

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patricia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: opinion of an Obamacare recipient, please retain coverage

Dont destroy Obamacare. The Graham-Cassidy bill will hurt us.

If you feel Obamacare can be improved..do that bipartisanly. I am 64 years old, have approx \$26000 income and my policy costs \$225 monthly through my state exchange under Obamacare rules, the difference on a \$585/month policy is paid through the government. Without this, insurance would not be affordable.

I get one annual visit with my doctor and several other preventive care exams including a colonoscopy every so many years which would be prohibitive if it were not an allowed preventive exam.
My out of pocket is \$7500 a year.

Yes going to emergency room in January was expensive for a mid level issue \$1200 as that had to come from my out of pocket.
But you can always pay that off in time.

We are not in a position to loss our homes or property. Yes, health care is a human right I do believe.

We do need to see this as a national issue not determined by the states to destroy coverage for pre-existing conditions or allow lesser coverage or less preventive exams.

Lets remember to see ourselves as Americans. The rich such as Warren Buffet state this only is about 2% of his income and he knows he can handle that cost. The rich do not need more subsidies. They have already gathered enough wealth. They do not need tax cuts.

We need to provide basic care to everyone of us.

Patricia Britton, Westerlo, NY

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From: Karen Mines Mines [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Don't Vote for this terrible bill

Have you ever had a sick child, a child born with a disability? Do you have compassion for people who need all the medical help our society can give.

Why are we the only civilized (?) country without healthcare entitlement to all??

Yes, we have guns.... but when do we get some empathy?

This healthcare bill disgusts me along with the people who may vote for it!

Karen Mines

Willow, NY

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From: Hillary Savoie [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care Statement
Attachments: Graham-Cassidy bill .docx

Attached and below, please find my statement for the Senate Finance Committee regarding their upcoming vote on the Graham Cassidy bill.

September 24, 2017

To the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing today to talk with you about my daughter, Esmé, and the impact that the proposed healthcare reform could have on her, our family, and others like us.

First let me give you some background.

I come from a family that raised me to be a hard worker and a contributing member of society on every level. I am well educated—I hold a doctorate degree. I married a man who is an architect and engineer. He has a good job, good health insurance. We paid extra for the extra better health insurance since well before my daughter was born because it seemed like the prudent thing to do. I was planning to be a university professor. I was planning that we would be a family who paid into a system and didn't take out of it. And I was proud and happy to do that.

But then Esmé was born—and what we now know to be four genetic mutations dropped a bomb in all our plans. This kind of bomb is the kind that does not care how well educated you are, how good your job is, how much you've done right. This bomb came in the form of genetic mutations for us. Sometimes it is a car careening down the road. Or cancer cells. But I can tell you that I did not expect it. I did not ask for it. My daughter certainly did not deserve it—despite what some of your congressional colleagues have said about who does and doesn't deserve pre-existing conditions. It was Esmé this time—but it could be your child, your grandchild. It still could be.

What does this bomb mean for us? It means my daughter almost died in my arms when she was three months old. It means I have held her through thousands of seizures in her short life, trying to tell her it will be okay, even though I do not know that it will be okay. It means my child will need help with everything that comes easily for you and me for the remainder of her life, which I pray will be longer than my own but know may not be. It means my daughter has twenty doctors and has spent months of her life in the hospital. It means I cannot hold the kind of job I trained for. It means that when we don't have overnight nursing I sometimes need to pause before I walk into my daughter's room in the morning because I am terrified she might have had a seizure in the night, that I will find her not breathing and cold—as too many of my friends have found their children.

It means that I spend every single waking moment focusing on keeping her alive and safe and thriving. And I dream about it too.

This so-called healthcare bill is my nightmare...

The cuts to Medicaid will directly affect the most vulnerable citizens—the 64 percent who are elderly, disabled, and children and take up 75 percent of Medicaid expenditures. This includes Esmé and other disabled individuals and children across this country.

Medicaid is already the leanest of health insurance providers—per capita costs are substantially lower than private insurance over the past decade and are rising more slowly. The cuts under consideration will come either in the form of removing high-cost individuals—like Esmé—from Medicaid waivers or in the form of cutting costs such as the hours of nursing care my daughter receives. They will cut the rates of pay for the people who care for her, many of whom can qualify for Medicaid on a forty-hour work week because the pay rates are so low. They will cut the equipment that gives mobility, safety, and health to children like mine. They will cut the support for special education and services in our schools, \$4 billion of which comes from Medicaid. They will alter the way children's hospitals provide care.

Disabled individuals of all income brackets rely on Medicaid waiver programs. They are essential safety net programs for families like mine who could easily be bankrupted by the extra medical costs not covered by insurance. They are critical for families like mine who cannot have two working parents and keep their child alive, families that need to know that if my husband's job disappears tomorrow, we will still have some way to keep Esmé safe. Medicaid keeps even a middle-class family in our situation like ours afloat, let alone those in far more dire financial situations.

The Graham-Cassidy bill will directly harm our most vulnerable citizens, like my daughter through Medicaid cuts, but also through upending the protections in the ACA that will keep comprehensive and affordable private health insurance coverage a possibility for my daughter.

My daughter has fought for her life from her first breath. She has fought to move her body. To produce sounds. To breathe and swallow safely. She taught herself her colors and numbers as a toddler. She has taught herself to read at age four. She works like you cannot imagine every single day in the therapies she's been in since she was two months old. By all accounts my daughter should not have survived. The fact that she is alive at all is one part miracle, one part sheer determination on her part, and one part thanks to all those who work for her well-being. And now her very own government is working overtime, not to increase the protections and care for my child, but to actively make her life harder to live. To ACTIVELY remove the protections that keep her healthy and safe while she lives in her home with her family.

If things in this world came to those who worked the hardest, my child would be queen of the free world. But life isn't always fair. That is why those of us with power, with voices, with networks, with education—it is our job to be thoughtful and kind and compassionate toward those who, no matter how hard they try, will never be able to reach the place some of us, through sheer luck, start out from. We all need to prioritize in life. What we prioritize says everything about who we are. I prioritize my daughter's life—her actual life, her daily survival—over my career, over money, over being able to ever have a vacation, over having shiny new things, over my own ego—over the part of me that would rather fill this letter with four-letter words that tells you all exactly what I think of what is being done in Washington, rather than try to be polite. Those things tell you something about who I am, what I am about. What my life will be measured by.

With your vote you each will state your priorities. Will you vote without information from the Congressional Office on Budget Priorities that will tell us what we already know—that millions of Americans will lose health insurance under this bill? That the biggest losers here will be our elderly, children, and disabled individuals?

Or will you make it clear that you stand with individuals like my daughter Esmé who are fighting a daily battle already? Children who did not ask to face these challenges and families that are doing their very best to keep their loved-ones safe? Who and what matter most to you? A political “win” that is gained at the expense of my child? Or my child?

I am writing to remind you that you hold my daughter's health and safety in your hands. With your votes you will announce your legacy... And there is no middle ground here.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carol Kenyon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Trumpcare bill

Please reject the Cassidy-Graham bill. It is terrible, mean and will cause much pain for many people. Work on improving the ACA act. Go bipartisan!

Carol Kenyon

Sent from my iPad

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From: Jeffrey Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Graham/Cassidy

This is a despicable bill that will cause misery, poverty, and death of U.S. citizens. Do not pass anything that will make health care MORE expensive and unattainable, like Graham/Cassidy will.

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From: Kit Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GrahamCassidy Bill

For the hearing record, I do not support the Graham Cassidy Bill.
Cathryn Johnson
[REDACTED]

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From: John Honsky <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments; Senator, Jon Tester (Tester); senator@daines.senate.gov
Cc: Vicky Byrd; VanHoose, Hannah (Tester); Murphy, Aaron (Tester); Kehr, Brad (Daines)
Subject: Montana Nurse Practitioner Opposes Cassidy Graham

Senators Steve Daines, Jon Tester and members of the Committee ,

I am asking that you vote against the Cassidy Graham Bill.

I am an Advance Practice Registered Nurse serving the towns and rural areas of Western Montana. Many of my patients work full time, several work two jobs, some, even more - they depend on Montana Medicaid. Many who are on market place insurance plans depend on the guarantee that they will have coverage even with a preexisting health condition. My patients are reassured knowing that if they move to a better job they will not lose their eligibility - which wasn't the case before the Affordable Care Act.

Cassidy Graham will erode the quality of health care in Montana. Many Montanans will lose their access to health care and those who have pre existing medical conditions will have their premiums raised to a point that will make health insurance no longer affordable.

Cassidy Graham is opposed by the American Nurses Association, the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association and now Blue Cross Blue Shield and America's Health Insurance Plans have come out against Cassidy Graham.

Senators Daines and Tester, I urge you to step up for my patients and for all of us in Montana and oppose Cassidy Graham.

John Honsky, APRN

[REDACTED]
Missoula, MT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Caitlin Ponzetti <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition to Graham-Cassidy

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family all suffers from diabetes, it is genetic and not correlated to poor living or unhealthy lifestyles. Without affordable healthcare, my sister, father, uncles and grandparents would not be able to afford their insulin, which keeps their numbers regulated and prevent further complications. As well, as a young adult, family planning is important to me and access to safe and affordable care keeps my husband and I in control of our lives and family planning decisions. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Caitlin Ponzetti

Portland, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

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From: kathleen hoffman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:46 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 it seems very similar to the same bill that was defeated this summer. It is beyond me while in the midst of the progress being made in bipartisan talks that this bill is suddenly being pushed through. It appears to be a political move to satisfy rabid extremists who want a repeal of the ACA by the Republican congress people they elected, with no compromise with Democrat or Republican congress people who voted against the last repeal/replace ACA bill.

I am asking this committee to vote against this bill for two reasons. The first: it's very similar to the first bill and many healthcare organizations do not support it. Please listen to the healthcare industry, particularly the providers who see the effects this legislation will have on patients.

Secondly, I ask the committee to not give a green light to partisan politics. The majority of people in this country, regardless of political affiliation or whether they even vote or not, are sick of it. Period. The American people have lost faith in the political process and that is a sad thing.

The ACA is not perfect, but it has done a lot of good. The majority of Americans do not want to see their fellow Americans suffer and expect Congress come together with solutions.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Hoffman

kathleen hoffman

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From: Wendy Wittenbrook [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose 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.

Wendy Wittenbrook
Plano, TX

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ted Maker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Strike down GCH

I have great faith that the Americans we elect to public office will find a non-partisan way to provide health care for all of us.

To get the best out of each of us, we need to be in good health. Affordable health care makes that possible. It is an investment, not a cost to society.

Please recognize this proposed GCH legislation for what it is - a poorly veiled attempt to remove the opportunity for millions of Americans to have the health they need contribute as best as they are able

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From: Karen Cordry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:45 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Give Obamacare a fair shake

The Republicans have fought universal health care for decades. Obamacare wasn't perfect but it made great strides. Just as Social Security and Medicare needed changes over the years - but no one suggests getting rid of them. The current proposal is the most cynical one yet - rewarding states that failed to do anything by taking from those who did. If this proposal had any merit, it could be proposed, debated, amended, and scored on a normal schedule. This effort is shameful. You should stop now and go back to bipartisan efforts to reform and retain Obamacare for all.

Karen Cordry
Silver Spring, MD [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Cell 202 340-3761

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From: Siobhan Reid <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:35 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Elin, David
Subject: Statement on Graham -Cassidy to SCF
Attachments: Senate Finance Statement 09.24.17.pdf

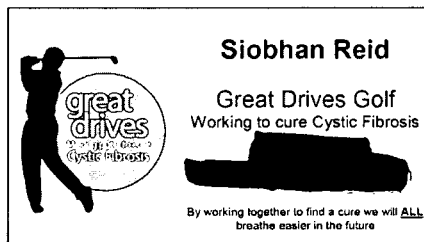
Dear Senators,

Attached for your consideration is my personal statement on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely

Siobhán Reid



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From: Helen Howard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: As a nurse I am very concerned about the Graham Cassidy ACA repeal

I have been employed as a nurse since 1981. I have worked in hospitals on CCU, ICCU, pediatrics, adult medical, cardiac, alcohol detox, and psychiatric units. I have also worked for home health agencies, community mental health agencies, taught at both Lansing Community College for the nursing program, and Baker College for the Introduction to Health Occupation courses. Since 1998 I have been the Executive Director for a nonprofit that serves primarily low income elderly with medical challenges, and their family caregivers.

I have also been the primary family caregiver for my mother who had ulcerative colitis, ileostomy surgery, an aortic aneurysm repair that required her spleen be removed making her at risk for infections, breast cancer, and multiple myeloma. And I was the primary family caregiver for my grandmother, after my mother died. My grandmother had dementia, and was in a nursing home from age 92, till after her 100th birthday. I have been pregnant twice, I have 2 children, and I have 2 grandchildren, one required a cesarian section because of injuries and disabilities his mother sustained in a previous auto accident.

So I have a wealth of life and work experience with healthcare, and actually a very diverse experience, so I am uniquely qualified to let you know my concerns, and to please be careful how this is voted on. First of all this endeavor, to improve the Affordable Care Act should be just that an improvement. Not demanded action by a president, who does not have enough common sense to research and study what should be included in healthcare coverage. And anyone voting on this, should consider any part of the bill in regards to their own mother and father, grandparents, children, grand children, and great grandchildren, and the most vulnerable in their communities (especially low income elderly, and children), and veterans on Medicaid. The county I live and work in is primarily rural farming community that is more economically disadvantaged than other communities in Michigan.

Anyone voting on this, should first understand who is actually on Medicaid and Medicaid Waivers in the state they represent, and if the legislators do not understand that, it is not my job to explain it, it is your job to already understand it. Medicaid Waivers allow low income elderly with high medical needs to remain in their own home with some care provided by Area Agency on Aging and home care agencies, versus being placed in a nursing home, which would cost much more. Many of these individuals here in my county have worked hard, either as farmers, or in factories, and have already exhausted all of their life savings due to hospital bills, the cost of prescriptions, and paying for private duty care to try to remain in their own homes, just as long as they can. Many of the extended family members, are trying to remain employed (so they are eligible for affordable healthcare) and do help with their elderly family members needing care, but they can not quit their jobs to care for their loved ones. This would not only decrease the family caregiver's current income, but future income as well.

And it does not take someone with a college degree to figure out that providing a small amount to care for the elderly in their own homes, would be less expensive than paying for nursing home placement, with even here can cost \$85,000. a year.

Please consider aspects that could be improved with the Affordable Care Act, not just killing it, because someone from a different party worked to put it in place. You owe your constituents better than playing mean school yard bully games, don't you?

Here in my community, unless you are from a wealthy family, young families with the parents in their 20s, are not making much money at the jobs that are here. It is common to see ads in the paper for jobs that only pay \$9. or \$9.50 an hour. So there are also many little children and school age children on Medicaid. There is much research that shows if children are not provided medical care, that the costs are likely to just be worse in the future and the child's outcome in life will be more bleak.

Please consider if your mother was a cancer survivor, and was not wealthy. Would you want her to be able to have affordable healthcare, or would you like her care to be postponed and inadequate if she suspected a reoccurrence of cancer. That's what it means to persons with pre-existing conditions, it is like a death sentence. I understand that is what was threatened would happen (pre-mature death), if Obamacare happened, that persons options for care would be limited, but that didn't happen, people have received health care that hadn't in years. But in reality, these half baked, knee jerk bills that would take away options for persons with disabilities and pre-existing conditions, would actually cause people to die sooner.

I could go on and on, and actually I would love to explain this more, if you would just call me. My home phone is 989-743-5301, and my work phone during the week is 989-725-1127. I would love to explain more, what I have seen in my career, and how I believe this bill (which I understand is being rushed through, without bipartisan research, questioning, and analysis by the Congressional Budget Office) should be voted down.

Thank you for reading this.

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Helen Howard RN, Executive Director
Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee, Faith in Action Program

[Redacted]



New E-Mail: [Redacted]
Website: [Redacted]

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Thank you to all the donors that contributed toward our Rock-a-thon for Respite. Tickets are on sale for our Fall Purse Party Bingo, which is Thurs. Oct. 19th. Can you donate toward the event? Our next Respite Volunteer workshops are Tues. Oct. 24th here at our office, or Tues. Nov. 14th at the Perry United Methodist Church, call for more information please.



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From: Scott Rogers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

Please let this horrible bill die. Tis is NOT the way to fix our healthcare in this country. PLEASE listen to John McCain and work TOGETHER with the Democrats and let's craft a bill that really works for America! Please let this bill die!

Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard.

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Scott Rogers

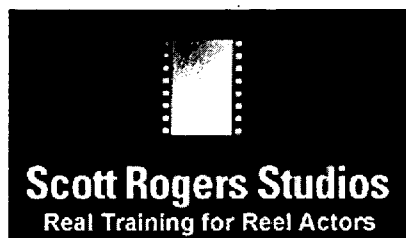
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From: MaryAnn Frost <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Please vote NO on Graham-Cassidy bill.

President Obama has ALWAYS acknowledged Obamacare needed work, but he never got any cooperation.

Work together in a BIPARTISAN manner and FIX Obamacare. It can be done.

MaryAnn Frost
Kelseyville, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Michael Kelly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to show my opposition to the proposed Graham-Cassidy "Healthcare" bill. I am one of the millions of people in this country who was born with a congenital heart condition. I have been to see specialists every single year for my entire life. In 2012, I was forced to undergo life-saving heart-valve surgery and I'm incredibly lucky that I was able to enroll in "Obamacare". Without it, I would be dead or, at least, bankrupt. I have two small children who will need to go to college someday. I am thankful for the ADA because I can actually live my life without having to choose between paying for college or affording my family's healthcare. If this bill is allowed to pass is signed into law, my coverage will end either due to "pre-existing condition" or a lifetime coverage cap. Please don't do this to us. We Americans work hard in this country. Harder than any other industrialized nation in the world. We deserve better than this. The very Idea that cutting hundreds of billions of dollars from healthcare subsidies would be good for Americans is simply ludicrous. This bill appears to be yet another cash grab for the richest Americans at the expense of the middle class. We. Will. Not. Have. It.

