and All of Us Whom This Concerns:

I am an American lucky enough to have quality healthcare through my employer. However, as a former member of the working class, who was unable to afford health insurance from college until my current job (over 15 years without coverage), I am well aware of what it means to live with the fear of getting sick. I know too many stories of friends and families going into bankruptcy in an effort to stay alive. My own mother, who was unable to afford health insurance for most of her life, opted to travel to Costa Rica for affordable healthcare, rather than taking the chance of having excessively expensive, but necessary operations for her eyesight and heart. We ALL need and deserve affordable health care. It cannot remain a privilege afforded to the lucky few, but must become a right for all Americans.

While the Affordable Care Act is certainly not perfect, the right course of action is to improve it through bi-partisan efforts or to move towards a single-payer system. The repeated attempts to repeal and replace the ACA are misguided, mendacious, and plainly mean. This latest Graham-Cassidy bill is NO different. Do not be fooled into thinking that American healthcare will be improved by this last-ditch effort. It is a mistake, and a mean-spirited one at that.

To every person empowered to vote on this bill, please vote NO.

Yours in civil society,  
**Gleason Bauer**

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA



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**From:** Fionnuala Ni Aolain <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

My family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with the ACA is that I have a child with pre-existing and serious medical conditions diagnosed on the date of his birth. He has and will need substantial medical oversight for all of his life. As a young adult under this Bill, and living in a state under a Governor who decides not to cover pre-existing conditions, he will be at significant risk of limited or no access to health care. I do not think this is acceptable in a civilized and decent society. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Fionnuala Ni Aolain  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Marguerite Cueto [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

To Whom It May Concern:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Both my husband and I have pre-existing conditions, and if it weren't for the ACA we would not have been able to get proper healthcare coverage.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. No one said the ACA was perfect, but it can and should be used as a starting point to improve those areas that may not be working well for the American tax payer.

Sincerely,

Marguerite S. Cueto  
San Francisco, CA

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**From:** Sarah J [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing 9/27/17

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My spouse has a genetic condition and two other health issues that would be considered pre-existing conditions if we were to change insurance. Combined, these issues require a number of visits each year, often to specialists. My budget would not cover paying out of pocket for all of them and most lifetime out of pocket coverage limits would be maxed by now. In addition I have a dependent son who is under 26. We or he could not afford his premiums for health coverage if we could not have him on my employer plan. Even with the exchanges this is a tough bet, and I can't see how repealing dependent coverage would change that in any helpful way. I have close friends who would quite literally face life and death situations if not for the ACA. I understand the conservative perspective, but honestly, you make big government exceptions elsewhere, you regularly push things to the federal level (not states) on other issues. It's thoroughly disingenuous to say that you cannot or should not when it comes to the literal lives of thousands, if not millions, of people. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Sarah James

Minneapolis, MN

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Lindsey Cayer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 5:08 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Hearing Public Comments

Dear Senate Committee,

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, Lindsey Cayer

Sierra Vista, Arizona

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Donna Moss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 5:18 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** VOTE no on Graham-Cassidy - Protect Medicaid

Dear US Senate,

The Graham-Cassidy proposal is an egregious attempt to take away health care from children and adults with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. It would devastate the state budget for health care in Massachusetts. I urge you to oppose this proposal.

cc Senator Warren ([REDACTED]) and Senator Markey ([REDACTED])

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Denise Lotufo [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 5:16 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to 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,

Denise Lotufo

Arlington, MA 02474

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**From:** Roberta [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-cassidy bill

My family relies on the ACA for healthcare. My eldest son is on disability and is unable to work due to a back injury, dysfunction of his arm and severe panic/ anxiety disorder. He needs the insurance he has through the ACA or he would have no healthcare . My other son has a mental illness which prevents him from working. He would not be able to afford his therapy. I am a nurse who has worked at least one full time job and often more, but I do not have an income that would allow me to provide healthcare for my sons. I have also seen innumerable cases in which lack of healthcare prevented people from obtaining preventive care. This leads to severe, many times preventable health issues which cost much more to treat than they would have to prevent. Healthcare needs to be available and affordable for everyone. This should be achievable in the U S - The states are not able to provide this important necessity and cannot be relied upon to take care of all citizens equally. For these and many other reasons and individual examples I could relate regarding those patients I have cared for over the years,I strongly oppose the repeal of the ACA and strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy replacement plan.We need to protect our most vulnerable citizens in addition to all our working and retired citizens .

Thank you.

Roberta Keogan  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Maggie Cassidy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 5:38 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senators,

I hope that by the time you receive this, Majority Leader McConnell will have realized that he will have the votes to pass the Graham-Cassidy "healthcare" bill, and he will have withdrawn it. If you do hold hearings on this bill, I plead with you to vote against it in committee: if passed, it will plunge the health-insurance markets into chaos and deprive millions of the most vulnerable Americans of the healthcare they need.

While Obamacare has known flaws, it has provided healthcare to many who had no insurance. The Trump administration is sabotaging it in order to claim that it "failed;" I urge you to work with colleagues in the Senate and the House to improve it, providing security to the people you serve.

Thank you for your attention.

Margaret Cassidy  
Putney, Vermont



**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Maxine Truax [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with affordability is I wouldn't have preventative care without it. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Maxine Truax

Bloomington, MN

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Christina Gessler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare.

Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have very serious pre-existing conditions. With the medical management of it that I now have, I am a productive member of society. But that proposed bill puts my health care in jeopardy.

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

Sincerely,  
Christina Gessler  
Montecito, CA

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Annie Chapin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am on Medicare, but my husband is still working and relies on the ACA for his current health insurance. I have grown children with families who also rely on their current health care plans that may be severely affected by this new bill which is being railroaded through the Senate without an adequate amount of study due to time issues. This is not the measured approach needed to improve our nation's healthcare. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Ann E Chapin

[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Catherine [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 5:19 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public comment Graham Cassidy bill

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

My widowed, at 45 years old, sister with a precondition pre-existing condition relies on the affordable care act which, while expensive, provides excellent healthcare which keeps her alive. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

This whole situation has gotten beyond ridiculous.

Sincerely,

Catherine Drake

Stowe, Vermont

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Laura Lentz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 5:47 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

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Sincerely,  
Laura Lentz  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Barbara Bab [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill.

My family and friends rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of the murkiness around how states would regulate what insurers are allowed to charge and the risk of unaffordable care for people with pre-existing health conditions, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Barbara Babin  
Santa Rosa, CA

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Erkan Mutlukan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**Subject:** opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill to replace the ACA

*Members of the Senate Finance Committee,*

*As a physician who cares deeply about the ability of America's patients to access the care they need, I write in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill to replace the ACA. This bill is just as bad as the ACA repeal efforts that came before. My home state has worked hard to improve the well-being of its residents, and this bill would clearly undo many of the gains that we have worked hard to achieve over the years.*

*Any physician knows that when it comes to our patients, coverage doesn't always mean care. By overturning protections for patients with preexisting conditions and by slashing coverage of essential health benefits, this bill would leave too many patients between the cracks – especially the most vulnerable.*

*Rather than stripping health care from millions of Americans, Congress now has an opportunity to take a bipartisan approach toward stabilizing the insurance markets and fixing the ACA. I urge you to take that opportunity and join me in opposing Graham-Cassidy bill.*

*Yours Respectfully,*

*Erik Mutlukan MD*  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA - please do not repeal it - we are depending on Congress to improve it

Greetings!

This is my first email to Congress, and I am writing you today to respectfully request that you do not repeal the ACA. In fact, my husband and I rely upon it to provide quality and affordable health-care to our small family (just the two of us). We oppose the **Graham Cassidy Bill** and want to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA. Please do not repeal it as that would represent a major step backwards in the progress of our country.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

-Angela Berkson  
Albuquerque, NM



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**From:** David Colosi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** schumer, scheduling (Schumer); Gillibrand, Kirsten (Gillibrand)  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

RE: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

Republicans in Congress are attacking healthcare again. They are trying to succeed by following a failed and flawed healthcare bill with an even worse one. If they want to succeed and impress voters, they'll improve on the ACA and build a universal health care program, one that guarantees that all Americans don't have to choose between living in pain or in debt. I'm a recipient of Medicaid. Every American should be. Every new bill proposal should be in the direction of getting all people covered by a Medicaid program. We should all have access to the same healthcare. Universal health care for all Americans with no exceptions and no financial burdens is the road to healthy and happy Americans and to success (and, for that matter, reelection, if you, like the president, are your own first priority).

As a freelance worker, my income spikes and dips and is never consistent. I didn't have health insurance for many years after leaving a regular job. I used the ACA, and for one year I had to pay for what turned out to be crooked service from a crooked start-up company (Health Republic, who went bankrupt. During that year, I played it safe and hoped I didn't need medical care). After that, I qualified for Medicaid. I discovered many conditions that I didn't know I had through standard screenings. Recently I turned 50 and had my first colonoscopy and endoscopy. My doctor found a polyp that needs to be removed. Without removal - he tells me - it will become cancerous in 2-5 years. Without this access to screening through Medicaid, I would not have sought out this procedure on my own or at this time, and my doctor (the vocabulary "My Doctor" is phrase many of us take for granted) would never have found this, I would never have known, and 2-5 years down the road I would be facing cancer decisions rather than a preemptive procedure. Considering developments in my health as I age, though I can take care of them now, with the threat to my Medicaid access will I be able to get a follow-up in six months to make sure the doctor got it all? How about in 2 or 3 years to make sure it hasn't returned? Will I have access to a second procedure if I need it in 5 years? What if this develops into cancer? Has this become a preexisting condition? No American should have to face the level of stress these self-serving Republicans and their placebo of a president are creating. We should all have a doctor to call our own and get regular check-ups and to tend to emergencies and new health developments without having to decide how much money our lives are worth.

I'm disgusted by what Republicans in Congress think the American people want. Citizen republicans have already discovered what a mistake they made in not voting at all or in voting for 45. Many of them regret their decision, see how they were fooled by the media and the Russians and are trying to prevent his further damage. Republicans in Congress must start to admit to themselves they're on the wrong side of this and get on board with universal healthcare.

So that's a big NO to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal.

Sincerely,

David Colosi

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** velevele13 <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Committee,

Health care is fundamental to who we are. Pretty much no one makes it out of this world without having used health care in some way. Healthy people are productive people. They contribute to our economy by being well enough to go to work every day, supporting our American businesses. I believe you know this. I believe you understand that the Graham-Cassidy bill will not further this situation. I ask you to please act in accordance with what you know is the right thing to do.

Thank you.  
Anne Ellison  
Champaign, IL

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Alisa Pascale <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:22 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Graham-Cassidy!!

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a nurse practitioner at Mass General Hospital in Boston and serve many women who rely on quality, affordable healthcare provided by the ACA. Many are under 26 and have gained health care under their parents plans; many other have pre-existing conditions and if not for the ACA would not have been able to get health care at all.

In addition, my husband, a robust healthy 54 year old today, had cancer at 39, and would be excluded from affordable health plan coverage in many states if not for the ACA.

Do the right thing for millions of Americans and REJECT the Graham-Cassidy Bill.

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

Sincerely,

Alisa Pascale, DNP

[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Lisa Chupity [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions and disability is I have Multiple Sclerosis. I am on a prohibitively expensive medication to slow my disability progression. With this bill being presented for vote, I would no longer be covered for basic care of my disease process, I would no longer receive coverage for the medication that keeps me from getting worse than I am. I would no longer receive the physical therapy needed to keep my body as strong as I possibly can be. I and patients like me would no longer be covered for *any* treatment or ongoing MRI monitoring.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Chupity

La Honda, California

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Sarah Booth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham- Cassidy bill

I am against this bill because too many people without resources will suffer - and the idea of possibly losing coverage for reasons of CAP or preexisting conditions is anathema to me.

Sarah Booth  
Walnut Creek, CA

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Liz Schwab [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:05 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

As a working parent who relies heavily on affordable healthcare not limited by preexisting conditions, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill. Please go back to the table and look for a bipartisan solution that provides affordable, quality care for all.

Thank you.  
Elizabeth M. Schwab  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** KA Hersey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** We NEED the ACA!

To Whom It May Concern:

As significantly older parents of a 4th grade child, my family relies on high quality, affordable healthcare. We are not only older parents, we're parents on a fixed income. Because of this, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My pre-existing condition — severe hearing loss due to a congenital issue with the bones in my middle ear — would render me fully disabled were I not to have access to our local medical facility. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort either to improve the ACA (not repeal it) or to institute a sound, single-payer health system using a model from one of the many that function well and efficiently across the developed world.

Sincerely,

Kelley Hersey

Norwich, Vermont



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

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**From:** Pat <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy September 25, 2017 Hearing

I am writing to urge, no DEMAND, that this bill be unceremoniously dumped, discarded, shredded, burned. We all know, including the crafters and supporters of it (especially the crafters and supporters of it), how DEVASTATING this kind of legislation will be for the majority of Americans.

I live in Massachusetts, work full time, and already pay ridiculous premiums, co-pays, and co-insurance and, as of this year have to also participate in an FSA savings program "just in case" my coverage isn't enough, while watching that coverage become more and more and more limited all the time. I am healthy but, like all of us, am susceptible to the aging process and potential accidents. I have a 26-year-old daughter who lives on her own in Texas, works full time, but is not eligible for health care from her small-business employer because he doesn't have to offer it to her. She doesn't earn enough to afford her own coverage and she has aged out of my plan. Her 23-year-old brother is also employed full time here in Massachusetts and has exactly the same issues with his small-business employer. However, I am grateful every day that I can continue to PAY to have him on my plan until he reaches 26. Then what?

Why would ANYONE write, much less propose and support, such a nasty, human-life damaging piece of legislation? WHY? In case you have forgotten, our legislators are elected by US to represent US and to take care of and protect US!

If you truly want to repeal and replace our current system, give us what our Senators and Representatives have or give us Universal Healthcare. If it's good enough for YOU, it's good enough for the rest of us who aren't as privileged as you!

Patricia Mullin  
[REDACTED].  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Karen Stevens [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Bill

To Whom It May Concern:

My son has relied on Obamacare from the beginning. He works as a bagger at a grocery store and has no benefits. He makes a little too much to qualify for Medicaid but nowhere near enough to purchase conventional health insurance. Obamacare has allowed him to receive medical care as needed. So far he has not had any major health problems, but one never knows when one might be faced with a serious accident or diagnosis.

In addition, I spent most of my professional life working with people with disabilities, some of whom would not have survived without Medicaid. Anything that limits this crucial program could spell disaster for those in need.

For the above reasons, in addition to my belief that health care is a right not a privilege, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Karen Stevens

New Salem, MA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Kerry Thurlow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**Subject:** VOTE no on Graham-Cassidy - Protect Medicaid

Dear US Senate,

The Graham-Cassidy proposal is an egregious attempt to take away health care from children and adults with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. It would devastate the state budget for health care in Massachusetts. I urge you to oppose this proposal.

This is a heartless attempt to punish the most vulnerable Americans, our disabled children and disabled adults. This proposal will directly affect my family in a profound manner.

I am a grandparent raising two grandchildren diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder. This neuroprocessing disorder affects the way my grandsons process language, emotions, and input from their surroundings. Presently my grandsons receive behavioral support that has been invaluable in helping them regulate their emotions, gain social skills, and learn life skills needed to become independent. In addition to the community services that my grandsons receive, they also receive in school support to help them apply these skills and access the curriculum in their classrooms.

This proposal would decrease funding to Medicaid and would limit their services. By decreasing coverage and decreasing support, I would be forced to stop working in order to provide the supports that have previously been provided by Medicaid. While I willingly chose to take custody of my grandsons to spare taxpayers the cost of caring for them in foster care, I cannot afford to lose my job in order to ensure that my grandsons are raised in a safe, stable, loving home.