If you don't believe me, maybe you should check with pretty much the entire medical community, including insurance companies, who oppose this garbage bill:

- [Adult Congenital Heart Association](#)
- [ALS Association](#)
- [Alzheimer's Association](#)
- [Alzheimer's Impact Movement](#)
- [American Cancer Society](#)
- [American College of Emergency Physicians](#)
- [American College of Physicians](#)
- [American College of Preventive Medicine](#)
- [American Diabetes Association](#)
- [American Academy of Family Physicians](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

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- American College of Preventive Medicine
- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Diabetes Association
- America's Essential Hospitals
- American Foundation for the Blind
- American Health Care Association
- America's Health Insurance Plans
- American Heart Association
- American Hospital Association
- American Liver Foundation
- American Lung Association
- American Medical Association
- American Nurses Association
- American Osteopathic Association
- American Occupational Therapy Association
- American Psychiatric Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Public Health Association
- American Society for Addiction Medicine

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Amputee Coalition
- The Arc
- Arthritis Foundation
- Association for Community Affiliated Plans
- Association of American Medical Colleges
- Association of University Centers on Disabilities
- Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
- Autism Society
- Autism Speaks
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- Big Cities Health Coalition
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
- Catholic Health Association
- Children's Hospital Association
- Center for Medicare Advocacy
- Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose
- Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
- COPD Foundation
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Family Voices

- Federation of American Hospitals
- HIV Medicine Association
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- JDRF
- Lutheran Services in America
- Kaiser Permanente
- March of Dimes
- Medicare Rights Center
- National Association of Medicaid Directors
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- National Association of School Nurses
- National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
- National Down Syndrome Congress
- National Health Council
- National Institute for Reproductive Health
- National Kidney Foundation
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- National Organization for Rare Diseases
- Planned Parenthood
- Public Health Institute
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Trust for America's Health

- WomenHeart

Be real leaders. Do what you know to be right for the American People. Side with the American Worker for a change, and put an end to this nonsense.

Respectfully,

Michael Kelly
Art Director

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: gil <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

Any new legislation must deal with care for dementia patients. Dementia care is not custodial care. Our loved ones that suffer from dementia are in the midst of a health crisis and need the health insurance they get to support them during that crisis.

Also, obviously pre-existing conditions or any rules that creates gates to care due to pre-existing conditions must be eliminated.

-Gil Lewis, Jr.

[REDACTED]
Bowie, Maryland

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Cory Donnelly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy healthcare repeal bill shortsighted and harmful

The Graham-Cassidy healthcare repeal bill is shortsighted and harmful.

The US overpays for healthcare now; it's time to evaluate the single payer option through the lens of being a cost-saving (and life-saving) measure. Just because something seems vaguely like socialism (like roads or emergency services) doesn't mean it's awful or unamerican.

Thanks,
Cory Donnelly

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kelly Resch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy hearing, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare.

I have two sons who rely on quality healthcare coverage, allowing well-visits so that we can be pro-active with their health. I also have a litany of health issues that would be classified as pre-existing conditions, none of which I created, but rather was born having. In order to care for myself and my family, I see specialists on a monthly basis and would be financially crippled if I didn't have healthcare coverage. I already pay a great deal out-of-pocket, and can't see how this bill would help anyone, including me.

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, Kelly Resch

[REDACTED]
Liberty Township, OH [REDACTED]

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From: Norman Leventhal <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No on Graham-Cassidy

No one knows its effects; COB has not rated it and everything I have read says it is a disaster for the American public.

Norm Leventhal

[REDACTED]ve
Potomac, MD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: JD Vogt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 12:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham - Cassidy - vote NO

I do **not** support the Graham - Cassidy bill currently under consideration by the Senate. As noted by many independent studies, millions will lose access to affordable healthcare and it will significantly raise rates for those with pre-existing conditions. It will not improve the lives of our citizens.

The fact that Republican senators would vote for this bill is shameful and demonstrates that they answer only to their elite donor class.

Captured.

JD Vogt
San Bruno, CA [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lindsey Hundt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:34 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition to Graham-Cassidy bill

My family rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions: my husband has crippling allergies that require constant medication such as epipen injections and shots at the doctors office, high blood pressure, chronic migraine and gout. And I have an irregular heartbeat requiring regular medication and monitoring by a cardiologist.

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

Lindsey Hundt

Bethesda, MD

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Linda Doherty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:33 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Lindsay-graham healthcare bill

My husband I have been fortunate thus far, that even though we are close to retirement age, my husband still has a decent paying job to support us and he has employer based healthcare (though for how long is uncertain). We are the only two people in all our family in this position. Our entire family on both sides has health issues from type II diabetes, to heart conditions and hereditary heart disease, to cancer. My younger sister lost both her breasts to cancer at a very young age.

Most of our family are living at poverty levels, with some who work 1-2 jobs to care for their families. None of us can afford to lose our health coverage, most of us can't pay more for what coverage we currently have. This bill would place our family in grave danger.

We urge our leaders; republicans, democrats, and independents to vote "NO" on the Lindsay-Graham bill. We recognize that there are problems with the ACA, even President Obama has spoken of these problems. He knew the health plan wasn't perfect, but at least he tried to protect us in what he was 'allowed' to do. We urge our leaders to come together to fix all issues to the ACA, preserving all protections we currently have available.

Sincerely,

Linda Doherty
Melbourne Beach, FL

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Linda Mantis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:33 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO to Graham Cassidy

It is morally reprehensible to support the Graham Cassidy Bill. All those who support the bill will leave a legacy of being Anti American, unethical, greedy, inhumane public servants.

The medical profession, the insurance companies and most of your constituents are against it.

Sincerely,

Linda Mantis

Linda Mantis
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
Julia B Fee Sotheby's International Realty

[REDACTED]
Scarsdale, NY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mark Carter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:32 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

To the Honorable Members of the United States Committee on Finance.

I have not studied, or even read the Graham Cassidy bill in its entirety. I know only the little that I have read from people who have reviewed portions of it. I have family members who would not have any insurance at all if not for the ACA. Much that I have read about the Graham Cassidy bill indicates that those family members will have coverage that is severely reduced or non-existent should it pass. This may or may not be entirely true. But it is extremely important that the Congress and the citizens know with some level of certainty the impact of a bill that has such an enormous impact on millions of people.

Please do not pass this bill until it has been throughly studied and its impact more widely understood.

Thank you.

Mark Carter

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Linda Graham <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:32 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My adult children, recently graduated from college, are bright, motivated young people already burdened with simply paying back student loan debt and starting their life-careers. They rely upon Medicaid in their respective states. for their health care. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE ACA, NOT NOT NOT REPEAL IT! Don't break what's already working. Fix it!
Sincerely,
M. Linda Graham
Hamilton, MI

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Linda Graham
Dorothy Wiley DeLong Professor of Dance
[REDACTED]
Hope College
Holland, MI [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
St. Francis of Assisi

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Karie Baumann <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:32 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.

Karie Baumann
[REDACTED]
Saint Cloud, MN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dorothy Domingue [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:32 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No to Graham-Cassidy

Hello,

My daughter-in-law relies on quality affordable health care. She has been fighting ovarian cancer for 6 years. I also have a dear friend with Parkinson's Disease. Because of my loved ones I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. These pre-existing conditions would make affordable health care for them and others unreachable. I would like to see a bi-partisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Dorothy Domingue

[REDACTED]
Rehoboth Beach, DE [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: John F Wilson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:32 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No on Graham-Cassidy Proposal

I do not support the Graham-Cassidy proposal. A truly bipartisan approach, one that allows for open hearings and debate following thorough CBO analysis, is necessary before such important legislation can be undertaken.

Thnak you.

John F. Wilson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Paula Luff [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:32 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

In a word. No. You spent eight years obstructing and health care has never been a core competency of the GOP anyway. The American people know that this is all about pleasing the Mercers and Kochs and getting them their tax cuts. This has nothing to do with public service, or improved health outcomes. It is about keeping your jobs and keeping the donor funds flowing into your campaign coffers. Focus on infrastructure, corporate tax reform and policies to support job growth. This bill is a travesty. Drop it.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:31 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Republican Trumpcare Death Panels

My brother died at 43 with no insurance. If you Republicans decide to keep taking money from ALEC and Koch billionaires, and rig elections with Russia in order to push your fascist agenda, in order to LINE YOUR OWN POCKETS 🇩🇩🇩, things will end badly for you.

If you truly believe in God, which I doubt, then you know his power. If you do, then you know I speak the truth.

Change your ways or you are lost.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gayle Groshko <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No to bill

As an oncology nurse I stand with the Oncology Nursing Society, the American Cancer Society and every other patient advocacy group in American to oppose this plan.

HIPPA prevents me from naming specific patients but I can tell you in 2016 alone I had 4 patients treated for head and neck cancer with curative intent who were able to get treatment because of Medicaid expansion. All required rehab in the form of physical therapy and speech and language therapy following treatment. Medicaid, Medicaid expansion and rehab services could be eliminated if my very red, gerrymandered state chooses to do so.

I have a niece and nephew with Lynch Syndrome. My nephew is battling metastatic colon cancer. He progressed on chemotherapy but is doing well on targeted therapy. Theses new regimens are proving to be highly effective across multiple cancers. They are also hugely expensive. If caps on care were to go in to effect this would have a life threatening effect on my nephew and others like him.

I myself have pre-existing conditions and frankly I worry what my future looks like.

Please vote no on this bill. Fix the ACA. Keep the patient protections.

Respectfully,

Gayle Groshko RN BSN OCN

Redford MI

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Richard Roemer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy non-health bill.

When every organized health care organization in the country opposes the bill;
When retired people oppose the bill;
When insurance companies oppose the bill,

why is the senate wasting time on the bill?
except for the demands of the Koch Network, who has bought and paid for the republican senators.

Repeal Citizens United.

Richard A. Roemer

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathleen OLeary [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

I oppose the passage of graham-Cassidy bill. My 12 yr old granddaughter has a life threatening illness and needs affordable guaranteed access to healthcare. Prior to the ACA insurance company's denied her health insurance for necessary medical treatments causing immense financial debts, not to mention the worry over her life being jeopardized. With the ACA insurance companies cannot deny her coverage or inflate her premiums. This travesty of a bill

Needs to be voted down so that all American kids like my granddaughter are able to have affordable access and keep their ACA coverage. Fix the ACA. Or make sure all Americans have the same golden level insurance All of you Senators have.

Kathleen O'Leary

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Beau McElhattan [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: public comment

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen:

I ask that you get rid of the Graham Cassidy "bill".

Republicans, I ask that you work with Democrats with normal procedure to debate and make actual meaningful progress toward Medicare for all.

Republicans are disappointing in their tactics. I feel they are not genuinely concerned about ALL Americans.

Get to work, please.

Regards,
Beau in Oklahoma.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dorothy Lukins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care for ALL Americans

The Graham-Cassidy bill before the Senate presently is a backward move to furthering the well being of ALL American people. Basic health care like I have as an older citizen is a right for Americans, not a privilege. Please think of our country's citizens, old and young. Rise to the occasion and present bi partisan thinking and results to help improve what is already in place through earlier legislation. Join the world of developed nations! Become a leader, not an anti everything!

Dorothy E. Lukins
[REDACTED]
Portland, Oregon
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Karen Weatherby <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:28 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose 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.

Karen Keyser
Herndon, VA

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: BETSY HUDSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Against Graham-Cassidy

Greetings,

My family and our friends and neighbors rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am particularly concerned about coverage for those with pre-existing conditions, such as the 26-year-old daughter of a friend who is recovering from a serious car accident. Thanks to a series of surgeries and medical procedures (which would have been prohibitively expensive without health insurance) she is doing well both personally and professionally.

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

Sincerely,

Betsy Hudson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Margaret Meehan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: What healthcare means to me

I am a healthy 66 year old woman. I am a contributing member of society and my community. I got this far in good health because I have always had health insurance that enables me to take care of myself.

Thanks to good healthcare , I manage my allergies, sleep apnea, weight, eye sight, dental care, and more. These things may not be life threatening, but without them, my life would be a misery. I would not be the productive person I am today. Please do make access to good healthcare harder for millions of Americans.

Margaret Meehan

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Diane Piccara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Hearing: September 25, 2017

The Graham-Cassidy Hearing
September 25, 2017

Diane Piccara
[REDACTED]

Cedar Park, TX. [REDACTED]

Americans are very tired of the constant games that the GOP are playing with our lives. Why are Americans lives a lower priority than the ego-driven desire to one-up Barack Obama? These games are transparent, immature, and deadly. The Graham-Cassidy bill is the latest in a long line of terrible, ill-conceived, shocking pieces of legislation that members of the GOP have hastily thrown out at their constituents. Like its predecessors, this bill scares the daylights out of anyone brave enough to look at it. These so-called "healthcare bills" are not good enough to stand the test of regular order, so they are all kept secret until the very last second hoping few will notice that they are cutting millions of sick, elderly, disabled, children and untold others off their healthcare plans. The Graham-Cassidy bill just like all the disasters before it makes huge and callous cuts to Medicaid which provides care to our elderly, our children, and our disabled including our veterans. Millions of others will loose their healthcare including those with pre-existing conditions. This bill crafted in secret lacks any input from citizens, from medical professionals, from the insurance industry, and from medical organizations. The Graham-Cassidy Bill has been opposed by every major health organization. The National Association of Medicaid Directors has this analysis of the Graham-Cassidy bill, "Taken together, the per-capita caps and the envisioned block grant would constitute the largest intergovernmental transfer of financial risk from the federal government to the states in our country's history," In regard to the irresponsible decision to vote on the bill before Congressional Budget Office (CBO) score, Medicaid directors said, (the CBO score) should be the bare minimum required for beginning consideration. With only a few legislative days left for the entire process to conclude, there clearly is not sufficient time for policymakers, Governors, Medicaid Directors, or other critical stakeholders to engage in the thoughtful deliberation necessary to ensure successful long-term reforms." This bill is reckless. This bill is frightening. This bill threatens my life, my disabled children's lives, and my elderly father's life. Why are the GOP blind and deaf to the life and death suffering of Americans? Other countries pay far less on healthcare than Americans and have better outcomes. Other countries don't have to live in fear of having the choice of bankruptcy or death. We could have this, too if only America had representatives that actually represented us. It is past time Americans demand better...demand better healthcare, demand lower costs and demand better representation.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Martha Mountain [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The Graham-Cassidy bill is a moral disaster

Good people,

The Graham-Cassidy bill is a moral disaster. Murdering your fellow citizens for any reason at all is disgraceful. You should be working toward universal healthcare, not trying to prevent anyone but the super rich from having access to it:

Martha

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Martha J Mountain

[REDACTED]
Washington, DC [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

“Whatever you’re meant to do, do it now. The conditions are always impossible.”

~ Doris Lessing

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sara Manaugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:25 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Graham-Cassidy is morally reprehensible and fiscally irresponsible. Those who vote "yes" on it will be remembered as caring more about their political careers in the short term than about the well-being of their constituents and all Americans. The medical profession is against it as are the majority of citizens of this country.

I urge all members to vote no on this harmful bill.

Sara Manaugh

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Catherine Berthier [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:28 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please vote no on Graham / Cassidy

^ Senators,

All of us rely on healthcare at some point in our lives and making it unaffordable and inaccessible for the majority of Americans is hugely detrimental to our country. Because of this, I oppose the Graham / Cassidy bill. Instead, I would like to see a congressional effort aimed at improving the Affordable Care Act so that we improve the lives of millions of people, which is the true calling of politics.

Sincerely,

Catherine Berthier
New York, NY.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary B <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Thoughts on the Graham-Cassidy bill

To the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am a nurse from Massachusetts. I have been a nurse for 12 years. My recent background is in home health; currently, I work for an insurance company that is one of the largest Medicare MCOs in the state. I primarily served in Inner City Boston in the poorest and underserved neighborhoods. I have seen first hand the struggles of minorities and poor people when they access the American health care system.

I have also seen the good effects and benefits of the Affordable Care Act on my patients. People with chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease are able to get the medical care they so desperately need. Before the ACA, many of my patients had to choose between paying for rent and food or doctors visits and medications.

I urge you to carefully consider how Graham-Cassidy will affect poor and minority communities. If people do not get affordable primary and preventative care, they are forced to use the ER when they get sick.

According to the website

<http://health.costhelper.com/emergency-room.html>, when a patient is covered by health insurance, the average hospital ER visit costs \$50-150. When a person does not have health insurance, a visit to the ER costs between \$150-3000 or more. When a person cannot afford to pay that, the hospital has to eat the cost and if it is a public hospital, this cost is passed on to the taxpayer. Since I assume that the majority of you distinguished ladies and gentlemen are Republican, I ask you: how are your constituents going to feel about having their taxes increased to pay for people who cannot afford healthcare?

It is the decent and American thing to do to care for the citizens so they can be healthy, productive members of society. Please vote against this bill. It helps nobody and the costs to the American people will be enormous.

Sincerely yours,
Mary E. Bahl, RN, CCM

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ginny Davis [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

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

Sincerely,

Virginia Davis
Chestertown

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Julianna Chitwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:25 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill/ commetrn

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing because I, my family and so many more rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have a pre-existing condition that allows me to be a productive contributing member of society, gainfully employed with my own business and give back to my community in various ways, including volunteering an average of 15 hours a week. I have no debt, live frugally and need no treatment yet for this pre-existing condition but I know that without the protections of the ACA, my monthly health insurance premiums could easily come close of bankrupting me.

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

Sincerely,
Julianna Chitwood
Rockville, Maryland

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Julianna Chitwood
President
ASTA MD/DC
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dorothy Benedict [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:25 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

I am emailing you to please reject this most recent form of repealing Obama Care. Health care is everything to me and all citizens . Why can't both parties work together to fix the shorfalls of our current health care and give everyone affordable care. I live in Massachusetts where we actually do have affordable health care but under this bill many all over the country will be left without health care and hospital care. Please reject this bill. I am concerned about every aspect of this administration. This is very important. Thank you, Dorothy Benedict

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Steve Ellington [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:25 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Comment

This is a terrible bill. This is clear because of the process being taking to try and push it through. If it was a good bill, why wouldn't republicans bring it through the legislature using the process of regular order as McCain has asked? It's because it is bad and would fall apart under any scrutiny.

21 million Americans will lose healthcare — and that is the most conservative estimate. This bill will give states only 2 years to figure out and implement their new healthcare system which isn't enough time to do something thoughtful. If a state decides they no longer want to cover preexisting conditions, then those people will die.

People will die because of this bill. Just drop it and work on a bipartisan approach to improve the weaknesses in the ACA. The affordable care act is not perfect but that's why congress should work to fix it, not blow it up.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Woodworth, Robert [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:25 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose 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.