On behalf of disabled children, like my grandsons, I ask you to make the RIGHT choice and vote against this cruel measure.

Respectfully,  
Kerry Thurlow and Javier Pena

cc Senator Warren and Senator Markey

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Maria English [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public comments for Graham-Cassidy hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions is as follows:

When I was diagnosed with epilepsy in 2006 (prior to the Affordable Care Act), my neurologist actually apologized to me. He said if there were any way he could get around giving me this diagnosis he would, because it could make it really hard for me to get health insurance in the future. I couldn't NOT take the diagnosis, though, because I needed treatment (medicine) to be able to do basic things like drive, in addition to requiring documentation for protection and reasonable accommodations in future employment.

After that, my husband and I lived with a fear of losing our jobs and, therefore, our healthcare, because there was no way we would be able to afford health insurance on our own if our coverage lapsed--if I was even able to get any company to take me. We didn't even allow ourselves to think too deeply about our dream of starting a business, because paying for health insurance for me (again, if we could even find a company to accept me) would have ruined us before we even began.

When the ACA became law, it was like I could breathe again when considering my health and how it would affect our future. Knowing that insurers wouldn't be able to deny me coverage (or charge me so much that in practicality I wouldn't be able to afford it) was such a relief. Getting rid of these protections would be truly devastating for me, my family, and millions of other Americans.

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

Sincerely,  
Maria English  
Wheaton, IL

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Kay Mathew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 6:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My family and I oppose the Graham Cassidy bill because the bill does not support quality affordable health care for Americans. In fact, the major aspect of the bill appears to do the reverse by dismantling protections for people with pre-existing conditions through a state waivers system and a reduction of sick-care payments to states; thereby allowing insurance companies to charge higher premiums to those with preexisting conditions and thus un-insured people will turn to emergency rooms for care, which is costly for the public and private business alike. Furthermore, once again, there has been no normal legislative process for vetting the bill and we cannot support such a tyranny of action by those lawmakers especially Mr. Graham, who should know better.

We support the continuation of the Affordable Care Act, which has done so much to protect the healthcare of Americans, making it affordable and equitable. We would also support a single payer system, which has proven successful in other highly developed countries.

The Mathews Family  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Suzanne Fant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:50 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

I think this bill should fail. Not at all fair to bribe some states with promises that will hurt other states -- remember we are the UNITED States of America. Act like it! Take enough time to work together and do some real good. That's your job!

Suzanne Fant, Kentucky

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** marianne lambert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:33 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.

marianne lambert  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

dracut, Massachusetts 01826

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**From:** Virginia Reiber <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:43 PM  
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Virginia Reiber

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dedham, Massachusetts 02026



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**From:** Vaughnda Johnson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. When my husband I moved to California to work at a small innovative hardware startup, we relied on the ACA for our healthcare needs. It enabled us to take a risk in innovation, while being covered by the multitude of what-if scenarios. The ACA supports countless innovators and their families to take risks. Without it, we might not have taken a chance. Taking a chance is how great innovations are made. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Vaughnda Johnson

Santa Barbara, California

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**From:** karl melle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:45 PM  
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THESE REPUBLICAN REPLAYS ARE BECOMING SICKENING. THEY ARE NOT ABOUT HEALTHCARE BUT A WAY TO PAY PAY FOR A FRAUDULENT TAX PACKAGE THAT WILL SHIFT MONEY UP TO THE TRULY GREEDY. PUT AS STOP TO THIS CRAP

karl meller

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[REDACTED] Minnesota 55404

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, California 90009

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Thomas Christenson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Elgin, Illinois 60123

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Geraldine Borrell  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

New York, New York 10025

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Patty Barr  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

oakand, California 94610

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Paula Ptaszek

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], New York 12513

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** MJ Cittadino <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote AGAINST Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

Besides eliminating 32 million people from healthcare--devastating working families hidden in this bill is a \$20 billion tax break for the highly-profitable medical device industry. It is reported they have ~ \$230 billion in profits stashed offshore in order to avoid paying any U.S. taxes.

They benefit from a stable environment without contributing to its welfare.

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As a constituent and a voting citizen, I urge the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee to reject Graham-Cassidy and to protect the healthcare of millions of Americans.

MJ Cittadino  
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Redondo Beach, California 90277



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

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. The cruel and relentless persecution of those who require coverage is well within the Trump family tradition. In March 2000 Mr. Trump terminated the medical insurance of his nephew's family who had a child born with a seizure disorder and Cerebral Palsy. Mr. Trump's attitude was unambiguous "Why should we give him medical coverage?"(  
<https://www.newyorker.com/news/john-cassidy/what-sort-of-man-is-donald-trump>) a proclivity that proves to be prescient. While I don't think, nor do I know if any of the Republican Senators who are sponsoring this latest reiteration of their version of a so-called repeal had ever purposefully gone after a family member, they are following Mr. Trump's lead by attacking the families with our most vulnerable citizens and we take this personally. I too have a child with Cerebral Palsy, born with a seizure disorder and I also have a brother who removed my family from COBRA coverage, I understand where this comes from. It speaks of character, of empathy, of a vindictive and vengeful nature that is not one of leadership.