Dr. Robert Woodworth
Athens, OH

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kama Weinberger [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:24 AM
To: gchcomments
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Kama Weinberger
Denver Colorado

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:24 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with disabilities is a mother who needs care for advanced Parkinson's disease. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Lisa Scott
Summit, NJ [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Woodworth [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:24 AM
To: gchcomments
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Karen Woodworth
Athens, OH [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Phil Rettger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:23 AM
To: gchcomments

My family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare purchased through ACA exchanges since we were denied coverage for a minor pre existing condition. 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,

Phil Rettger
Moraga, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Beth Rettger [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:23 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppse the Graham Cassidy ACt and so should you

The Graham Cassidy act is another terrible attempt to repeal the ACA. It's another bill being pushed through without appropriate consideration of facts, or allowing sufficient debate. That by itself is a sign that the people behind the bill know it's terrible.

While many portions of the affordable care act could benefit by improvement, this bill would not do that. It would leave millions of people without health care, deny pre-existing conditions, and raise rates well beyond affordability for exactly the people who need health care.

I am strongly opposed to this bill. Do the right thing,. Bring forward a bipartisan attempt to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Rettger

[REDACTED]
Natick, MA [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Justine Andronici [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:22 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comment

Reminded: Your job as US Senators is to pass legislation that serves your constituents. This bill is a threat to the physical and economic security of millions of Americans including me. Please stop working for corporate interests and wealthy neofascist donors and start doing the job you were elected to do. If you pass this legislation you are betraying the best interests of all of us and jeopardizing the welfare of our country. If you want to do something about healthcare costs - put the insurance companies interests aside and pass single payer.

Justine Andronici
[REDACTED]

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Georgia Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:22 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill is not good for Americans

Twelve years ago, my healthy 30-year-old daughter was self-employed in Chicago, with no employer-provided health insurance. I insisted she have at least hospitalization and catastrophic coverage. Because she had taken a common antidepressant for a few months several years before, the only insurance she could get was \$600 a month for a plan with high deductibles and high copays. When she married the next year, her husband's employers did not provide health insurance either, and maternity coverage on individual plans was so low that it wasn't worth it to pay for it. When their son was born, they had out of pocket expenses of \$5100 for pre-natal care and an uncomplicated delivery with no anesthetic, and with the shortest allowable hospital stay. When their newborn son developed a (hospital-acquired!) staph infection and was hospitalized for 18 hours for intravenous antibiotics, that was another \$7000, of which their insurance paid only half.

I am a very active senior, don't drink alcohol, and have eaten healthily for 50 years. But I have had three major surgeries, and would be living like a serf if I was locked out of affordable insurance because of my age and "pre-existing conditions."

I do not want to go back to a time when insurance companies can pick and choose who they want to insure, and are free to set unaffordable rates for everyone else.

Georgia Morgan

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Eileen Grubb <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:21 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care

I implore you to reject the Graham/Cassidy bill. It would be disastrous for the majority of Americans. It's morally and ethically unjust.

Most sincerely,

Eileen B. Grubb, a resident of Pawleys Island, [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Maude White [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:22 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the 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,

Maude White
Hudson, New York

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gary Reiter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:22 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Regular Order ACA Repeal

Please return to Regular Order on Repeal discussions. "Regular order" refers to the procedures and processes that have governed the Senate for generations. It consists of rules and precedents that have been followed with few exceptions for legislation both big and small.

But regular order is not only a process, it is also a state of mind. It implies not only procedures but also a presumption of at least some degree of bipartisanship.

Please do not place American's health at risk. You should be willing to risk your job to do the right thing. Not risk the lives of others to save it.

Gary Reiter

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sue Shmoys [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:20 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose 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. The return to lifetime caps will be devastating as well and should not be a part of any future bills. One major illness and private insurance from employers is gone for good.

Susan Shmoys, MD
Roslyn Heights, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Michelle Love, [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committee,

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Dr. Michelle Love
New York, NY

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Myleen [REDACTED]
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Myleen Leary

Bozeman, MT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kristin Joslin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:20 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA

Make the ACA better, but do not dismantle it. Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. My ability to fulfill my rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and completely dependent upon the health of my family, my community as well as myself. Until our representatives will be giving up their healthcare, it is in no way moral, ethical or decent to take it away from millions of Americans.

Kristin Joslin
Maitre Chocolatier
Cocoa Nouveau

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ross Ginsberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:19 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

I am a concerned voting citizen resident of Florida and I am in Medicare. I would like to relate an anecdote that may help the committee in seeing the folly of state run systems.

I had a cyst and a relative of mine had a cyst he is on Medicaid in New Jersey.

At no cost to me I went to the dermatologist he said the cyst needs to be biopsied; the diagnosis came back and the cyst needed to be removed he referred me to a plastic surgeon who within a couple of days removed the cyst performed the follow-up treatments and I am fine all in about three weeks. At no cost. A simple procedure that may have saved thousands of dollars in end-of-life costs if I ignored it for months

That was in the spring my friend is still waiting for his dermatologist appointment because a dermatologist in New Jersey who sees Medicaid patients are few and far between.

So final verdict Medicare quick easy available Medicaid death ?

Sincerely and by the way completely factual accounts of the situation
Ross Ginsberg

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Have a great day - Ross

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Donna Huryn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:19 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: health care bill

Hello, I am a US Citizen and oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family has been helped by the ACA - particularly covering pre-existing conditions (Cancer that recurred). This bill will hurt my family.

Donna Huryn
Pittsburgh, PA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: MDavid 1804 <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:19 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Beth_Pearson@markey.senate.gov; Hurt, Nikki (Markey)
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As a primary care 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 of Massachusetts has worked very hard to improve the well-being of its residents with great success, 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. Thanks for your help in addressing my concerns.

Warm regards,
Michele
Dr. Michele David
Public Profile
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marie Turnbull [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:18 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: [REDACTED]

I am concerned about the Graham-Cassidy bill for many reasons. I have outlined a few here:

The bill would require states to organize their own health care systems by 2020, a time frame that health care experts say is unworkable.

The bill would weaken consumer protections gained in the Affordable Care Act. It would give states a way to roll back protections for people with pre-existing conditions by allowing insurers to charge higher premiums to sick people, or omit some of the benefits that are now guaranteed, such as maternity care, mental health services or treatment for drug addiction.

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The bill would end Medicaid expansion, which has provided insurance to low-income people in 31 states. These states would lose more than states that did not expand Medicaid.

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As Senator McCain said in his statement on September 22nd, 2017, "Health care reform legislation ought to be the product of regular order in the Senate. Committees of jurisdiction should mark up legislation with input from all committee members, and send their bill to the floor for debate and amendment."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

Sincerely,

Marie Turnbull

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: J Duerr [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:18 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our health care. 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.

J Duerr

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sacramento , California [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: susan vogt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:18 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Why keeping the ACA is so important

I lived in the FL Keys for 30 years and worked for the state for much of that time. As a state employee my insurance package was good. I then worked for the Key West Housing Authority. As an employee I could also get insurance coverage through them and carried coverage for my husband. After several years the insurance carrier left the Keys and the Housing Authority along with many other municipal agencies had to get coverage through another carrier. The one they selected offered spouse and family coverage but at a rate of close to \$900/month. My employee coverage was free.

Clearly the spouse/family rate was unaffordable so for the first time I had to seek private coverage for my husband. Not many carriers offered coverage in the Keys. I found one that did and applied for my husband's coverage at an affordable rate. At that point the underwriters delved deep into his medical history and found services so distant in the past that we had forgotten them. By the time they were done there was a policy available for him but at a price far higher than the original stated premium. Having no options, we got the plan. The following year at renewal time, that policy was 'no longer available' but there was another one available at a 'slightly higher' premium. My husband had not developed any new conditions and had not consumed much medical care so there was no obvious reason for discontinuance of the previous plan and its replacement being offered at a higher cost, but again, having no options, we took the plan. This same pattern repeated itself for the following year.

And then the ACA was activated. I obtained coverage for my husband at a much reduced cost with the features that we needed and did not have to play the pre-existing conditions game or fear the plan's cancellation and replacement with another plan that covered less and cost more. We continued this plan until my retirement, which I was able to accomplish a year sooner than anticipated because I was no longer working solely to be able to provide health insurance for both of us. When I retired I also subscribed to an ACA plan until I was ready to start Medicare.

We are now both on Medicare and are very grateful for the ACA as it afforded both of us affordable and comprehensive health care options.

Sue Vogt

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Erin Van Gessel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:18 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposing Graham-Cassidy Bill

May it be noted,

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am a 23 year old who needs to maintain access to good quality, affordable health care. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Erin Van Gessel

San Rafael, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Katherine Dutko <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:17 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Keep and Improve ACA

My family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. 10 years ago, prior to the ACA, my father suffered heart failure while out-of-state and had to be rushed to an ER. He survived his operation but only for several weeks, and for months after his death my mother struggled to navigate the confusing terms of insurance companies and pay exorbitant bills. The ACA was a big step towards preventing situations like this and improving outcomes for people with sudden, serious life-threatening conditions. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Katie Dutko

Brooklyn, NY

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Katherine Dutko
MA in Law and Diplomacy 2014
The Fletcher School, Tufts University

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Laskey [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:17 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

I have a son with a congenital head defect. We spent his first year of life in the hospital and now, thanks to tremendous care and two open heart surgeries, he is a healthy and active baseball-loving boy. He relies on quality, affordable healthcare, and not just today but for the rest of his life. He shouldn't live with the fear of Leong coverage because he was work with this condition. He shouldn't fear hitting caps on expenses or not being able to cover critical tests or surgery. On our journey, we've witnessed the devastation that lack of quality coverage can have for families. 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,

Sarah Laskey
Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Grah Cassidy

This bill among other things punishes states that had the compassion to implement Expanded Medicaid.

Joel Levin

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Susan Fiehl [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GrahamCassidy Bill against Healthcare

This bill is an abomination that will kill Americans. Its purpose is to appease GOP donors who have pledged to withdraw campaign funding until Republican lawmakers get a win on repealing Obamacare. Is that what our founders envisioned for its hard-fought democracy?

As a breast-cancer survivor who had all she could do to beat this illness in its tracks while employed with employer-based healthcare benefits, I cannot fathom how those with life-threatening illness could possibly cope with fighting off exorbitant medical bills while attempting to vanquish the Big C. Surely all these lawmakers have friends, relatives and are concerned about constituents who have an illness whose symptoms will be exacerbated by the stress of lack of affordable healthcare. Saying their constituents will have "access" to healthcare means nothing if they cannot afford the healthcare that will be offered to those with pre-existing conditions, which includes an enormous number of people. Where is the humanity in the Republican lawmakers? Where is their adherence to their oath of office? Donor blackmail does not supersede their pledge to honor the wishes and needs of their constituents in upholding the Constitution.

The GrahamCassidy Bill must not advance. It flies in the face of all that this democracy embodies: a government by the people for the people--not for the people who can afford to pay off our elected officials.

Sincerely, Susan Fiehl
Albany, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Donald H Locker [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy is not a solution

The purpose of this email is to suggest the stated goals of the Graham-Cassidy legislation can be achieved without hurting the millions of Americans who would be damaged by this ill-considered legislation.

There are ways to satisfy Republican supporters without throwing out the baby with the bathwater - improve the ACA in a bipartisan manner and your constituents and donors will be more than satisfied.

"Repeal and Replace" was a fine campaign slogan, but most people now realise how such legislation would really hurt them.

Donald H Locker

[REDACTED]
Chelsea, MI [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Laura Newman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Do not vote on this until costs are known. If vote is held, vote "no". It will end up costing individual Americans and the nation as a whole more money than can be afforded. Many people will die. The economy will come to a grinding halt.

Laura Newman
Jackson Heights NY
Zip code [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lori Short [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:15 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

The country does not want this bill. This has been made clear over and over. At this point, those in support appear greedy, ignorant and completely out of touch with the nation. It is time to stop. EVERYONE deserves healthcare. EVERYONE. Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: MOTOKO NORRIS [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:14 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUNG BOY WHO HAD A CAR ACCIDENT IS YOUR SON

All the politicians talk, talk, and talk and say great ideas believing what their idea is the best. They all have a great medical coverage---no idea what the family of 6 has to pay in case one of them becomes sick.
Has any politician thought about from the point of the Medicaid recipient? My friend's family member had a car accident, being hospitalized over 5 years, now in the nursing, rehab home , slowly improving at the age of 28. What does it mean to be cut from Medicaid? Tell the child to commit suicide? Tell parents who went through a lot and getting older to take care of him at home? Have politicians thought of it in case that happens to them and then what they feel about it ???

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Terri Zimmerman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:14 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 the bill needs to have hearings, a full CBO analysis before it comes up for a vote.

Terri Zimmerman

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mara Glatzel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:14 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Testimony for the Graham-Cassidy Hearing

To whom it may concern,

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

I was raised without healthcare because my parents were unable to afford it. I remember feeling terrified that something horrible would happen and we wouldn't be able to afford to go to see the doctor. Or, God forbid, receive a life-saving surgery if someone in my family required it. The stress of that feeling on a child is something that I pray that my daughter will never have to experience. I don't want her to be terrified to get sick. I don't want her to lie awake at night worrying that we would lose our house if we got into a car accident.

I am incredibly grateful for the access to affordable healthcare that we receive under the ACA, so that everyone in my family knows that they will be taken care of, no matter what happens to them.

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

Sincerely,
Mara Glatzel

Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:13 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: DO NOT DESTROY THE MEDICAID SAFETY NET

The Graham-Cassidy Bill eliminates the Medicaid program as we know it and ends the entitlement by placing a per-capita cap on the traditional Medicaid population and block granting funding for the expansion population until 2026. After 2026 there will be no funding for this population. It places the Essential Health Benefits at risk and allows states to remove covered services like rehabilitative care, opioid treatment, and mental health treatment.

It allows insurance companies to discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions and all but guaranteeing these individuals will pay higher premiums, and potentially be priced out of the market.

Senators should think about their constituents' needs, and vote against this bill, which totally undermines the safety net for the most vulnerable adults, including adults who have brain injury, which number 13,500,000 nationally. Passage of this bill would result in these people being institutionalized, which is exactly the opposite of what the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, and CMS is requiring - that people be served in the most integrated settings possible in the community.

This bill would be disastrous for state economies and they will be unable to make up the difference now covered in the federal-state partnership that forms the Medicaid Safety Net.

VOTE NO ON GRAHAM-CASSIDY

Drew A. Nagele, PsyD
Executive Director
Certified Brain Injury Specialist/Trainer (CBIST)

Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP)

Beechwood NeuroRehab

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: MDB <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:12 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare replacement act OPPOSED

I am completely opposed to the above act and I am directing you to oppose it. Oppose it in every iteration of it that Trump & his minions, including yourselves, come up with.

You all answer to the people, not to Trump & not to each other. You were elected to govern as part of the social contract with the citizens of this nation, not as employees of the Kochs or the Mercers and certainly not in the exclusive interests of the wealthiest people in this country who need no help. Your committee has failed to act in its most basic reasons for its existence.

Your Finance committee has been a sham & a shame-faced group of liars who want to pass legislation in deceit without full & fair disclosure on behalf of the imbecile in the White House a known Russian puppet, and puppet of the Kochs & Mercers without any capacity or intent to govern. Instead of standing for and creating legislature to improve our society, you prefer that which will tear it asunder. You are not governing anymore, you are exploiting the people and emplacing fascism into our governing structures.

Again, I am advising you that you have failed to govern, failed to protect those who have elected you, chosen to support deceit in the creation of a bill to effectively harm your country. That makes you traitors not only to the USA, but to yourselves. We have absolutely no reason to support you or your legislative farces.

Sincerely,

M Bujans

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marie Turnbull <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:13 AM
To: gchcomments
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Thank you for this opportunity to register my public comment..

Marie Turnbull
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sue Adamczak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:12 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee, Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Bill Nelson, U.S. Senator Dean Heller, Senator Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Senator Shelley Moore Capito, **Senator John McCain**, and the **Senate at large** -

This is a photo of my son Ryan who is 18 years old. He is currently a student in a program that focuses on academics, vocational training and life skills training. Once Ryan graduates, we will rely on Medicaid in order for him to be more independent...so that he can live and participate in his local community. Our family works hard each day so that Ryan can be part of our community and we do not want to see that go away.

Ryan participates in a progressive program called OCA (Opportunity, Community, Ability) www.goooca.org, that relies on Medicaid for a portion of its funding. OCA provides social skill training, adult vocational training, summer camp and other programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. OCA will be greatly impacted by any blocked grants, cuts or caps as proposed in the Graham-Cassidy bill.

The proposed Medicaid changes will strongly damage not only my son Ryan's future but also the future of other adults with developmental disabilities.

I respectfully request that you oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill and oppose any cuts or caps to Medicaid, on behalf of my son Ryan.



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Sue Adamczak

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: T J <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:12 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Affordable healthcare

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, Tamar Jacobsohn

Madison, WI

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Andres Hammerman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:12 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: DO NOT REPEAL ACA

I am writing to share the story of my friend Sandra Stein and her son Ravi. Her son depends on many doctors and many institutions for medical care. It is immoral to cut children off who are in need of medical care. I am writing to say NO to lifetime caps ... NO to Medicaid block grants ... NO to any cuts to Medicaid ... NO to discrimination against those with pre-existing conditions. NO to Graham-Cassidy. Fix the ACA, don't kill it and the people it protects. While imperfect, it is better than anything that's been proposed.

Sincerely
Andrew Hammerman
[REDACTED]
Rochester MA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
USA [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa Jewett [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:07 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

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

Since the ACA became available to several of my family members, they were finally able to get healthcare after years without. This saved the life of my brother who could finally have medical conditions treated and monitored.

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

Sincerely, Lisa Jewett

Half Moon Bay, California

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: David Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:11 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA repeal and replace

Dear Madam or Sir:

The republican effort to obliterate ACA either through sabotage or by repeal is an abhorrent example of what appears to now be the republican motto: me first / more for me / screw everyone else.

Cannot get tax breaks to rich guys fast enough, can we - republican hypocrites ?

45 wants to erase anything Obama did, supported or stood for because he is a thin-skinned man baby.

Not because of any ideology beyond make my rich buddies richer – he is an unprincipled disgrace and Senate repubs are stooges for listening to him.

When is the impeachment ? Go Team Mueller !!!

This email is unintended to encourage Senate repubs to pretend for one day that they have a collective conscience or a shred of decency and do not pass Graham Cassidy. Thank you.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anne Markowitz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:11 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I need Obamacare

I am self-employed and depend on Obamacare for coverage. Several people I know with pre-existing conditions would see the cost of their health care skyrocket if the new health care bill is enacted. Please do not put our lives at risk. People will die if you move forward. Is this what you want?

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Markowitz

New York

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Courtney Welsh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:11 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Trumpcare is morally reprehensible and fiscally irresponsible. Those who vote "yes" on the Graham-Cassidy bill will be remembered in the next election and in history as being on the wrong side of protecting America's most fragile. the medical profession is against it as are most voting Americans.

Please vote no on Graham-Cassidy.

Regards,

Courtney

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Madeline Bishop <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: patty@murray.senate.gov; CSS NDR (Cantwell)
Subject: Graham Cassidy Testimony

I oppose the replacement of the ACA with the Graham Cassidy bill because my 13 year-old daughter had brain cancer in 1982. She aged off of my insurance when she turned 18. She was left unable to work because of blindness and dementia. Her pre-condition prevented her from obtaining affordable insurance. Thankfully, she qualified for Medicaid and her medical bills were covered even though she lived in poverty.

Any American can be left destitute by a catastrophic illness. First you go broke, then you die without the ability to afford medical care. Please do not take America backwards.

Madeline Bishop
Olympia, WA [REDACTED]

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Courtney Wyrzten [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please, Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller
Attachments: 20170902_160330.jpg

Senate Finance Committee,

I know healthcare needs a fix; I cannot afford ACA premiums or deductibles, but G-C-H is not the solution America needs.

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.

My daughter is one of those vulnerable people, why am I having to beg for her life every few months?

She needs Medicaid to live, thrive, & stay in our home instead of a facility. Graham-Cassidy-Heller guts her Medicaid & our ability to care for her needs properly.

While Texas appears to "benefit", our windfall would be short-lived. Texas is ranked 49th in how well we care for citizens with disabilities. Legislative sessions are usually a bloodbath of cuts & reduction of services & funds. Texas cannot be trusted with the block grants apportioned by Graham-Cassidy-Heller.

Please, we need a different solution.

Courtney Wyrzten
Austin, Tx

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Joan Carroll <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:11 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Senate Finance Committee meeting on Graham-Cassidy bill, Monday, September 25th at 2:00pm EDT

Date: September 24, 2017

To: Senate Finance Committee

From: Dr. Joan F. Carroll

Re: Senate Finance Committee meeting on Graham-Cassidy bill, Monday, September 25th at 2:00pm EDT

I am strongly opposed to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson (GCHJ) bill currently under consideration. This bill is not in the best interests of the American people or their health care.

As I am sure you are already aware, this bill will:

1. Completely eliminate the ACA's marketplace subsidies, which currently help 10 million people afford health coverage. They would no longer be guaranteed any assistance to buy plans.
2. End the expansion of Medicaid, which has extended coverage to close to 12 million low-income adults. The plan offers no guarantee of alternative affordable coverage for these beneficiaries, and scales back (and eventually eliminates) funding to expansion states. Block grants will be inadequate particularly in times of recessions, natural disasters and public health crises (such as the opioid epidemic), when the limited yearly funding will dry up long before the need.
3. 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. Per-capita-caps will be especially destructive.
4. Puts women's health at risk by barring states from reimbursing Planned Parenthood for preventive health and family planning services for people enrolled in Medicaid.

5. Undercut protections for people with pre-existing conditions by allowing states to waive the ACA's prohibition on charging people with pre-existing conditions higher premiums as well as its essential health benefit requirements. This means some consumers would not be able to get critical services like maternity care and substance use treatment, or afford coverage at all.
6. Inflict great harm on people struggling with substance use disorders by slashing Medicaid, and cutting services and financial assistance to afford premiums or copayments for office visits and medicine, jeopardizing access to the most effective treatments for addiction and to life-saving overdose medicine.
7. Undermine coverage gains for communities of color. GCHJ would cause long-term damage to the Medicaid program and raise health care costs to extremely unaffordable levels for consumers. Millions of low-income people of color, especially those with chronic health conditions, would be among the hardest hit.

Aside from the bill's actual provisions, there are other reasons that this bill should be voted down.

1. It has not been scored by the CBO. Even though the CBO score is likely to show this bill to be as craven as the previous attempts, the lack of a score on this bill shows the disgraceful disregard of Republicans for rules and traditions of lawmaking.
2. Most of the Senators have no idea what they are voting for. They do not understand the complexity of the disaster that they will cause by voting for the bill. Public hearings with input from all stakeholders are required for such an important issue.
3. Health care is 1/6 of the US economy. On its face, anyone with any sense can see that you simply cannot rush through a bill of such magnitude in a few days, a bill that no one understands, a bill that no one even knows the content of. It is ridiculous to think you can 'overhaul' 1/6 of the US economy in a few days with no input from knowledgeable individuals.
4. Republicans seem more concerned with satisfying the calls of millionaire and billionaire donors to 'produce results' than they are for their constituents and their health. Rich donors are saying they won't donate anymore unless this bill is passed. This motivation is beyond contemptible for anyone calling him/herself a US Senator. Yet it appears to be the case. What is even more contemptible is that these rich donors aren't looking for 'results' that benefit health care, they are looking for 'results' that give them tax cuts.
5. If you want tax cuts, you should be considering tax reform legislation. You should not be looking to destroy the lives of tens of millions of Americans with this mean and destructive legislation.

I am most hopeful that some Republican Senators will take their responsibilities to their constituents, to democracy, and to the United States seriously enough to VOTE NO on this despicable and atrocious legislation.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Desiree Larson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Re: opposing the Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have a significant pre-existing condition, am partially disabled so my ability to work is limited. I am low income and 58 years old. Affordability of health insurance is key to me also being able to pay my mortgage, etc. These repeated repeal efforts are terrifying me and seem heartless and cruel. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Desiree Larson, RN
Lyons, CO

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: mark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do not repeal healthcare

I am a republican voter who supports the ACA and I am a physician. I see people everyday who are helped by the bill.
I also vote.

Dr Mark Hull

[REDACTED]
Cathedral City CA [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Frances Elwood <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:09 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Sara Girl; Hugh Elwood; Adam EEEE Elwood
Subject: Graham-Cassidy "Healthcare" Bill

Esteemed Finance Committee, Senator Mark Warner and Senator Tim Kaine:

I do not identify myself as a "Republican" or "Democrat" and I grew up outside of DC in Arlington County where national and international news is local news. Imagine the adjustment I've made now living in Richmond but I love every minute of it! I share this because about 20-30 years ago, Congressmen "agreed to disagree" engaged in a gentleman's handshake, preserving mutual respect, but knowing constituents expected closure and a process that despite differences, was completed.

What has happened during and since Bush 43 is **disgusting**. Thank you for being one of the few that's trying to still honor that professionalism and truly serve the American people. Adults who throw temper tantrums in the workplace and do not complete assigned tasks are FIRED, yet we have the majority of Congress that can't play nicely in the sandbox....unbelievable.

Yes, absolutely agree the ACA has many flaws...BUT it protects from prejudice regarding non-coverage of preexisting conditions or assigning arbitrary caps on lifetime payouts which is paramount for individuals with congenial conditions and for professionals that work despite trying to manage bankrupting chronic conditions.

I think any stand-up "do right by all Americans" Congressman would take the time to READ the legislation, wait for the non-partisan budget office to analyze the financial impact and then discuss, argue, curse, litigate positions until a sound decision is made.

The decision making process is not a backwoods "shotgun wedding" or a high school summer reading project due tomorrow and yet the books are not read today. The Graham-Cassidy Bill has wider, more profound consequences and I trust my Senators, Warner and Kaine, *to continue to do the right thing and try to bring these idiots together* and to do their jobs.

US Senate: Take time to have information BEFORE passing the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill. TIME is ALL I ask! Take time to consider all data.

Respectfully submitted, FK Elwood

Frances K. Elwood, MS, SPHR, RD
[REDACTED]

Clinical Dietitian | Wellcare Consultant | Nutrition Education
[REDACTED]



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From: Khaled Alkhatib [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:09 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Grahan-Cassidy

The Graham-Cassidy 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

Khaled Alkhatib
Swanzy NH

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: PAUL FLYNN <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:09 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA repeal

Please do not repeal the Affordable Care Act but fix it and endorse all American citizens right to health care. Protect people with pre existing conditions and those that need health care the most. If anything repeal and replace (impeach) TRump as he's unfit & unqualified to be president of our country!

Sent from my iPhone
Paul Flynn

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jenny Shutt [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:09 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy concerns

Committee members:

I am a resident of the state of Virginia. My voice is small, but my concerns are large.

My son, who is now 10 years old is a childhood cancer survivor. He was 5 years old when he was diagnosed with High Risk A.L.L. We are fortunate that after 4 years of chemotherapy, he is cancer free.

We are also fortunate to have the type of employer provided, union-backed healthcare insurance that covered most of the million dollar price tag that was the cost of his treatment.

My husband and I both work. We make, by most standards, a decent middle class living. We live a modest life and have a modest home, in a modest neighborhood. I drive a 15 year old car. We are not extravagant.

We STILL struggled. Lengthy hospital stays meant significant time off from work. The cost of gas, food, and medicines in addition to our copays and modest deductibles all took a toll. FMLA protected my husbands job, but could not replace his lost income.

My job is not subject to FMLA and was "safe" only because I work for lovely and kind hearted people.

We made it through. Somehow. The constant stress of financial strain added to the unending worry about the life of our child is something I wish for no parent anywhere to ever have to suffer through.

The worry that my husband might be laid off during the course of our child's treatment and leave our family WITHOUT health insurance or with significantly reduced insurance was nightmarish.

The day I learned that my child would never be discriminated against in the health care market due to any pre-existing conditions he may have resulting from treatment of his cancer, I cried in relief.

I rejoiced that there would no longer be a lifetime cap on medical expenses, as my child would have a met a million dollar cap long ago, had we been subject to such a thing.

I am frustrated that Americans are tied to jobs that offer the best healthcare, whether those jobs suit them or not. This needs to change.

You hold the lives and financial futures of millions of Americans in your palm. Healthcare IS a human right. Each life has value. Not just those who are wealthy, or educated. EACH LIFE.

I urge you to do the right thing. The useful thing. The empathetic thing. And yes, even the financially responsible thing, and put Graham Cassidy aside. Instead, pick up legislation that moves our country toward a single payer model that other countries have modeled for us already. Use their examples to formulate a healthcare system FOR ALL PEOPLE that is thoughtful, useful, and cost effective.

Thank you for your time,

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ellen McDermott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:08 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please don't do this

This is not humane. Why do you want people to suffer? Because that is what will happen if you pass Graham-Cassidy. People will lose their coverage; rates will go up unmanageably for people with pre-existing conditions. Please reconsider what this will do to millions of your fellow Americans? Do you care?

Ellen McDermott

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Jane Rohrer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:08 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

To the Senate Finance Committee:

The attempt to rush through this bill using reconciliation after months of vocal and visible protest from the American people, along with the NYT article exposing the major impetus as being that members of the Republican congress are aware of its inadequacy but are afraid of losing future elections and support of its corporate donors makes me despair for this country. This scenario makes it painfully obvious to me that the U.S. is without a doubt a corporate oligarchy run by wealthy people and corporations looking for tax breaks and other favors to further increase their already obscene wealth. It is unbelievable to me that the leaders of the country are so morally bankrupt that they have no empathy for the millions of people whose health, life and well being are compromised by their inability to afford adequate health care unless they are wealthy. We are the only major country on earth that does not ensure universal health care, so do not tell me it can't be done. It is obvious to me that the rich in this country largely own this government and their greed knows no bounds, even to the point of not caring whether or not people's lives are on the line. This disgusts me beyond belief. We are not as stupid as the the Koch Brothers, and Robert Mercers of this world think we are. Do Republican legislators actually think they can continue this crime against humanity? Do they think they won't be personally affected when the United States collapses because of climate change, endless war, extreme inequality, corruption, racism, corporate fascism, and oligarchy?

Mary Jane Rohrer

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patricia Plude [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:08 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comment on Graham Cassidy for public testimony

My daughter is alive today because of quality, affordable healthcare. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because people DO die for lack of affordable healthcare.

My young adult daughter (now 24) hit a very rough patch when she was 18. She struggled with depression first. Then addiction. And then suicidality. With excellent care, and very hard work on her part, she is now in college full time, working part time, and performing music (her passion). She is filled with gratitude for the support she received and is giving back to her community by working with others who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction.

Graham-Cassidy cuts services for people like my daughter, and later makes them pre-existing conditions, putting ongoing affordable healthcare out of reach. My daughter's struggles are NOT character flaws. You would be hard pressed to find a stronger, more courageous, more generous of spirit young adult. She is alive today because she received the services she needed, when she needed them.

We all hit rough patches in our lives, when we need the support of quality physical and mental healthcare. Let us do the right thing. Let us embrace a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Patricia Plude
San Francisco, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: tspaniol <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Kill the bill - it will devastate too many people

I have multiple family members, one who is disabled with Down's Syndrome, and many other friends who will be severely impacted by this abomination of a bill. How can you justify these drastic cuts, and give the insurance companies exactly what they have been intensely lobbying for - to be able to dump people, increase rates, deny coverage, etc. Senator McCain was correct to say NO. I may not agree with him on everything, but he is the honorable man on this.

I bet ALL of you and ALL of your staff have really nice affordable comprehensive health insurance. Not everyone in this country can have a high enough income to afford good insurance. I think Republicans forget that point.

This bill is like all the previous attempts this past year. A boon for insurance companies, and so many horrible things in it that you hope no one will really read it or that you can get it passed before anyone can object. Be honest for a change and put this up for days of debate. **DON'T PASS LAWS IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING.** If it is a good bill, it should survive public scrutiny and open debate. You Republicans are being horribly dishonest by attempting to do this essentially behind closed doors. You should be ashamed. I will vote out every one of you, and also that inept clown Trump.

Funny how you've managed to find \$3 to \$4 trillion to fight for decades in Afghanistan and Iraq, and continue to do it, yet want to give the very rich tax breaks on the backs of the poor and needy. Shame.

Thomas Spaniol

[REDACTED]
Bethesda, MD [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Andy Brown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Kill the GC Bill!!!

Our company gathers, analyses, and reports health data and compliance for approximately 10.5 million employees in the US. We employ 120 employees. We serve many hundreds of US employers, including many Fortune 500.

This legislative process is appalling. It is full of lies, without foundation in data and analyses, and with no knowledge or expertise behind the potential legislation's creation. It is harmful to America, not just for its effect if passed, but in its undermining of the constitutionally based legislative process.

Further, this bill has little public support. It is an effort by Republicans to define what is a clear loss for America as a "win" for the their Party. This is sad. This is despicable.

There will be millions of lives harmed and billions in economic activity lost. Countless jobs will disappear. Nobody has analyzed or reported these impacts, and can't in the timeline being pushed.

Kill the bill! Establish bipartisanship now! A government that runs on brains, not tweets and stupid bait and switch is sorely needed. America has had enough of this.

Andy Brown
CEO, Health e(fx)

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From: Ingrid Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Please, I beg of you. Don't let this travesty pass; please, please, please use the intelligence and compassion that are mainstays of this country to improve, with bipartisan support, the ACA, not simply repeal it, and let the cards play out the inevitable crisis in health care. Thank you.

Ingrid Johnson Salomov

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: NOW Hamilton Co. Indiana <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition to the Cassidy-Graham bill

Hello,

As it is currently written, Cassidy-Graham does not guarantee coverage of pre-existing conditions, and enables states to waive the prohibition against charging higher premiums based on health status. Additionally, the definition of a pre-existing condition will go back to what it was pre-ACA Essential Health Benefits, meaning that pregnancy will now be considered a pre-existing condition. Women who don't lose coverage could now be charged over \$17,000 in additional premiums for this "condition". This rise in cost could be devastating to women, and lead to them seek less medical care during and after their pregnancy, endangering both mother and baby.

In our home state of Indiana, Medicaid enrollment skews more heavily female, with 38% more women enrolled in the program than men, according to the Kaiser Institute. This number doesn't account for the additional disparity for women of color who utilize the program. Sadly, Cassidy-Graham requires mothers who are on Medicaid and have lost their job to find work within 60 days of giving birth - forcing mothers into a horrendous choice between keeping coverage and caring for their child.

Cassidy-Graham would also devastate the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 2.0 law, which is specifically to help low-income residents have increased access to healthcare. As it stands, the funding used to power HIP is almost exclusively from monies provided by the Affordable Care Act. Cassidy-Graham would strip \$7 million from our state, crippling HIP and leading to loss of insurance for 400,000 people. This seems a direct contradiction to the spirit in which HIP was set up, and could be potentially lethal to those the depend on the plan as they are between jobs, at a job that doesn't offer insurance, or they don't have the financial means for to purchase coverage. This means increases in health costs for pregnant women, disabled women, and senior women, all who currently benefit from this program.

Indiana is also one of the states hit hardest by the opioid crisis. As governor, you asked for \$60 million in federal Medicaid funding (via HIP 2.0) earlier this year to fight this harrowing epidemic. However, the cuts that are suggested as a part of Cassidy-Graham would castrate our efforts to battle opioid abuse in our state. That includes funds to help newborns that are born addicted to opioids - which currently stands at 1 in 4 births seen at IU Methodist hospital alone. Taking funds from women and children who are battling addiction is not only devastating to them, but also to their families and their communities. Addicted mothers who just gave birth are not going to be able to make their way back to being productive members of society if they are buried under medical debt for themselves and their children.

The list of ways this bill hurts women goes on - metastatic breast cancer patients could now see premium surcharges go north of \$142,000 and not have the protection of lifetime limits. Women, who are twice as likely to suffer depression in their lifetime as men, will see their premium surcharges go up by almost \$9,000 to seek mental health treatment - something that is covered now as an Essential Health Benefit. There are no ways that Hoosier women will actually be helped, or receive a better quality of life, from the way this bill is written in its present state.

The cost, financially, to women in the Hoosier state if Cassidy-Graham is passed comes into even sharper focus with the release of a recent study from the American Association of University Women which found that women in Indiana only make 74% of the pay men in the state make (ranking us no. 46 out of 50 states). Women who can't find a job, or who are underemployed and underpaid will not be able to afford the premiums that will be instituted under Cassidy-Graham. This means that the women of Indiana literally cannot afford this bill to pass - not in dollars and not in unequal access to care. We ask that this bill be shelved on behalf of a bipartisan effort that is in the best interest of all Americans.