The last time that a health care bill was on the table there was no question that the public was aware of what the Republicans were attempting to do to our citizens. Most people now think that the danger is over, it is not. Until all possibilities are exhausted and the only debate is over single payer and how to implement it, vigilance is required. Delay, defect, deny use any means possible to postpone a vote until the end of September when a simple majority will no longer rule.

Deborah Luken

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[REDACTED], New York 11561

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Nashville, Tennessee 37209

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This is nothing short of a travesty. Healthcare needs to be about the people, not tax breaks for the already ridiculously rich .

Leslie Morgan  
[REDACTED]  
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Billerica, Massachusetts 01821

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**From:** Kathy Modrell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 PM  
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[REDACTED]  
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Pearce, Arizona 85625

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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andy tomsky  
[REDACTED]  
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SAN MARCOS, California 92079

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**From:** Luann Adams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

Dear Senators:

I am writing to oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill.  
I will be one of the millions who will lose insurance. The current premiums I pay with Obamacare/ACA are what I can afford.

Do not destroy what is working for me & millions of people by passing this awful proposal!!!

Fix the ACA & work with the Democrats, PLEASE!

Thank you!  
LuAnn Adams  
[REDACTED]  
NY, NY 10036

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Mesa, Arizona 85201

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Peter Nichols

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
West Barnstable, Massachusetts 02668



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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:28 PM  
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ALSO, DO NOT MAKE IT AN 'EITHER OR' ARGUMENT BETWEEN GRAHAM-CASSIDY AND SINGLE PAYER INSURANCE. MANY, MANY OF US LIKE OUR OBAMACARE.

PLEASE CONTINUE WORKING TO IMPROVE THE ACA AS YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE 'SENATORS ALEXANDER AND MURRAY' COMMITTEE MEETINGS/HEARINGS.

THANK YOU.

M R

[REDACTED]

Running Spring  
Louisville , Kentucky 40241

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norwalk, Connecticut 06854

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San Francisco, California 94110



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G Fosselius

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I wish all of Congress would stop bowing to the corporations and start listening to the people who elect them. Corporations do not elect via the vote only the money. Do not be bought out by them. Stand for us, the people!

Mary Caruso  
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Pam Alexander

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Yorktown Heights, New York 10598



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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Finance Committee,

I oppose dismantling healthcare.

I have already signed numerous petitions and attended multiple marches; made signs, called senators and representatives (at my own time and expense) to assure they are aware of my feelings and millions of Americans' rights to fair health care legislation. Is it too much to ask that congress WORK TOGETHER? How many times do we have to fight this same battle? Fix ACA; it's not perfect, but it is far superior to any new Trumpcare that hides 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.

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MARINA SIMONE

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
LOS ANGELES, California 90019

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**From:** Sunny Ledoux [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Committee,

I am emailing you today to voice my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill would not ease the burden on American families when it comes to healthcare costs. It would allow the states to control who is covered and who is not. A person with a pre-existing condition would easily be denied coverage. What do people do when they do not have coverage? They go to emergency rooms for basic care because they know they will be seen. In the long run this not only burdens hospitals and staff but increases the healthcare spending overall, which has a trickle down effect for everyone. This bill is not moving America forward it is moving us more behind in healthcare coverage compared to other developing nations.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Ledoux

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Peder Moe

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Machias, Maine 04654

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**From:** Kathi Aker <[REDACTED]>  
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Tujunga, California 91042-1816

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Don't destroy something that is already working.

Ed Parks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Lawton, Oklahoma 73505



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**From:** Karen Presnell [REDACTED] >  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Green Bay, Wisconsin 54311

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So let me be clear. I am not a fan of the sickness care industry in this country. There are no incentives to help people stay healthy. There is early detection but no real preventive. Drug advertising must come off of the media. (The scariest magazine I ever read was "Medical Marketing") Hospitals need to go back to non-profit. National Health (Medicare for All) needs to be instituted. And lastly don't give us something when you are not a part of it. That is legislation without representation. Put yourself in the pot. You cannot put a bandaid on the system. It was devised from the viewpoint of who was making money, not what it is meant to do. So fix the problem, don't break it further.

linda dulicai  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Berea, Kentucky 40403

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**From:** Stephen Nemecek <[REDACTED]>  
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Stephen Nemecek  
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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 PM  
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Jene Breaux

  
  
Skipperville, Alabama 36374

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Dianne Gove  
[REDACTED]  
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Orleans, Massachusetts 02653

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Thanh Do  
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[REDACTED]  
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Riverdale , Georgia 30296

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Natick, Massachusetts 01760



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Kihei, Hawaii 96753

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Gail Toomey  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Tucson, Arizona 85705

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**From:** Mark Reichenbach <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

- Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing
- Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017
- Mark V. Reichenbach
- 77 Rugby Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301

I am submitting my testimony for Monday's hearing on the Graham-Cassidy Bill. As a taxpayer, I am appalled that this Bill is being considered without "Regular Order" and without a "CBO" score. The partisan nature of this Bill is blatantly obvious and the conduct of the Republican Senators who have sponsored this Bill is abhorrent.

From the details I am able to ascertain, this bill would lead to millions more people to lose the health insurance coverage and would open a loop-hole with respect to States having wiggle room to charge those with pre-existing conditions a higher premium than others and at a rate as yet undetermined.

I urge the US Senate to kill this horrid piece of legislation and return to regular order for a bi-partisan effort.