Alyshia Madlem on behalf of the leadership team of Hamilton County National Organization of Women

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Barbara Kennedy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care bill

Please don't don't pass this health care bill. Where is your integrity and common sense.

Barbara Kennedy
[REDACTED]
Portland, OR [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Alexa Lindley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:09 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Physician opposed to Graham-Cassidy Bill

To whom it may concern,

I am a physician who lives in Arizona, and I am opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal the ACA. I have worked for the past five years in the safety net system, and I was very happy to see that when the ACA was implemented, many of my previously uninsured patients could now receive health insurance, giving them more financial security and better access to necessary healthcare services. I don't think the ACA is perfect, but I believe that instead of repealing it with a piecemeal bill like the Graham-Cassidy Bill that does not actually fix the problem and will take away health insurance from many, we should find a solution that works for all Americans. I strongly oppose this bill and urge you to keep the ACA in place to protect the health of all Americans, especially the most impoverished and vulnerable who would be disproportionately and negatively impacted by this proposed bill.

Sincerely,

Alexa Lindley, MD

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Stephen Van Kirk Friedman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 AM
To: gchcomments

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.

Stephen Van Kirk-Friedman MD

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jeanie Ramsey [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: graham Cassidy

I strongly oppose this bill and encourage all elected officials to speak against the suffering it would cause.

Jeanie Ramsey

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kim Kelley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:07 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

Please be a hero and stop all this madness. People deserve the right to have good, affordable, healthcare. The republicans just want to get rid of the ACA because whose name is on it. Work together improve it who cares whose name is on it in the end it's about being decent and wanting what is best for the people. Stop this because we see what you are doing and we do the voting. Be a hero!

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kenneth Krasyty [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:07 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham Cassidy Heller

I oppose Graham Collins Heller. It is poorly conceived, has been rushed through without adequate analysis and consideration, and will harm tens of millions of Americans. I have been lucky. I have good health and can afford decent health insurance. But many I know are not so lucky and suffer from poor health or have limited means. GCH would make their lives much worse. We live in a great country that can afford to help its least fortunate members. GCH will instead hurt them.

GCH relies on the false premise that there is some magic solution to health care that states would find and deploy if the Federal government would just give them the chance and a few resources. This is, as health analyst Aaron Carroll has said, ridiculous:

"There is no magic. There is no innovation. If there was a way to make the health care system broader, cheaper, and better, we would do it **right now**. We would have done it years ago. No matter what you may think of Democrats in 2009, they didn't choose the ACA because they wanted to keep states from fixing the health care system. The ACA was the best they could get.

There are no governors, of red or blue states, who have a magic plan for health care innovation. There are no state legislators (who likely work part-time) who have a secret plan to unleash the power of federalism. The Republicans in Congress have had seven years, all the money in the world, the phone numbers of every conservative wonk in the country, the CBO, experts eager to offer their help... If they couldn't figure this out, do they think that Montana will? Oklahoma? Indiana? In less than two years?"

GCH represents a cowardly abdication of Congressional responsibility, and one that will, according to all available independent analyses, cut

coverage from tens of millions of vulnerable people. Rather than make incremental fixes to ACA that would improve health care for millions, Congress would cut funding and punt to the states. Stop running and instead work to fix problems on a bi-partisan basis. That is your job. Do it.

Kenneth Krasity

Santa Fe, NM

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dale Cassidy [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:07 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

This bill is a slap in the face to the American people. Americans need and deserve good healthcare, ALL Americans!! Medicare, Medicaid, are not something that can be summarily dismissed , to fund a tax break for those who have more money than they know what to do with it. Let's face, no one has ever seen a Brinks truck in a funeral procession. DO NOT lets Graham-Cassidy to go forward. It will be a disaster for millions of hard working Americans!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Wilson, Audrey E (Cody) (WILSOAE16) [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:06 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No on Graham-Cassidy Proposal

I do not support the Graham-Cassidy proposal. A truly bipartisan approach, one that allows for open hearings and debate following thorough CBO analysis, is necessary before such important legislation can be undertaken.

Thank you.

Cody Wilson

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From: Diane Zenger [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:06 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: #ProtectOurCare

Please return to regular order on healthcare hearings and cbo ratings. Too many families and especially our most vulnerable citizens would be hurt by Graham/Cassidy. My husband is on disability, my father is a veteran with numerous health issues. Lifetime caps could be a death sentence. I urge all to vote No on Graham/Cassidy. it does NOT meet the Jimmy Kimmel test. No parent should have to worry they cannot afford medical care for themselves or their children.

Diane Zenger

[REDACTED]
Normal, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Theresa Beauchamp <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:05 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: VOTE NO on GRAHAM CASSIDY BILL

Honorable Chairman Orrin Hatch:

I am writing to urge you and US Committee on Finance to not support the Graham Cassidy Bill. I have practiced medicine in North County San Diego for over 20 years and have worked in federally funded community clinics, Planned Parenthood clinics, private practices and HMO settings. All of these primary care settings are essential to serving the medical needs of our population. Eliminating ANY of these options will only hurt the population of North County San Diego. In our 49th district alone, the Graham Cassidy bill will kick 85,000 people off of their current insurance.

The economics of the uninsured is simple. Folks no longer will get preventative medical care and will end up in the Emergency rooms requiring astronomically expensive care.

Please work to improve the ACA and create a bipartisan effort to meet the needs of the most vulnerable Americans and don't forget:

We were created to do good works, and the "good works" Jesus speaks of in Matthew 25 includes taking care of the poor.

Respectfully yours,

Theresa Beauchamp
Physician Assistant in Family Practice

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: DEIRDRE DONAHUE <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:05 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose 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.

Deirdre Donahue
Bethesda md

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jenny Goldberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 AM
To: gchcomments
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Jenny Goldberg
Brooklyn, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Meri Birdwell [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: SAY NO TO GRAHAM/CASSIDY

No Senator with a human heart should endorse this disgusting bill. Please stop trying to make things worse for poor people and women. Yes, the ACA is flawed, but WORK TOGETHER to fix it. Repealing and replacing it with this horror show would literally kill people.

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Meri Birdwell

Check out my website: [REDACTED] 

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anita Weiss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

This is not improvement for healthcare. This is deadly for Americans.
I would like to see a real bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Anita Kornetz Weiss
Northfield, Illinois

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sean Kane [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose 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.

Dr. Sean Kane
Marietta, GA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: John Ashley Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No repeal of Affordable Health Care

Dear Lawmakers,

Thus is to urge you NOT to repeal Obamacare. The options currently being offered to replace the Affordable Care Act will leave millions without vitally needed health support.

John Murphy
[REDACTED]
Charlottesville, VA [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Proposal - September 25, 2017

I am against this bill. It's the worst bill of all. It DOES eliminate those with pre-existing conditions if left up to the state! States may want to fund them, but who has the money? You really want to have 32 million people without medical insurance and running up taxes for everyone by using ERs? Why not fix what's broken in Obamacare, instead of passing a law just to keep a campaign promise.

Linda Charest

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care

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,
Karen MacDonald
Edgewater, FL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jennifer Buri da Cunha [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition to Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

This bill destroys Medicaid as we know it by fundamentally and permanently transforming the funding for the program into a capped system. It also eliminates protections for people with pre-existing conditions, provides a giant tax break for those who don't need it, and attacks women's health. Additionally, it enacts a total prohibition on any covered insurance plans from offering abortion coverage, and I believe in a woman's right to choose.

This bill cuts funding for health care which will result in American citizens not receiving critical services which in some cases, would save their lives.

This is not acceptable. I urge the committee to follow regular order by working through the committee process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jennifer L. Buri da Cunha
Rhinebeck, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Trudy Steibl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA

Whoever you are,

Do NOT take away our health care! What is the matter with all of you - trying to repeal what is flawed but works for hundreds of times? Do you so need to wipe out President Obama's legacy? Are you that hateful? Why when every medical association is against it, with the majority of the country against repealing it, why do you persist??? When will you care more about the humanity of this nation, rather than your political party and the vicious promises that were made such as wiping out this bill. God Bless Senator McCain - someone with integrity and heart and intelligence. Why can't I have your medical insurance -- why are you taking away mine??? Can you be any more hateful, vicious and ugly than you are now? Do NOT repeal our health care - you are killing us already.

Trudy Steibl

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth Maksymovich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

To Whom it May Concern,

Although I deeply resent that me and my fellow Americans are continuously put in a position to have to defend our right to AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, I know that we are up to the challenge. The true spirit of the American people is mightier and stronger than the greed and apathy of the GOP.

We the people are fighting, literally, for our lives and for the lives of our fellow Americans while the vast majority of the GOP are maliciously fighting to repeal the Affordable Care Act in order to obtain hundreds of millions of dollars in donations and to sully the name of the previous President and his administration. We fight for our lives, GOP fights for money and petty grievances against President Barack Obama.

I am pleading with you to vote NO on the repeal of ACA and create an environment of bipartisan effort to enhance the current healthcare system rather than sabotage it for disrespectful and greedy reasons. My family and loved ones are full of pre-existing conditions and we will definitely suffer if Graham-Cassidy is instated. The right thing to do is to listen to what the people and the healthcare experts are saying. The entire healthcare industry has spoken out against Graham-Cassidy and that speaks volumes. Millions of Americans have spent their days, nights and weekends fighting against this harmful and disgraceful bill. There are much better ways to fix healthcare without treating us like this isn't about us, like we aren't intelligent, thoughtful and resourceful enough to understand what the GOP is trying to do to us. We know and we are scared and angry that we have to keep fighting for rights against this government and administration.

PLEASE, vote NO on Graham-Cassidy for the sake of the people. For the sake of dignity. For the sake of our lives.

Thank you. Please do the correct thing.

Elizabeth M - pre-existing condition from Colorado, USA.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Thomas Van Nortwick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The Graham Cassidy proposal to repeal ACA

My nephew Michael was diagnosed with a rare muscle cell cancer at the age of seven. He was “saved,” put into remission at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago, and lived until he was 21, when the cancer returned and ended his life. The first onset deprived him of most of his eyesight, but none of his intelligence, determination, and creativity. In his short life, Mike achieved much and touched the lives of many people. An award-winning writer and artist, he attended Kenyon College, where he was the manager of a dormitory, the lead singer in a rock band, and an excellent student. Upon learning of his terminal diagnosis, Kenyon arranged a special graduation ceremony in January, which all the faculty and administration attended, at which the President of Kenyon spoke. He is buried in a cemetery at the College, near the graves of John Crowe Ransom and other famous members of that community.

Under the Affordable Care Act, Mike’s insurance would have supported his care until the end of his life. Under provisions of the Graham-Cassidy bill, he would probably have reached the lifetime cap on his insurance well before his 21st birthday, bringing crushing medical bills for his family well before the end of his remarkable life. If somehow he had not reached the cap by the time his cancer returned, it would have been classified as a preexisting condition and he would have been uninsurable.

Is this the kind of outcome the Senate considers acceptable in order to lower the premiums of some Americans?

Thomas Van Nortwick
[REDACTED]
Oberlin, OH [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anita Ritchie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:01 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The demise of the ACA is cruel

Dear Senators,

While aspects of the ACA need improvement, you cannot eliminate the protections of this program as caustically and whimsically as you are doing. I support regular process to improve the ACA. My family and I DO NOT support the Graham-Cassidy bill and fervently feel that it is suicide for many people in this country.

Republicans have NOT done a good job in any state to show that they care responsibly for the well-being of the American people and it is our opinion that bestowing the power of life and death to a myopic, Republican government would result in unconscionable cruelty to many of our poor and suffering.

There is a culture of cruelty sweeping this country and a terrible rend in our social fabric. The GOP will own this culture if they vote for this bill.

Anita Ritchie
[REDACTED]
Needham, MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kimberly Pray [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:01 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy public testimony

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

My story with pre-existing conditions is that three out of our four family members have, at one point in our lives, been affected by a condition that could make it more expensive to afford a health insurance plan or disqualify us for coverage all together - Crohn's disease, pregnancy, acne, anxiety, asthma, depression, hypertension, being overweight, (gestational) diabetes, and urinary tract infections.

During my pregnancy with my first child, I learned I had Type II Vasa Previa, a rare placental abnormality where the fetal vessels lie within the membranes close to or crossing the inner cervical opening. The risk of fetal death in these cases is high, similar to placenta previa, and requires bed rest starting in the second trimester. The "complication" typically requires hospitalization at 32 weeks and premature Caesarean section to reduce the risk of the rupture of the fetal vessel(s), which kills the fetus within 5-10 minutes due to blood loss. Thankfully the condition resolved and a pre-term delivery was not required in my case. However, the cost of care, monitoring, and a hospital delivery exceeded \$200,000.

If we did not have excellent insurance coverage at the time, the complication would have ruined us financially. It would have forced us into bankruptcy and we could never have afforded to have another child. However, due to our excellent and affordable health insurance coverage, we now have two healthy children and we are making strides to pay off our mortgage and student loans.

It is shameful to introduce a bill that would deny Americans affordable coverage and punish people financially for circumstances outside of their control. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the Affordable Care Act, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Pray
Portland, Oregon

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Barb Earl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:01 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Keep the ACA

Americans all need and deserve healthcare! The ACA made it possible for millions of Americans to have the necessary healthcare, who otherwise would be uninsured. This was a wonderful start to getting all Americans affordable healthcare.

Now, We need to concentrate on single-payer healthcare. This is an idea whose time has come. The United States needs to provide every person with accessible, affordable healthcare, just like many, many other countries around the world have done for their people.

Senators, you need to vote "NO" for the "Graham-Cassidy" bill. This bill would destroy the chance for all Americans to have good, affordable healthcare.

Barbara Earl
Fairmont, WV [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Miriam Jacobs [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:01 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

Hello,

I wish I had the internal resources to write an elegant and moving message. But, I don't. If you cap Medicaid, my friend's son who has Gardner's Syndrome will die. My husband and I are approaching our 60's. He has high blood pressure and I'm a diabetic. My 27 year old son has a preexisting mental health condition. My son-in-law survived cancer at 23, now at 34 with 2 children you are about to impoverish him for the rest of his life. Employers won't hire him as he will be too costly to insure. He will do w/o insurance and will never know if the cancer has come back.

It's clear to the country that the GOP does not understand how insurance works. Nor do they understand how to make things better. It appears the end goal is to return the American people to indentured servitude.

Please start over in a bipartisan way and create a healthcare system we can be proud of.

Thank you,
Miriam Jacobs

September 25, 2017

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

Submitted by:
Dawan Utecht, Director of Behavioral Health/Public Guardian
County of Fresno



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

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

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

Fresno County's Department of Behavioral Health is concerned about this bill because under the Affordable Care Act, we have had the opportunity to close critical gaps in care and services and provide that care to more people who desperately need it. It has saved taxpayer funds to avoid legal and other healthcare costs that occur when underlying mental health and substance use disorders go undiagnosed and untreated. While there are still opportunities to improve the Affordable Care Act and make necessary adjustments to lower costs and better coordinate care, this bill would destroy all of the gains made and, in fact, take us backward.

I am opposed to this bill because:

- States could waive the requirement that private plans offer substance use disorders treatment. This could return us to the tragic situation before the ACA when more than one third of people with private insurance did not have coverage for mental health addiction services and supports.
- People with pre-existing conditions would be priced out of coverage for any illness, including people with mental illness and 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, costing all taxpayers exponentially more money to care for them when they are in crisis.
- 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. In California, \$800 billion dollars would be lost over this timeframe.

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

Sincerely,


Dawan Utecht

Sarah Constance Myksin

Chicago, IL 606015

Hearing Name: **Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal**

Date: **September 25, 2017**

Time: **2:00 p.m.**

Senate Committee on Finance
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Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-6200

September 22, 2017

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I, Sarah Myksin, write to voice my extreme opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal. I am 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 at least 965,000 residents of Illinois losing coverage by 2027 and will undermine the financial stability of our health care system and place additional fiscal strains on our state budget. Additional concerns are outlined below.

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. From 2020 through 2026, block grant funding would be at least 7% (\$95 billion) below projected spending under current law. Regardless, 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 Illinois 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.**

Pushes massive new costs onto states.

All states, including Illinois, 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 Illinois 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Sarah Myksin
Chicago, IL

September 22, 2017

Joan Szechtman

[REDACTED]
Cheshire, CT 06410
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Committee members,

I think it is unconscionable for the senate to be ramming through the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal and replace the ACA without going through the regular order process whereby committee hearings are held to hear and consider expert testimony, and to receive a full CBO score detailing the impact on close to 20% of our economy. The proposal will draw down Medicaid, divert funds from a smaller overall resource from the “blue” to “red” states. Overall, it will leave a significant number of families with less resource to support their elderly relatives, special needs children, and individuals with special needs. It is my un-expert opinion the Graham-Cassidy bill has potential to not only cause major hardship to millions of US citizens, but also has potential for an economic collapse equal to or greater than the 2008 great recession.

The following is a partial list of “experts” opposed to the current repeal and so-called replace of the ACA.

Interest groups and industry stakeholders:

The AARP's opposition to the bill is significant, as its members number in the millions and represent a demographic that tends to swing Republican. Its opposition, along with groups representing hospitals the nation over, demonstrates powerful voices against the proposal.

- The AARP
- American Hospital Association
- Federation of American Hospitals
- America's Essential Hospitals
- Families USA

Doctors' and nurses' groups

- American Nurses Association
- National Nurses United
- National Physicians Alliance
- Association of American Physicians and Surgeons
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Hospital Association [The American Hospital Association is opposing the GOP's last-ditch ObamaCare repeal bill, saying the legislation puts the health coverage of 10 million people at risk.
“This proposal would erode key protections for patients and consumers and does nothing to stabilize the insurance market now or in the long term,” Rick Pollack, the group's president and CEO, said in a statement Tuesday.
“In addition, the block grant to provide support for the expansion population expires in 2026, thereby eliminating coverage for millions of Americans.”
- American Medical Association
- American College of Physicians
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Cancer Society [“This bill would limit funding for the Medicaid program, roll back important essential health benefit protections, and potentially open the door to

annual and lifetime caps on coverage, endangering access to critical care for millions of Americans,” the groups wrote in a statement. “Our organizations urge senators to oppose this legislation.”

- Cancer Action Network
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association
- Association of American Medical Colleges
- Arthritis Foundation
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Children’s Hospital Association
- March of Dimes
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- National Organization for Rare Disorders

Conservative organizations

Another cause for alarm for Republican proponents of the bill: broad criticism from conservative institutions.

Among them is Heritage Action, the political arm of the Heritage Foundation, widely regarded as one of the most important voices within Republican policy. The Heritage Foundation’s leader, former South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint, has praised the Trump administration heavily, and the organization played a role in Trump’s transition to the presidency.

Speaker Ryan, however, defended the bill on Wednesday from conservative criticism, calling it a “conservative wish list.”

Trump, meanwhile, huddled with members of some conservative groups opposed to the bill on Wednesday evening.

- Heritage Action
- Cato Institute
- Americans for Prosperity
- FreedomWorks
- Tea Party Patriots
- Club for Growth

Democratic and progressive organizations

Democrats might not hold many levers of power in Washington, but groups with deep pockets and sizable member lists have made their stances known.

A lot of groups aligned with the Democratic Party or the progressive movement have spent a significant amount of capital defending Obamacare over the years, and their opposition to the House GOP bill has come as unsurprising and resolute.

- MoveOn.org
- American Bridge
- Center for American Progress
- Our Revolution

Sincerely,



Joan Szechtman



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9/22/17

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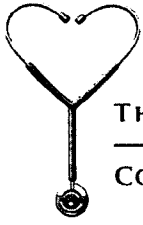
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No eligibility category would be immune to the impacts of these cuts. Since children make up almost one-half of the Medicaid beneficiaries, they cannot possibly be protected if cuts of this magnitude are enacted. Cuts to Medicaid would also leave consumers 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.

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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.

On top of those cost shifts, the 31 states that expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act will be at risk for far deeper cuts. This proposal ends all federal matching funds for the Medicaid expansion in 2020. Some of the funds that the federal government would have spent on Medicaid expansion get rolled into the block grant, but the block grant doesn't make up for Pennsylvania losses because the block grant is inadequate overall, the formula favors non-expansion states (it redistributes funding from expansion to non-expansion states), and it ends entirely in 2026, leaving states with no funding to replace the lost expansion funds.

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."¹ 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 301,632 Pennsylvanians 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 Pennsylvania's 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

¹ "Fitch: Latest ACA Bill Includes Medicaid Repeal and Replace Provisions for States", <https://www.fitchratings.com/site/pr/1029238>.



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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.

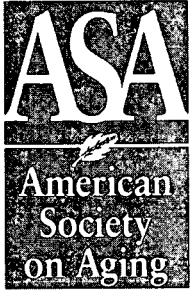
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Lacks transparency and opportunity for meaningful input.

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.

Sincerely,
Family Practice & Counseling Network



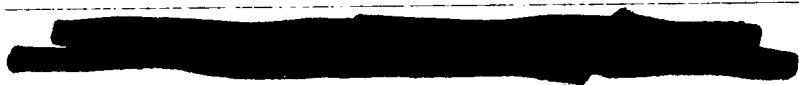
Statement of the American Society on Aging

U.S. Senate Finance Committee

“Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal” Hearing

Monday, September 25, 2017

ASA is the essential resource to cultivate leadership, advance knowledge, and strengthen the skills
of those who work with, and on behalf of, older adults.



Founded in 1954 as the Western Gerontological Society, the American Society on Aging is an association of diverse individuals bound by a common goal: to support the commitment and enhance the knowledge and skills of those who seek to improve the quality of life of older adults and their families. The membership of ASA is multidisciplinary and inclusive of professionals who are concerned with the physical, emotional, social, economic and spiritual aspects of aging.

No other organization in the field of aging represents the diversity of settings and professional disciplines reached by ASA. Our 5000 members are practitioners, educators, administrators, policymakers, business people, researchers, and students.

The members of ASA strongly oppose the Cassidy-Graham Heller-Johnson Amendment to H.R. 1628, the "American Health Care Act of 2017." ASA members believe the legislation to be irresponsible policy, shoddily made and likely to cause havoc in U.S. healthcare systems and markets while having devastating impacts on individuals.

We urge Senators to commit to a bipartisan, open process, following regular order, with committee markups that provide opportunities to consider amendments to improve the bill. We fear that consideration of the Graham-Cassidy bill would contradict the Senate's long history of engaging in a deliberative process. An important aspect of this Senate tradition is that its members have acted on health care legislation only after gaining a clear understanding of how proposals would affect Americans and, in the current instance, an estimated one-sixth of our nation's economy. Reports that Senators may rush to vote on the far-reaching Graham-Cassidy bill next week, without non-partisan expert analysis on how many of their constituents would lose their health insurance and how much their out-of-pocket costs would increase, are deeply concerning and would set an alarming precedent.

For example, according to an earlier Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analysis, provisions in this bill identical to previous attempts to repeal and replace would likely increase the number of uninsured Americans by 15 million next year. Further, the loss of approximately \$300 billion in federal funding when proposed block grants expire in 2027 could have the same impact as repealing the ACA with no replacement plan—causing nearly 32 million Americans to lose health coverage, according to prior CBO estimates.

ASA members strongly oppose several provisions of the Graham-Cassidy proposal. The bill would fundamentally restructure the Medicaid program by instituting Medicaid per capita-caps—which have nothing to do with the Affordable Care Act. Approximately 7 million vulnerable older adults rely on Medicaid, many for long-term services and supports provided at home and in nursing homes. Medicaid covers two in three nursing home residents. With nursing home care often costing about \$100,000 a year, older adults quickly run through their life savings before turning to Medicaid.

Medicaid home- and community-based services (HCBS) enable older adults to stay in their own homes and with their families. They are cost-effective, and they help struggling family caregivers keep loved ones together. But HCBS are at greatest risk of major cuts because they are optional under Medicaid, while nursing home care is mandatory. On average, Medicaid dollars support nearly three individuals

with HCBS for every one person in a nursing home. The Graham-Cassidy bill cuts HCBS directly by repealing Community First Choice (CFC) funding, further reducing access to cost-effective services that help keep families together.

Federal cuts to Medicaid brought about by per-capita caps would likely drive states to scale back benefits and eligibility, impose waiting lists, implement unaffordable financial obligations, or otherwise restrict access to needed care. Alarming, the Graham-Cassidy bill would make drastic long-term cuts to Medicaid by dialing down the growth rate in 2025, just as boomers start turning age 80 and are far more likely to need expensive long-term care. According to a recent AARP Public Policy Institute analysis, the bill could cut \$3.2 trillion from Medicaid by 2036.

Proposed Medicaid cuts would also result in significant job losses and reduced wages for health and long-term care workers. Many of the estimated 4.4 million nursing facility and home care workers Medicaid pays for would lose their jobs or have their salaries cut, further worsening current direct care worker shortages.

Millions of older adults nearing retirement age also rely on the ACA's coverage expansions and its premium and cost-sharing supports, including through expansion Medicaid and the Marketplaces. By repealing and block granting federal funding for these programs, the Graham-Cassidy proposal undermines the availability of the very consumer protections that make health coverage more affordable. According to estimates, the Graham-Cassidy bill cuts \$239 billion in federal funding for expansion Medicaid and the Marketplaces between 2020 and 2026, representing a sizable and untenable cost shift to states.

After 2026, the Graham-Cassidy bill would end all low-income assistance and the Medicaid expansion, dramatically increasing both the size of the cuts and the ranks of Americans without insurance. Further, the bill abruptly ends these programs in 2027, producing a sudden cliff that would create significant problems for expansion states and consumers. The Medicaid expansion provides health security in 32 states to nearly 12 million previously uninsured Americans, including about 1.6 million older adults aged 50-64.

Through changes to the individual market, the Graham-Cassidy bill would dramatically increase costs and make coverage less available to individuals ages 50 to 64. Under the bill's block grants, states could redefine the essential benefits covered in their state as well as age rating factors. This could involve allowing insurance companies to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly higher rates or impose an "age tax" on older adults.

Finally, the Graham-Cassidy proposal to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund would devastate the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention budget and wreak havoc on our nation's efforts to reduce chronic disease rates, immunize our children, and prepare the public health system to address infectious disease outbreaks and other threats. For older adults, cost-effective programs for falls prevention, Alzheimer's disease prevention, and chronic disease management would be eliminated.

We strongly urge that you oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, which would dramatically affect the health and long-term care of millions of older Americans and their families. ASA stands ready and willing to work with the House and Senate to craft and pass effective, responsible solutions that improve health insurance coverage and reduce out-of-pocket costs, not eliminate coverage and increase costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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September 21, 2017

Subject: Senate Finance Committee hearing on the Graham-Cassidy Bill, Monday, September 25, 2:00 pm ET

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All states, including Illinois, 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 Illinois 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.

On top of those cost shifts, the 31 states that expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act will be at risk for far deeper cuts. This proposal ends all federal matching funds for the Medicaid expansion in 2020. Some of the funds that the federal government would have spent on Medicaid expansion get rolled into the block grant, but the block grant doesn't make up for Illinois' losses because the block grant is inadequate overall, the formula favors non-expansion states (it redistributes funding from expansion to non-expansion states), and it ends entirely in 2026, leaving states with no funding to replace the lost expansion funds.

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.”¹ 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.

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Beyond the impact of this proposal on individuals, insurers currently selling in Get Covered Illinois 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.

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September 22, 2017

September 25, 2017 Senate Hearing on the Graham Cassidy Bill

From: Vicki Morton, 10599 N. Lung Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567

I am writing as a parent of a 29 year old adult son with significant intellectual disabilities. I am also writing as a former CFO of two small manufacturing companies.

My husband, son Andrew, and I live in Syracuse, which is in Kosciusko County, Indiana. Andrew was born with a significant deletion on one of his chromosomes. He is non-verbal and functions at a two-three year old cognitive level. He cannot be left alone. During the week days, our son participates in the day services program at Cardinal Services in Warsaw, Indiana. Andrew has an Indiana Medicaid waiver which pays Cardinal Services a small amount per hour for him to attend their day services program. Cardinal Services, and other agencies like them across the state, have had a crisis in finding Direct Service Professionals (DSP's) to work for them based on the low hourly rate they can pay DSP's based on the current state reimbursement rate. Employees that they do have are working many hours of overtime. Cardinal Services has a wait list of potential consumers who would like to use Cardinal Services' programs. Cardinal cannot take any more consumers unless they can hire more staff. Can you imagine having a son or daughter like my son aging out of high school, and find that the only provider for the entire County of these types of services has no openings?

The Graham Cassidy plan of providing block grants to the State, would significantly impact agencies such as Cardinal Services. They would have to compete each year for their share of funding out of the lower amount of money allocated in the block grant.

It is immoral that Congress would want to take away funding for our most vulnerable populations. These are not adults who could be working out in the community on their own. These are adults who have a disability, the majority of them since birth through no fault of their own.

Second, I would like to write about my experience as a CFO of a small company who was responsible for the health insurance of the employees. In 2000, I started working at a company in Broadview, Illinois. The former president and founder of the Company had contracted cancer. As a result, when the insurance renewal time came, the insurance company refused to give our Company an insurance quote which included the President. The Company was forced to obtain catastrophic coverage and self-fund the rest of the insurance. Even after the President died, it was difficult for our Company to obtain coverage for a reasonable price. If we wanted a quote from a new insurance company, each employee would have to complete a detailed medical questionnaire. The prospective insurance company would then determine if they wanted to give our company a quote, and if so, at what price based on how sickly the employees or their family members were.

After the Affordable Care Act was passed, and some of the rules started going into effect, the prospective insurance companies could no longer ask our employees to complete these medical questionnaires. The quote was based on the age ranges of our employees. New employees could be added to our health plan without a waiting period for any pre-existing conditions.

The Graham Cassidy bill would return small companies to these days of medical underwriting. It would make it more difficult for small companies, such as the one I used to work for, to obtain insurance unless they had a young healthy workforce. It would also make it impossible for someone to start a small business or become self-employed if they had someone in their family with a pre-existing condition, as it would be difficult to obtain medical insurance individually.

We need to improve health care for all in this country, not decimate it. Please come up with a bipartisan plan to improve health care in this country.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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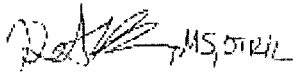
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson health care proposal. This legislation would have extremely detrimental impacts on millions of Americans and hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents. We are hopeful this legislation will not move forward.

Sincerely,



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Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal
Full Senate Finance Committee
Monday, September 25, 2017

Comments Submitted by:
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Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care respectfully submits our comments on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson (GCHJ) proposal. As advocates for West Virginia health care consumers, we strongly oppose this proposal. We believe – after careful analysis and conversations with our Department of Health and Human Resources – that this proposal will leave hundreds of thousands of West Virginians without affordable health insurance coverage, do serious damage to our rural health care hospitals and providers, and set-back our state economy. Our analysis of the proposal clearly shows that the two essential elements of the proposal – the block grant (capturing federal funding for the Medicaid expansion and the subsidies in the ACA marketplace) and the per capita caps and cuts in federal funding for the pre-ACA traditional Medicaid program - will lead to dramatic losses of insurance coverage and benefits for both Medicaid and marketplace low-income enrollees.

In fact, we find that the GCHJ proposal will do even more harm to West Virginians than any other proposal that has been before the Senate in 2017, including a straight ACA repeal-without-replace proposal that both West Virginia Senators voted against in recognition of the harm it would inflict on our state. The following elements of the GCHJ proposal are unacceptable to any Member of Congress who sincerely cares about low-income families.

- Eliminate the financial assistance that helps low- and moderate-income families purchase health care coverage;
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Particularly egregious is the GCHJ proposal to cut and cap the pre-ACA “traditional” Medicaid program that serves older adults, children and their low-income families, people living with disabilities, veterans, and people who need nursing home or other long-term care services. This goes beyond any concept of “ACA repeal” to do great harm to West Virginia.

Below we have briefly laid out our concerns with this proposal and the devastating impact it will have on West Virginia health care consumers, particularly those in our lower-income rural families.

The GCHJ proposal uses a sunseting block grant scheme to eliminate programs that are a health lifeline for West Virginia families struggling to afford coverage and make ends meet

The GCHJ proposal ends the ACA's successful Medicaid expansion, which has extended coverage to nearly 12 million newly eligible lower-income adults across the nation and 175,000 West Virginians. Many of these 175,000 West Virginians are working – but have no affordable access to health insurance coverage. The proposal also eliminates the ACA tax credits that 10 million low- and moderate-income people rely on to afford coverage in the individual market across the nation, including 34,000 West Virginians. 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. From 2020 through 2026, block grant funding would be *at least 7%* below projected spending under current law. Regardless, the block grant completely ends in 2027; while the need for help will not disappear overnight, the funding will do so. We do not believe it is likely that Congress would reauthorize additional funds for these programs at a later date, because Congress would have to identify and reauthorize a new funding stream – something that would be extremely difficult, if not impossible.

The states that expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act – including West Virginia - will be at risk for far deeper disproportionate federal funding cuts under this block grant. The GCHJ proposal ends all federal matching funds for the Medicaid expansion in 2020. A portion of the funds that the federal government would have spent on Medicaid expansion get rolled into the new block grant, but the block grant doesn't make up for West Virginia's federal funding losses because the block grant is inadequate overall and the formula favors non-expansion states (it redistributes funding from expansion to non-expansion states). And again, in 2027 all funds will disappear.

The GCHJ threatens care for West Virginia's most vulnerable traditional Medicaid populations: low-income seniors, children, people living with disabilities, and those who need long-term care

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The GCHJ proposal takes away a critical tool in West Virginia's arsenal to combat the opioid addiction crisis ravaging our rural communities

As West Virginia struggles to combat a growing opioid addiction crisis in our rural communities, the block grant and per capita cap cuts to Medicaid would leave consumers with substance use disorders without access to the most effective treatments for addiction and to life-saving overdose medicine. Medicaid provides the coverage and access to the health care system that allows early detection and treatment of both addiction and its underlying root causes (for example for those who are self-medicating for pain). Medicaid today pays for almost half of all drug replacement therapies for addiction in West Virginia, which experts believe is vital to recovery.

The GCHJ proposal will force West Virginian seniors and people with disabilities out of their homes and communities and into institutional care

West Virginia seniors and people living with disabilities would face painful cuts under the GCHJ proposal, since Medicaid pays for at least 75% of long-term services and supports in our state. Community Based Services - the services that keep people with cognitive and physical impairments home and in their communities - are “optional” in Medicaid. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources has made it clear that 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.

The GCHJ proposal shifts new costs onto the shoulders of the West Virginia state budget

Under the GCHJ proposal, the federal government would cap its payments to states for most enrollees, and those per capita caps would grow more slowly than actual Medicaid expenditures, leaving West Virginia with a billion dollar funding gap for our traditional pre-ACA Medicaid program from 2020 to 2026. On top of that gap, more than another \$2 billion dollars would be inflicted by the Medicaid expansion and marketplace subsidies block grant.

In total, West Virginia will lose more than \$3 billion in federal funding between 2020 and 2027 under the current GCHJ proposal.

In addition, the funding gap could be even larger as states would be fully exposed to any unexpected health care cost increases, such as from flooding in our state, an aging population, new prescription drug treatments and medical innovations, or an unpredicted health crisis such as a severe flu season.

West Virginia is already struggling to balance our state budget and ending the 50-year-old state and federal financial partnership for Medicaid will leave West Virginia with no choice – regardless of so-called increased flexibility – but to cut eligibility and services. There is no real flexibility without adequate funding.

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.”¹ And by pulling coverage from so many, this proposal would drive up uncompensated care costs for rural West Virginia communities, safety net rural providers, and rural hospitals – all operating at minimal margins now. The GCHJ proposal would force West Virginia hospitals and providers to close their doors – hurting all of us in West Virginia.

Further, this loss of federal dollars flowing into the state will mean a loss of jobs and economic stimulus in West Virginia – already struggling yet today to move out of recession. The loss of the Medicaid expansion federal funding alone will cost our state more than 10,000 jobs.

The GCHJ proposal increases premiums and out-of-pocket costs for West Virginians and would destabilize our state 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 our two insurers to likely exit the West Virginia marketplace. 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 in the marketplace, this proposal puts the 34,000 who currently rely on financial assistance at risk for sharply higher out-of-pocket costs and coverage loss.