Sincerely,

Mark V.Reichenbach  
Staten Island, NY 10301

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[REDACTED]  
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Sun City West, Arizona 85375

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NY, New York 10009

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Bruce Brown  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bayside, New York 11361



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The ACA needs improvement not repeal! I now have Medicare because I'm old enough. It needs improvement too!

Beth Wildermann  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Boulder Creek, California 95006

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Stop the dirty, sneaky politics.

Don Dwyer  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Waterford , New York 12188

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Steven Phillips

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Joan Horn

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Carlsbad, California 92008

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Grace Payne  
[REDACTED]  
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Tamworth, New Hampshire 03886

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Barbara Thomas  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Your City, New York 10012

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**From:** Mickey McConnell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Mickey McConnell  
[REDACTED]  
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Nashville, Tennessee 37206

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Yamhill, Oregon 97148



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**From:** Marilyn Williams <[REDACTED]>  
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Marilyn Williams  
[REDACTED]  
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NEW YORK, New York 10025

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Timothy Shead  
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114-2338

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Margaret Mayer  
[REDACTED]  
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Tsaile, Arizona 86556

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[REDACTED]  
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Wallingford, Connecticut 06492

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**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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David Butler  
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Hermitage, Tennessee 37076

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[REDACTED]  
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Capistrano Beach , California 92624

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Jana Austin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Prescott, Arizona 86301



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

Finance Committee,

I plan to watch the CNN debate on Monday and see how Graham and Cassidy debate and try and gain support for this disastrous bill. Should be interesting. Why doesn't it matter to you that so many high profile groups are against this bill. Insurance analysts have confirmed (and they actually read the verbiage of the bill!) that it is worse than the last bill you tried to ram through.

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Gregory Ratchman  
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Leigh Barrett

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[REDACTED]  
Topeka, Kansas 66604

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AGOURA HILLS, California 91302

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D. Rowe  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

santa monica, California 90403

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment on Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story includes surgery for possible cancer and I would not have been able to afford this surgery on my own without affordable healthcare.

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

Sincerely,  
Meredith Ittner  
Mountain View, CA 94043

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**From:** Pam Giliberto [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:19 PM  
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You were elected to congress to represent your constituents, not JUST the rich donors and corporations. Any & all deaths and harm that the passage of this bill will cause, will be laid at Congress's feet. Stand up & fight for the other 98% of us, the struggling Americans who are just trying to survive, the best way that they know how.

Pam Giliberto  
tigers1957@yahoo.com  
943 New Buffalo Road  
Lebanon, Missouri 65536

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**From:** DONALD GARLINGER <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

My husband and I are in our 80's and experience all the usual health challenges that come with age. We are grateful for good health care. I am very concerned about those who do not have our benefits. I do NOT want to see the ACA negated. Please work toward a bipartisan effort to improve -- NOT repeal -- the ACA. Health care for all is too important for party politics.

Barbara Garlinger  
Winfield, IL



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**From:** Salud Garcia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Improve don't repeal the ACA!

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My daughter was born 14 weeks premature and survived a hospital acquired infection. As a result, she was left with a disability. If insurers were once again allowed to penalize someone with a pre-existing condition, we'd never be able to afford insurance. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Salud Garcia  
Madison, WI

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**From:** Cynthia York [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:19 PM  
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**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Cynthia York  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Omaha, Nebraska 68144

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**From:** GeorgeDavid Wilson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Come On! Protect our healthcare, don't destroy it! Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Accordingly, I urge the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee to reject Graham-Cassidy and to protect the healthcare of millions of Americans.

In addition, it is time that wealthy corporations pay their fair share in taxes!

When they do, we American will be able to invest appropriately in our country's future, including healthcare for working families.

GeorgeDavid Wilson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mountain View, California 94301

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**From:** Carolyn Tornatore <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 PM  
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Carolyn Tornatore  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Wappingers Falls, New York 12590

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**From:** Susan Masaracchia-Roberts [REDACTED]  
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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.

Susan Masaracchia-Roberts

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061

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**From:** Dale Sims <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 PM  
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Dale Sims  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

San Francisco, California 94117

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Christopher Yoshida  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Fullerton, California 92831

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Keith LaPointe  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mesa, Arizona 85206



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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Cindy Rose

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Henderson , Nevada 89052

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Lorraine Gray  
[REDACTED]  
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Roslindale, Massachusetts 02131

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Orangevale, California 95662

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Jill Nicholas  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Penfield, New York 14526

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**From:** Cinde Stark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

Script: I/my family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story is my husband is a heart transplant patient and my daughter is type 1 diabetic....Both would be considered pre existing and the drugs needed to sustain life would bankrupt us! I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Cinde Stark

Los Osos, California

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**From:** Jennetti <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Preserve the ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill will hurt millions of Americans who have benefited from the ACA. Graham -Cassidy would leave millions without insurance, cut back on Medicaid, hurt people with pre-existing conditions and disabilities and only benefit the wealthy. This bill is even worse than the previous one. I urge you to vote against it.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Jennetti

Sunnyvale, CA

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**From:** Steve Wozniak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:36 PM  
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Steve Wozniak  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Encinitas, California 92024

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**From:** Margarita Alarcon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Hi, I and my family relies on quality and affordable healthcare. I am opposed to the Graham-Cassidy Bill because of the fact that people with pre-existing conditions would have to suffer even more hardships than they already do, as would people with disabilities, if this bill is approved. I work in child social welfare and this population would be impacted most unkindly. I know that we need to have a constructive and sincere restructuring of the ACA, however this proposal is not that. Affordability is key, not marginalizing people and burdening people ; that is our call right now, not this. We need to all work together to improve not repeal the ACA. Sincerely, Margarita Alarcon [REDACTED]  
Stream, NY 11580.