Our two insurers currently selling in the West Virginia marketplace would face extreme uncertainty. Our largest insurer by enrollment – Highmark BlueCross Blue Shield – has already publicly opposed the GCHJ proposal. The 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 (the money does not need to be targeted to lower income West Virginians), insurers would likely face completely unpredictable risk pools. To make up for this uncertainty, insurers would be forced to 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 for “thinner” coverage, and no guarantee of financial assistance to shield them from the increasing out-of-pocket costs.

The GCHJ proposal eliminates critical consumer protections including pre-existing condition rating protections

The GCHJ proposal allows states to eliminate the prohibition on charging higher premiums based on a person's health status or a preexisting condition. While we cannot predict what the West Virginia legislature would do – the insurance industry will arrive in force in Charleston. If West Virginia eliminates 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

¹ “Fitch: Latest ACA Bill Includes Medicaid Repeal and Replace Provisions for States”, <https://www.fitchratings.com/site/pr/1029238>.

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, cancer survivors) or consumers with specific chronic conditions (e.g. mental health or substance use disorders). For West Virginians, the GCHJ proposal could open the gate to a return to the Wild West of completely unregulated private market insurance plans – that even a health policy analyst would have difficulty understanding and navigating.

The Senator has proposed circumventing regular order and rushing the process to pass the GCHJ proposal – with no public transparency and opportunity for meaningful input

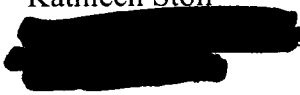
With only one hearing scheduled days before a possible vote, and without a full CBO score to properly evaluate the budgetary *and* coverage loss impacts, it is impossible to have an open and deliberative process that would allow for a true evaluation of and meaningful input on the policies in this proposal 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.

Respectfully submitted by

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care

Contact:

Kathleen Stoll



Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gerhardt Jane [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

For inclusion in Senate Finance Committee Hearing, Sept. 25, 2017

Anne, our 20 year old daughter with Down syndrome, received various school-based therapies from preschool through high school. We believe these therapies are, in part, the reason why she is living a happy, successful, integrated life. She attends a school-based employment training program, has worked a minimum wage part-time job at Kroger's 12 hours a week for almost a year now, has friends, hobbies, and is an active and valued taxpaying member of our community. Those therapies – so important for helping her learn to communicate, read, write and complete activities of daily living- were Medicaid funded. They mattered. She matters. She is one of the millions of faces of Medicaid.



Graham-Cassidy will result in deep cuts to states' federal Medicaid funding now and even deeper cuts in the future. The Home and Community based Services that will help Anne live and work in the community are optional and as you all well know, will be some of the first states will cut.

We've worked for 20 years to help her become a contributing and independent member of our community but she'll always need some supports. This bill will effectively eliminate those supports. Congress can do better. You must do better than this harmful bill. Please vote No on Graham-Cassidy.

Thank you.

Jane Gerhardt

8066 Meadowcreek Drive

Cincinnati, OH 45244
513-314-1135

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Pamela Cass [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: When Congress switches its good health onsurance...

...to the crap it wants the rest of us to have, then possibly we'll go along with it.

When Graham and his henchmen stop trying to distract from whatever new shit is coming from the White House , then maybe we'll go along with it.

When Graham signs a notarized form saying he'll resign, sure we'll accept it.

When Graham and his thieves take care of all the hurricane victims who will be losing their health insurance as a result of Graham's selfishness?

When Graham's co sponsor gives up his medical degree because he's no lover of the Hippocratic oath, that'll be the real truth.

P. Cass
Westerville Ohio

I am writing to you today because there is significant effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act by September 30, 2017. I want to inform you about an effort that is unfolding in the U.S. Senate. Our leaders at University Hospitals oppose this legislation and urge you to contact Ohio's U.S. Senators Brown and Portman to lend your voice.

Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.) and Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) introduced Graham-Cassidy Bill, H.R. 1628, on September 13 that would repeal components of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This health care reform bill would make substantial changes to how the Medicaid program is financed. It would significantly scale back the Medicaid expansion, reduce federal funds for the traditional Medicaid program and create a new block grant program allowing states flexibility to design their own system to provide health care coverage and access to care.

If this Bill were enacted, almost one million Ohioans would be at risk of losing some or all of their health insurance coverage through the Medicaid expansion or the health exchanges. UH would see its charity care and bad debts increase and would also see a significant decrease in insurance revenue. We are working with the American Hospital Association to calculate hospital-specific impacts and will share these with you once available.

This Graham-Cassidy Bill is an attempt by the GOP to repeal ACA through a party-line vote before September 30. After that, the legislation would require at least 60 votes in the Senate to move forward.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has told his caucus that he will bring the Bill to the floor if it has the support of at least 50 of the 52 GOP Senators. Currently, support for the Bill among Republican Senators is getting very close to the 50 votes needed.

Due to the way the Bill is written, states like Ohio that have expanded Medicaid would be impacted the most because of larger payment/coverage reductions. The Bill will also significantly reduce federal funding to support health insurance cost-sharing subsidies for low-income citizens on the exchanges. This Bill would place severe economic pressures on the states in later years as the block grants are phased out by 2026.

You can let our Ohio Senators know where you stand through a special website created by the American Hospital Association. Thank you for your continued support to our health system and the patients we serve.

Sincerely,



Visit us at www.UHhospitals.org.

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Annie Wachte [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO ON CASSIDY GRAHAM BILL (Disaster) .

Hello ,

Please do not vote yes on this terrible bill that helps no one, nowhere !
Why don't you just fix AHA and stop wasting tax payer (me) dollars on trying to con "We the people" .

Shame on the GOP , leave D. C. forever .

PS

Tom Price owes us money for private jets , such a P.O.S. Shame on him especially .

Thank you .

A.Wachtel

[REDACTED] USA

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: C Lombard [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Thoughts on Graham-Cassidy

Why don't you just line us all up and shoot ús? It would probably be quicker and you would get the same results.

Just so we are clear where this citizen stands, here's a big [REDACTED] to this nonsense. Bring us single payer now!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Alex Shannon [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Statement for the Record, RE: Graham-Cassidy Bill

To quote Betty White, if you want to be strong you should grow a vagina because those things can take a pounding. Until then, keep your withered old man hands off healthcare. If you want to fix this country start by removing your lunatic president in office.

This bill sucks.

Sincerely,
A human with a heart

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Sir or Madam,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have a niece with mental health issues who relies on ACA. In addition, I have family members in Minnesota and California who also rely on it for their health insurance. The GC bill would eliminate many of the benefits my family relies on. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Lisa Franchett

Oakland, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: DO NOT REPEAL THE ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I believe everyone has a right to safe, effective, up-to-date healthcare. We need a healthcare system that supports all citizens, especially when disastrous illnesses strike. Personally I would not be able to afford my monthly prescriptions without medicaid. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Carolyn Czarnecki

Avoca, New York

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Affordable 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, Zachary Smith

Westwood, MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Strongly Oppose Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hi,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, **I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill**. My best friend had a pre-existing condition that if it wasn't for the ACA, would have made her unable to walk within three years. She is 27. Thanks to the ACA, she was able to start a low-cost treatment to totally halt her condition and is able to continue to contribute to society, her family and enjoy her life (and pay taxes, by the way).

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

Tannis
Palo Alto, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:08 PM
To: gchcomments; mwoman74@icloud.com
Subject: Graham Cassidy Healthcare bill

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am a retired social worker, having spent my entire 42 year career in health care, in many different settings. These included hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, as well as mental health counselling/private practice. Most of those years were spent working with patients pre-ACA. I can tell you some of the

Issues people faced regarding their health insurance coverage.

1. Tying insurance to one's job leaves many gaps in the system. If you lost your job, such as a layoff, you would have to pay prohibitively expensive COBRA fees to keep insurance. People who were on unemployment found this very difficult. If you had a family to cover or were self employed, paying for health insurance could be so expensive as to be impossible. If you developed an illness, had an accident or problem, and subsequently had to leave your job, you would lose your health insurance. Under the current system, with a few very limited exceptions, you have to collect disability (SS-DI) for 2 years before you can qualify for Medicare. During that time, you pay out of pocket for insurance. Many people I worked with made too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to pay privately.

2. Lifetime caps and preexisting conditions. If you allow insurance to bring these back, you are dooming a segment of the population to serious illness, poverty (medical costs represent a large portion of bankruptcies, pre ACA) or even death. Let me note here that I have read people, including Congress members say that if people 'just took care of themselves' they would not have any pre existing conditions. THAT IS JUST WRONG. There are so many illnesses, both acute and chronic, accidents that can happen to anyone. Let me repeat that: a serious illness or accident can happen to anyone.

In addition to my years of experience in health care, I also cared for my mother through 8 years of dementia. She went through Long Term care insurance, private funds and still ended up on Medicaid to pay for a nursing home before she eventually died. I am very concerned what your proposed Medicaid cutbacks will mean for millions of baby boomers who will need long term care in the coming years. I am also concerned how this bill will affect Medicare premiums, costs for my husband and I.

It is your job as the Senate to work together to come up with a plan that helps all Americans. It is time to fix the problems with the ACA instead of the current proposal, which will harm millions of Americans. Do you really want that to be your legacy?

Thank you,
Marcia Perna

[REDACTED]
Dedham, MA02026
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Round One: Americans are Worse Off

Pre-Ex –

Sen. Cassidy, on Saturday, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Hospital Association, the Federation of American Hospitals, the American Medical Association, America's Health Insurance Plans, and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association joined together in a statement of opposition to your bill.

I can't remember the last time all six of these organizations agreed on how to buy a coke, much less put out a statement like this. Their *first* point was on preexisting conditions. They said, "**We agree** that the bill will cause patients and consumers to lose important protections, as well as undermine safeguards for those with pre-existing conditions. Without these guaranteed protections, people with significant medical conditions can be charged much higher premiums and some may not be able to buy coverage at all."

Sen. Cassidy, do you disagree with this assessment?

(Sen. Cassidy will start to refute the claim)

Sen. Cassidy, are you saying these six "household name" organizations have it wrong?

(Sen. Cassidy will say they misunderstand)

Sen. Cassidy, as the great former Chairman of this Committee, Sen. Moynihan, said, "everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts."

Mr. Woodruff, as the representative of the American Cancer Society, would you agree with these other organizations?

Coverage –

Senator Cassidy, during a recent interview, you said "There will be more people covered under the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson amendment, than are under status quo."

What independent organization has run those numbers and can you share that data with us?

(Sen. Cassidy will start to explain his own thinking...)

Sen. Cassidy, I appreciate those thoughts, but I'd like to know where the independent analysis is. Since we have not given CBO enough time to score this, and we're not even sure they're scoring, we need to know who else has been running the numbers. Who are you relying on to support these claims? (he'll continue to bluster)

Sen. Cassidy, on Friday, the nonpartisan Brookings Institute released a report saying 21 million Americans would lose insurance under your plan. (turning to Sec. Miller of PA)

Secretary Miller, Senator Cassidy and Brookings can't both be right. What do you think will happen to the number of people insured in America under Senator Cassidy's plan?

Round Two: America's Most Vulnerable in Jeopardy

Seniors & Medicaid cap –

Let's talk about what this so-called flexibility means the seniors across the country that have done everything right. They've fought our wars, built our communities, raised families. They scrimped and saved when they could. But growing old in America is expensive. So today they have a guarantee that Medicaid will cover the cost of nursing home care.

Medicaid helps pick up the tab for two out of three seniors in nursing homes in America – a guarantee for millions of seniors across the country. This proposal ends that guarantee turning it into a guarantee in name only.

Ms. Mann, when talking about capping and slashing Medicaid by hundreds of billions of dollars, we're not simply talking about "bending the cost curve." We're talking about lives. Can you talk about the types of choices state will be forced to make to their Medicaid programs under this bill and how that could impact seniors?

Older Americans & Medicaid expansion repeal –

This bill also goes after older Americans, including those covered under the Medicaid expansion. It ends the Medicaid expansion in 2020, reneges on federal funding commitments made to states like mine leaving them with huge budget shortfalls, and completely ends federal support altogether beginning in 2027.

Senator Cassidy, I know that Oregon loses big time under this bill. Would you recommend that I tell Governor Brown that Oregon shouldn't worry about billions in dollars of cuts coming her way? As we've heard from Governors and other key stakeholder across the country, no amount of flexibility can make up for billions in federal losses.

[Sen. Cassidy will talk about state flex and that Medicaid spending (not the expansion, but "traditional" Medicaid) continues to grow... turn to Ms. Miller]

Ms. Miller, do you think there are *any* winners here? What happens to those older Americans who are walking the economic tightrope and now rely on Medicaid expansion until they qualify for Medicare? Do they win under this bill?

Round Three: Bipartisanship vs. Reconciliation/GCH

We passed a chronic care package out of this committee. We had multiple hearings, dozens of stakeholder meetings with staff, hundreds of comment letters responding to requests for feedback, and a CBO score for the markup. Last week, Chairman Hatch and I, with other members of this Committee, introduced a bipartisan CHIP bill. Before this process got under way, there was discussion of a possible policy mark-up that would hopefully result in a bipartisan bill moving through this Committee. This is regular order.

Sen. Cassidy, do you have a full CBO analysis – including coverage and premium impacts - for this bill?

Sen. Cassidy, do you think Congress only needs less than a week to fully grasp the consequences of your proposal which will result in radical changes to the health care system?

Sen. Cassidy, do you think there should be a mark-up of your bill before it moves to the Senate floor?

Sen. Cassidy, is this the bill we'll be voting on potentially this week on the Senate floor?

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:19 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Monday hearing

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Sally Paris

Walnut Creek, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:19 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Public Testimony

Graham-Cassidy Hearing:

Quality, affordable healthcare is vital to me and my family and to all Americans. We rely on it as individuals and depend on it to function effectively as a nation. Therefore, I OPPOSE the Graham-Cassidy bill.

It's time for true, thoughtful, bipartisan efforts to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Do the right thing for all of us, for the American people!

**Sincerely,
Dr. Janis Weller
Minneapolis, MN**

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:18 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: HealthCare,Senate

TrumpCare would be a disaster for our citizens. Hurting People. Please bring both parties together. We need a better way forward. We need insurance for everyone. Thank You Larry Bearid [REDACTED] Woodstock CT 06281

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

My family and community 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, Ted Duepner

Minneapolis, MN

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Senators,

My husband and I rely on quality affordable healthcare. Due to the pre-existing conditions we have, and that this bill does not cover, we urge you to vote against moving this bill forward. What is needed is bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

**Sincerely,
Janet Warner and Bob Elsinger
Angel Fire, NM**

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family and I count on quality, affordable healthcare. I ADAMANTLY OPPOSE THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL. My husband had cancer which is now in remission. We have worked hard all our lives, yet we would have gone bankrupt because of huge medical bills, were it not for our medical insurance. No one should have to lose their home or their job or have to file for bankruptcy because of a health issue. You Senators and Congressman all have extensive medical coverage. Americans deserve what you have, since we're paying your salary.

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

Sincerely,

Alexis Higginbotham
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:14 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: senator@feinstein.senate.gov; senator@harris.senate.gov
Subject: Personal testimonial in opposition to Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

My father (see attached photo) is a 73-year-old man with dementia and a mobility disorder who resides in a long-term care facility in Orange County, California. He has been cognitively impaired for nearly 40 years due to a traumatic brain injury, and his monthly Social Security income places him barely above the poverty line. For this reason, his long-term board, care, and treatment, along with medical costs not covered by Medicare, are entirely funded by Medi-Cal (Medicaid) each month after he has paid his entire monthly Social Security check (minus a \$35 allowance) to the facility.

The per capital cap and cuts in funding for Medicaid proposed under Graham-Cassidy Repeal bill would adversely affect him and the millions of Americans like him who require long-term care. These cuts are particularly heinous for a handful of states like California that have taken the lead in improving healthcare for all. Facilities would be forced to increase the number of beds in already overcrowded rooms. Folks like my father would have no choice but to sit in soiled diapers for hours on end due to cuts in staffing. Use of restraints would increase to prevent falls due to poor supervision. And many would silently aspirate on food and liquids when only a few aides are available during meals to supervise dozens in packed dining rooms. These people are among the most fragile and vulnerable in our country. They have no other resources to compensate for the cuts to Medicaid that the Graham-Cassidy plan would impose. Protecting them is the moral and ethical choice.

I urge the Senate to take a bipartisan approach to fixing the ACA that would involve hearings and a CBO analysis before legislation is put for a

**vote. Healthcare is a human right. Americans deserve far better than the
Graham-Cassidy bill.**

Respectfully yours,

Debra L. Brunner

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:17 AM
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.

Stephanie Miklavcic

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Without even analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, it is irresponsible to pass the Graham-Cassidy Bill. It appears to me that once again healthcare for the poorest and most vulnerable of our citizens will be endangered, and many millions could end up with no access to health care. The uninsured are a huge drag on the economy.

Yes, this is a hugely complicated endeavor, but possible solutions should be introduced to the citizenry with systematic public debate. We the people should know what it is that we ask our elected representatives to either support or reject. And then they should vote the will of their constituents.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Mary Ann Hart

[REDACTED]
Bloomington, IN 47408

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Health Bill

My wife and I are recent retirees, and both of us have significant pre-existing conditions. My wife's entire family is at risk for kidney disease, and therefore we rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, which would strip health care from millions of Americans and send the entire health insurance system into chaos. I would much prefer to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. It's past time for all parties to work together on the best solution for the American people. We can't afford to let a partisan effort prevent our fellow citizens from retaining the health care they deserve. Lives are at stake.

Sincerely, Peter Southwick

Arlington MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I was #DENIED coverage after my Company #FIRED me using a #FMLA Loophole when my Back Failed! PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

My State of WestVirginia today, 35% more people have Coverage thanks to the #ACA. Rural Hospitals bad debt is down by 50% and have opened #Clinics, retooled #Departments with state of the ART equipment that gets cut with this ABOMINATION of GrahamCassidyBill!

It's VERY PERSONAL TO ME! I was a High level #Technical IT Consultant and in 2008, I blew a Disc in my lower back, it failed again 6 months later, the Nerve Damage and 24/7 Pain restricted my 80 hour work weeks and using a loop hole for Traveling Shoe salesmen built into the Family Medical Leave Act, I WAS TERMINATED. Because my company was in Seattle, Washington and I worked from Home in Hurricane, WV Managing the SE USA, Middle East and Australia. 1200 Health Systems. It didn't matter that I worked 80 hours a week, did the additional work of Training, Consulting, and Project Management on top of my FULL TIME JOB, when I became unable to keep the pace the tossed me out like the TRASH!