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Jessica Creel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** REJECT Graham-Cassidy!

Finance Committee,

SUPPORT Medicare for All! Single payer is the ONLY WAY to bring down PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE health costs in the United States. It would save Americans \$17 trillion when compared to the current system, and even more when compared to the GOP'S health-scare proposals.

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Jessica Creel  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Syracuse, New York 13210

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Marie DesJarlais  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Robert Lee [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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Central Islip, New York 11722

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Richard Glasser  
[REDACTED]  
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NEW YORK, New York 10019

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**From:** maureen walsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with affordability and accessibility is that before ACA my brother died because he could not afford health insurance. You cannot go BACKWARDS! I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Please stop wasting time, energy and resources on trying to repeal the ACA. After 8 years, you should be able to improve it so that ALL Americans have healthcare.

Sincerely, Maureen Walsh  
Fresno, CA

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**From:** Kathy Watson <[REDACTED]>  
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Kathy Watson

[REDACTED]  
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Tucson, Arizona 85712-6037

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Arcadia, California 91007

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James Melloh [REDACTED]  
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S Portland, Maine 04106



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George Bond  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

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**From:** Joan Cassens [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** testimony regarding Graham-Cassidy bill

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband has a disability of injury to his spinal chord as well as having been diagnosed with Parkinsons disease in 1995. Therefore he has a pre-existing condition. He is 77 years old. He would be dead by now if he hadn't had the deep brain stimulation operation partially paid for by Medicare. His leva dopa medication is vitally needed to keep him functioning. We both live on our Social Security incomes, which is not much. I am 84 and have the many problems people my age encounter such as severe arthritis and pinched nerves in my spine. ... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Joan Cassens

[REDACTED]

Joan Cassens

"There is no peace without justice".

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R. Zierikzee  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Thank you for your time. Now I ask for your conscience.

Elizabeth Liebert  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Berkeley, California 94708

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Shelley Abbate  
[REDACTED]  
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Union City, California 94587

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Marcia Flannery  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Oakland, California 94609-2608

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Laurel Hays  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

La Grange Park, Illinois 60526

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Bill Rosenthal  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Rego Park, New York 11374



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[REDACTED]  
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Palm Desert, California 92261

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Wayne Sticha  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Lindstrom, Minnesota 55045

Hate is unRepublican  
Hate is unDemocratic  
Hate is unAmerican

There is no place for hate in Massachusetts.

There is no place for hate in America.

James K Hadcroft here. This is 2000's America not 1930's Germany. America needs a new election. I am a Veteran, Active Voter and TaxPayer. As a Veteran I put my life on the line for Democracy. This missive is Democracy in action. Please help stop the plutocratic take over and save American Democracy and the middle class. It is my sad observation that national socialist philosophy now informs and drives the republican party.

James K Hadcroft

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Falmouth, Massachusetts 02540

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Michael Iltis  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Madison, Wisconsin 53713

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**Subject:** never meant to do this, hoping you'll save them

Hello.

My question is why Sen McCain would not make sure his bestie didn't fashion a passable bill.

My hypothesis is that Graham never meant for this to pass.

He's up for re-election in 2018.

Kochs have said money runs dry or they'd fund primary opponents for those against ACA R+R.

Graham needs protection so he led the charge on writing an unpassable bill.

The bill is draconian + hasn't hanged problems Collins, Murkowski, and McCain had last time.

So it's all political farce with Americans suffering immense stress that's making us sick.

Graham is relying on lame ducks like Collins + McCain to bring it down.

So all GOP can vote enthusiastically FOR it because it won't pass.

Kochbros, Chump, and GOP base can believe that they really really really really tried.

Lame ducks betrayed the party + on to tax reform they go.

Sorry to be so cynical.

Thanks for what you are doing.

Lois Winkler  
Chapel Hill, NC

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Absolutely, do away with Corporate Welfare Tax give-aways! Instead of luring big corporations to your districts with tax incentives; Instead try a healthy, well educated population, that competes for living wages. Fund Healthcare & Public Education!

Patrick Tally

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The "wow" factor on Trump-no-care is Huge! please be considerate of your constituents as you navigate this preposterous impostor for health care. American's deserve better and you are the only folks on the planet that can do anything about it. The only folks. Help please.

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**To:** gchcomments  
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Finance Committee,

I did not really expect the newest version of Trumpcare to be any better, but I had no idea it could get so much worse. The hidden benefit of a tax break for the medical device industry, was a bit of a shock. Of course, we rely on medical devices, it is just that this tax break, according to all I have read about that industry, is not needed, while funds are desperately needed elsewhere for research, and for attracting more healthcare graduates..to mention a few.

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**From:** Barb Ziolkowski [REDACTED] t>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Sept. 25, 2017

Sirs/Madams:

I'm writing to voice grave concern over the proposed Graham Cassidy healthcare legislation.

It will de-stabilize the American economy, allow insurers to fleece citizens with preexisting conditions, and decimate Medicaid, which is the most successful and cost-effective part of the ACA.

My mother has just applied for her EARNED Medicaid nursing facility coverage. She has no other means to pay for her health care housing coverage. At 92 with dementia, this should not be a worry!

This proposal will leave tens of millions of Americans without coverage and cause chaos, perhaps turn the US into a third world country within a few years.

I hope that enough Republican senators will understand the significant and irreparable dangers of this bill and vote no this week.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

P.S. Please consider IMPROVING the ACA and fixing those parts that need tweaking! It is already working for so many people; bring the rest along and the GOP will be heroes!

Sent from my iPhone



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Jeremy Spencer  
[REDACTED]  
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Pacifica, California 94044-3318

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**From:** Brooke Abola <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment re Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators:

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

I am a huge supporter of the ACA because I believe that, had the ACA arrived a bit sooner, it might have saved my father's life. My father had been prescribed medication that he needed to take to treat a life-threatening condition, but he reached a point financially when he could not afford his medication, and he did not have insurance coverage or Medicaid to assist him. I only learned all of this when cleaning out his apartment and finding the prescriptions he had not been able to refill.

For this reason and many others, I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely yours,  
Brooke Abola  
Alameda, California

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**From:** Kelli Simpkins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

Kelli Simpkins  
[REDACTED]



This bright, and smiling boy in the photo is Mickey! Our active 14 year old boy loves to dance, swim, bike, and can't get enough of Wisconsin's many lakes and parks. He has the biggest heart you've ever seen and will go out of his way to make you smile. Helping others is second nature to him. The help and support he gets in his life he gives back ten fold. He is clever and funny and is often found hamming it up to lift others spirits. He is a bright light in his home, school and community and we see a big full life for him, working alongside his peers in our city.

Mickey was born in 2002 with multiple disabilities; Congenital Brain Malformation, Cortical Dysplasia, Partial Onset Seizures with Secondary Generalization and Intractable Epilepsy. He has suffered through hundreds of seizures, often requiring emergency medications to stop them. Most recently, following an illness, he had a seizure lasting an hour. He has limited language and what he can say is often difficult to understand. At fourteen he needs help with bathing, dressing and needs constant care in and out of the home. As a person with a significant disability, he has faced many challenges but nothing compares to what will become of his life if the Graham-Cassidy-Johnson-Heller bill passes.

There's a lot of talk now about the ACA, but the proposed way to pay for the changes --with a cuts to Medicaid of nearly \$3 billion by 2027 and \$29 billion by 2036.--will impact almost every person in Wisconsin. My son is a perfect example. Mickey has benefited significantly from Medicaid-funded programs in Wisconsin like Katie Beckett, children's long-term support waiver, occupational, and speech therapy, durable medical equipment (communication devices, personal supplies), prescription medications. These Medicaid funded programs have changed his life. We now see him as a contributing part of his community with unlimited potential for making positive contributions for a lifetime.

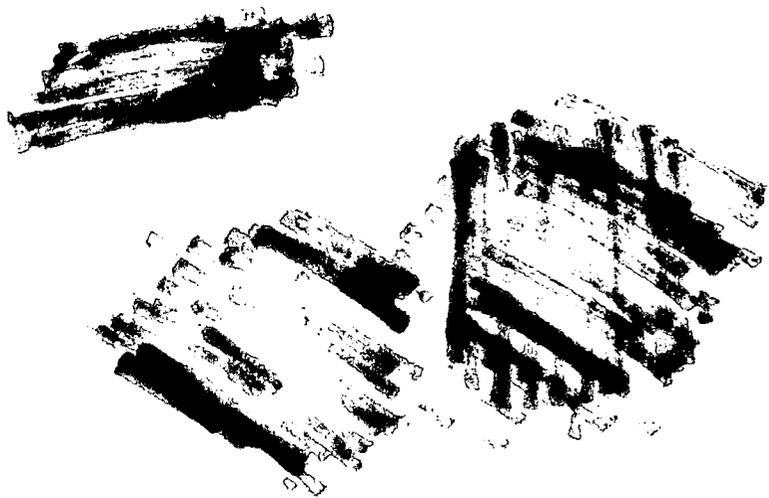
I know many Wisconsin families, like mine, who depend on Medicaid long-term supports and health insurance so they can avoid having to make horrible choices, like whether to keep their jobs or keep their children at home. My son's seizure disorder requires medications that cost thousands of dollars each month. We would need to quit our jobs to care for him without the respite and personal care assistance we get through Medicaid. Without his coverage as a person with a disability on Medicaid, our family would be looking at bankruptcy and homelessness.

**My son deserves a full, safe and healthy life!** Let's all stop thinking about "wins" for one side or another and finally focus on deliberation and bipartisan solutions that keep people like my son

Mickey living fulfilled lives, helping our communities become strong and vibrant. Changes to health insurance should not be on the backs of people with disabilities!

Vote No on Graham-Cassidy





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**From:** Christie Beeman <[REDACTED]>  
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Stop wasting time on repeal and get to work on a real solution - expanding and improving access to affordable health care under the ACA.

My niece was denied health coverage because she had been diagnosed with a mental disorder as a child. Under the ACA, she was able to get health insurance that covered treatment for a serious issue she faced as a young adult. Waivers under graham-cassidy could result in children like her being denied coverage again, and that isn't right.

Please get to work on a bipartisan approach for making affordable health care accessible to all.

Christie Beeman  
Berkeley CA

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