When my COBRA Coverage ran out, with Specialists and Hospital Treatment out the WAZOO, I applied to HighmarkBCBS, they offered me a policy as follows: 1000 Deductible, NO PHARMACY OR DENTAL Coverage for 2800.00 a MONTH! I had ZERO income and had it not been for a program at the time called WellnessWV which was created for People like me with PRE EXISTING CONDITIONS, I would have had NOTHING! The Affordable Care Act gave me a Policy with the SAME High-mark Blue Cross and Blue Shield via the Market Place only when I disclosed my Native American Heritage I suddenlyDeductible qualified for a 100% Coverage no Deductible No Co pay for 202.00 a month.

Today Technology of an Internal Medication Pump enables me to at last be mobile and have some quality of life. After 2800 Resumes and 25 Interviews, 2 at companies I had STELLAR EVALUATIONS one of which took a huge risk and flat out told me I WAS A NO HIRE, my Back was considered a NO GO, I went through 2 years of HELL fighting for my Disability. Today after working from the age of 16, 2 & 3 jobs and in Healthcare working enough for 2 or 3 jobs at one on SALARY, I have NOTHING but my Disability! No Savings left, had to sell my home, so I tell you from the Heart of a Christian, A Lutheran, a follower of Jesus Christ, WHAT THE REPUBLICANS ARE DOING IS IN CONTRADICTION with the Teaching of Jesus and I say SHAME ON EVERYONE OF YOU who votes for this bill and while you may think you will get away with the MISERY and SUFFERING you're going to inflict, when you DIE, the scriptures teach us about the day of Judgement of both the living and the dead and JESUS said I KNOW MY SHEEP! Will you put your Soul at RISK for a Political PRIDE for 8 years of simply obstructing a President you simply didn't like.

Old saying: "Don't cut your nose off to SPITE your FACE!" If your Human and have a HEART, a shred of Care for your Constituents and Stats like West Virginia already in Death throes from the demise of Coal and off shoring of Chemical Jobs, then how can you vote for such an ABOMINATION to everything Americans should feel and want for yourselves, children, and Friends and Neighbors!

Michael D Schmidt-Kerley
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:43 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Carole Ness-Lira

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Big Bear Lake, California 92315

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Submission of public testimony Graham-Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a California resident, I am concerned about the deep cuts to our healthcare funding and what this will do to my friends and neighbors in my community. Besides the cuts, the methodology for distributing block grants to the states rewards those who chose not to expand Medicare under the ACA and has an effect of penalizing states that have opted in to the federal funds available under ACA. Lastly, massive loopholes that allow insurers to simply write a letter to explain their non-coverage of essential health benefits and pre-existing conditions are concerning. If I change jobs, I would deeply worry about health coverage.

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

Sincerely,
Darlene Jacokes
San Francisco, CA

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Rachel Teshera

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bristol, Connecticut 06010

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From: [REDACTED]
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To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Yet another attempt by the Republican Party to transfer wealth to the wealthiest few citizens of the United States on the backs of the sick, poor, seniors, disabled, and lower and middle class fellow Americans. You should be ashamed of yourselves! You are using your elected position for your personal gain by killing off the above mentioned, the people who voted you in office.

Just the attempts of the Republicans to kill the ACA and leave millions of people with pre-existing conditions with the inability to purchase affordable healthcare is disgusting. Leave it to the states, but let's not give them as much money for Medicare. Nice, really nice.

As you can tell, this is how I really feel. Get a conscience, God is watching. Do not pass this bill. Work with your fellow Democrats and the members of your party who know that we need a single payer system. You know, like most of the rest of the civilized world. Everyone deserves to have health insurance and elected officials that care about their constituents. DO THE RIGHT THING FOR GOD'S SAKE!

God bless Senator McCain.

Eleanor Carrara

North Providence, RI

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:42 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

As a child psychologist, I know countless families who rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Many would not be able to access needed services (including preventative care, mental health coverage, and affordable coverage for chronic illnesses) without the expansion of Medicaid and provisions that have been provided under the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve and strengthen the ACA, **not** repeal it.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Newland, PhD

Uxbridge, MA 01569

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:13 PM
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Gordon Link

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Oakland, California 94609

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:35 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions has been living with two chronic diseases (Type 1 Diabetes and Major Depression) ever since I was 11 years old. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Michelle Super
Eagan, MN

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:34 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a self employed person, I wasn't able to afford insurance before the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. it's time to look at single payor basic insurance.

Thank you.

Rosa Livonius

Etna, Maine

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:54 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Finance Committee:

Why the rush?

Why no hearings until now -- and then only pro forma ones?

Why no scoring?

Why no factual evidence on what is happening and what needs to be fixed?

Why this obsession with "Repeal" instead of Repair?

Why not admit that this is not easy and will take time -- to do it right, not just put up for votes extreme proposals!

Cut this cancer out of our health care system and start systematically curing its ills instead of simply lopping off limbs and applying leches to satisfy past political promises?

Graham-Cassidy is one more cancer, not a cure. Please kill it.

Lloyd C. Irland
Wayne, Maine

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Lloyd C. Irland
The Irland Group
[REDACTED]
Wayne ME 04284



Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Hello ---timely.

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,

Mindy Geminder
Oakland, California
Voter

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Proposed Health Care Bill

Subject: Graham-Cassidy,

I would lose my coverage because I have Crohn's Disease, a pre-existing condition and one that is extremely debilitating. My grandson, age 16 has it also. His parents cannot pay for his medical bills. They are low income, and live upstate NY where well paying jobs are very scarce, because NAFTA sent the jobs overseas. I would probably find my insurance premiums unaffordable.

When my husband passed away in 2004, my retirement seemed to be secure. Now it is very threatened.

My mother, lives on Medicaid in a good nursing home. She had the assets to last her entire life, but then the economy collapsed, thanks to Congressional pandering to the big banks and their gambling with bad mortgages. Good safe interest rates fell to 1% and lower. By the time, Mom's age reached 100, she was flat broke, and I had to subsidize her during the interim until her Medicaid was approved. I subsidized her special needs (her dementia), for years, and now I subsidize my son's family. 3 generations. I have not vacationed since the death of my husband. Am still trying to hang on to my home.

I live on Social Security and my small income from the old 401k (IRA). Whenever money is withdrawn, I still must pay the income tax.

Now the GOP proposed to destroy my Medicare (a program that works), refuses to control prescription costs, and plunder my social security. My husband never collected a dime!

Sibyll Gilbert
Pawling, NY



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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:32 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy -- failure

Dear Committee,

This bill is an abomination, and you know it. The Medicaid administrators from all 50 states have condemned it. Every medical association has condemned it. Even many insurance companies have condemned it.

Are you so adamant to erase the accomplishments of a black man that you have to ruin 1/5 of the economy and re-introduce lifetime caps and pre-existing conditions? Seriously? It's pathetic and petty. Reminds me of Jim Crow laws being introduced to erase the Emancipation Proclamation.

If you claim it is untrue, you are lying. And you know it.

Sincerely,

Kiel Christianson, PhD
Professor & Associate Chair
Department of Educational Psychology

Professor
Departments of Psychology, Linguistics,
& Beckman Institute

University of Illinois
College of Education
[REDACTED]
Champaign, IL 61820

Tel. [REDACTED]
Lab [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Trudi Taylor
Subject: PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE HEALTH CARE MORE TIME!!!

STOP THIS CRAZINESS!! We urge NO votes on the Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson bill and instead ask the Senate to continue its work through the bipartisan market stabilization efforts to fix the problems of the ACA.

Health care deserves to be dealt with transparently through regular order. One sixth of our nation's economy and every citizen in the country is impacted by our health care system and we want open hearings and time for debate before any votes are taken.

My husband and I are retired and both depend on quality, affordable health care. My husband has only one kidney, so would be considered to have pre-existing conditions. We have had affordable, personalized, effective and preventative care through our exchange with MN Health Partners and cannot say enough good things about the high quality of the care we have had available. We wish for everyone in this great country to have health care as good as ours!!

We are trusting you to get beyond petty partisanship and DO THE RIGHT THING!!!

Sincerely,
Trudi Taylor
St. Paul, MN

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:32 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family and my patients rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am a physician working in the emergency room in Anchorage, Alaska. I see the impact of affordable care and coverage for pre-existing conditions every day.

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

Sincerely,

Tiffany Peterson

Girdwood, Alaska

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham-Cassidy bill

I and the members of family, my friends and colleagues, and ALL my fellow Americans depend on quality affordable health care. Because of the need to keep the USA a strong and vital county, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill that will destroy health care for many Americans. My husband, due to degenerate joint disease, has had 6 separate joint replacements (2 knees, 2 hips, and 2 shoulders). Although he is able to be a successful and productive member of our country, the loss of of coverage for pre-existing conditions would be not only tragic but also ridiculous. If the Congress, or parts thereof, are unable to deal with the current ACA, then you should have a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve it.

Laurie Brown

Leverett, MA 01054

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

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Sincerely,
Amy Conway

New York, NY

Amy Conway
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Reject Graham Cassidy bill - please - for all that is decent!

It is unforgiveable that Graham-Cassidy is promoting a bill where:
32 Million Americans could lose insurance coverage,
where there is a radical change to Medicaid and diminished funding for every state, and
where all of this is up for a vote with only 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!

Please, show you respect the people of this country, and reject this bill!

Thank you for reading my plea,

Pam Nadeau

[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60657

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

I urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill and to stand up for the American people to provide inclusive and compassionate healthcare to all

Healthcare should not be only for the very rich, the lucky, (the momentarily) without illness.

The ache of having a sick child, an ailing parent, that terrifying shake to our core when our own health is challenged? That heartache is universal, we are all connected.

Patricia Donnelly
Westwood, MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on the Graham Cassidy bill

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

Many of my friends have health care because of the Medicaid expansion that has been made possible by the Affordable Care Act. I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, which would directly jeopardize my friend's access to essential health care. Furthermore, from a selfish perspective, I fear that the chaos it would create in health insurance markets would affect my own insurance as well. Please, think of all the people who are living reasonably healthy, happy, productive lives because they currently have access to health care. Don't take it away from them.

Sincerely,

Rachel Massey
[REDACTED]
Somerville, MA 02144

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:30 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Eliminate Obamacare

Dear Senators,

You have no doubt been deluged with form letters about this bill from numerous individuals who claim they can't survive unless we continue to throw good money after bad and continue to fund the complete disaster that is Obamacare. This is not a form letter. I am a real American whose only agenda is the fair treatment of ALL Americans.

Obamacare was sold to the American public with a series of brazen lies. The people were told they could keep the healthcare they had if they liked it. They wouldn't have to lose the doctors they trusted. In addition, they were told they would pay thousands less for all of this. Lies. All lies.

This bill has done nothing but rob hard-working people of the ability to have the healthcare they earned so the government can provide coverage to people who don't pay. In addition, those hard-working folks get the bonus of paying far more for the coverage they do get.

Obamacare must be eliminated. The system is imploding before our eyes. This bill doesn't go far enough to erase the damage Obamacare has done, but it is far better than nothing. The federal government has no business telling the people to buy something that they don't want or need. It also has no business involved in anything not outlined in the Constitution. You are not even doing the 18 things you are SUPPOSED to be doing, and doing them well.

WE sent Donald Trump to the White House to help clean up the incredible mess our government is in. WE want this problem fixed. YOU work for US. The only people who like Obamacare are those who get it for free. It is unfair to burden the taxpayer with another entitlement program when it has no possible means of sustaining itself.

To Senators McCain, Collins and Murkowski,

Please show the people who elected you that you have not forgotten them. Sign this bill. Support President Trump in doing what the American People want him to do. Do the right thing and let those hard-working Americans know they can trust you again. Help free them from the burden of providing for others something they can't afford for themselves. End Obamacare now!

Sincerely,

Pattie Rotondo
Mountain View, California

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:49 AM
To: gchcomments
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Ari Robic

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

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Please reject this bill. I have been a Registered Nurse for over 40 years. If this bill passes millions of Americans along with myself will not be able to secure healthcare because of pre-existing conditions. Is this the way government wants to treat people who have spent their life providing services to this country. In my own personnel life I had planned on retiring in 5 years. If my physical conditions get worse and I can no longer work I will loose everthing I have spent the past 40 plus years building. Republicans for the most part don't care, for them they just want more money in their pockets. There was a quote from a republican senator that made reference to people with illnesses not deserveing healthcare. Dare I say more!!!!!!!!!!

Denise Manzitto-Collings
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, California 95828

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:29 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy Graham

I rely on quality affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Cassidy-Graham bill. I work as an independent contractor. I do not get healthcare through my job. Prior to ACA, I was consistently denied healthcare due to my preexisting conditions. It was a scary situation for me as I needed treatment for my condition but could not get it. My health issue is not life threatening but it is painful and I need medication and monitoring from a doctor to keep it under control. Please do not support my healthcare being taken from me. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Respectfully,
Regan Mayo
Washington DC

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Regan Mayo, PhD
Licensed Psychologist

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:28 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

Senate committee,

As a professional who works, pays taxes and lives paycheck to paycheck. I'm in disbelief that our US Congress is so out of touch they don't realize how the Graham healthcare plan would destroy the American health. I have a pre-existing condition. It is under control because of my health care and regular medical appointments. I want to retire during the next few years, I'm terrified you will take us back to the days where insurance can charge me whatever they want or kick me off my policy of decades. I don't trust my State government. I don't want my governor in charge of regulations. Do you not care? Do 32,000,000 Americans who will be forced to pay equal to a mortgage payment for insurance or buy food? Gas? Or medicine? Or kicked off insurance not matter? I've worked my whole life, I'm a proud American, but I'm very disillusioned that my government will throw the poor, middle class, pre-existing, elderly, disabled under the bus. I'm hoping this is defeated. Then it's time for rational thinking. Take ACA and tweak it. The American people see the President as irrationally dismantling everything Obama instead of taking what is working and tweaking it. Before you say its not working...it would be even better if some states and legislation weren't sabotaging the regulations and funding. The American people need a Congress who works for the betterment of the American people.

Concerned citizen,
Debra Travers
[REDACTED]
Garden City, KS 67846

Sent from my Verizon. Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:28 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

I teach in public schools. Please do not pass a bill that makes it harder for my students and their families to get access to health insurance. Please do not pass the Graham Cassidy bill in particular.

Thanks,
Mwolf
George Washington High School

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Hearing

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband suffers from an autoimmune disease that costs thousands of dollars of medication per month when he is in remission. Without the protections afforded to people with pre-existing conditions, our family would be forced to choose between bankruptcy and the life of my husband. The ACA and its protections has saved our family. The disease has a genetic component which means that at least one of our three children is likely to develop it as they grow. They would reach lifetime maximums before puberty. The Graham Cassidy bill is not good for us and not good for America.

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

Sincerely,
Krista Gates
Rothschild WI

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Need for ACA

I have personal history with the struggle to get health insurance for a family member with a pre-existing condition. It was a nightmare. Currently, I have family members who rely on the ACA. All Americans need access to health insurance at an affordable rate. Please work on a bi-partisan solution to replace the ACA and not to repeal it.

Sincerely,
Shirley Melen
Palo Alto, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:46 PM
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 son and I have preexisting conditions—ulcerative colitis and arthritis—the would not be covered under this bill. Millions of Americans like us rely on the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve and strengthen the ACA, not repeal it. We all deserve quality, affordable healthcare.

Sincerely,

Dena Testa Bray

Etna, NH 03750

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:47 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

I am a senior citizen with children and grandchildren, and I'm very concerned about the future of health care in this country. I think the Graham-Cassidy bill that is being rammed through the Senate is a terrible direction for health care. I urge Congress to pursue a bipartisan fix for the ACA, and not a repeal.

Thank you.

Donna Taapken
North Freedom, WI

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Timothy Taylor

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California 90064

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Reeve Love

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:47 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Cheri Haram

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Mpls, Minnesota 55432

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comment re the G-C bill

Dear Senators,

I am an employed 31 year old who would not have access to healthcare without the AffordableCare Act. I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Before the ACA I entered the private healthcare market as a healthy 27 year old with no major health issues and was rejected for a "pre-existing condition" a single irregular Pap smear that required no treatment. I will certainly lose my insurance if the bill passes. Please do not condemn me and so many others to the choice of ill health or bankruptcy. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Jessica Barber

Auburn, Maine

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:34 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Bill

PLEASE, PLEASE do not allow this latest plan to pass! It would be disastrous to give power to the states to allot health care benefits -- or not! That is exactly what has led to millions of people not being able to afford medical insurance.

Barbara Payne
Schaumburg, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham-Cassidy bill

To Whom it May Concern (To Those Who Care):

Most families have members with pre-existing conditions, including my own.

One son of mine (who lives in Denver) has his own private physical therapy business, employs over a dozen people, and treats many.

Yet he himself has a serious liver disease..sometimes requiring hospitalization and surgery.

Obamacare gives my son peace of mind that if he needs the #ACA, it will be there for him.

There is no good to come for Graham-Cassidy bill..just physical and financial stress for millions of American families and their communities.

Financial uncertainty, economic instability benefits no one.

Regards,
Kathleen Menke
Haines, Alaska

Copy:
Sen. Lisa Murkowski
Sen. Cory Gardner

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy bill

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

My concern with pre-existing conditions is that I have a teen-age daughter with a chronic autoimmune condition. She will have this pre-existing condition forever. Once we can no longer cover her on our family plan, she will need to get her own insurance. She will have to get her condition covered for the rest of her life.

She has enough challenges in this life. Please don't add to that.

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Sincerely,

Hannah Bloch
Acton, MA

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Thank you for providing this opportunity for comment. I believe that all Americans deserve good quality, affordable health care. The Graham-Cassidy bill is needlessly cruel and I am vehemently opposed to it. I am a middle aged woman with multiple pre-existing conditions that would not be covered if I sought new employment. And there are so many others in much worse health who would suffer unnecessarily if this bill passes.

I hope that if Congress works in a bipartisan manner, the ACA could be improved upon. Get it together!

Thank you.

Joanie Gearin
Arlington, Massachusetts

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From: Melinda McGee [REDACTED]
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Finance Committee,

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If you have any doubts about the weaknesses of this plan, pretend that you are a person with a lifelong preexisting condition, like epilepsy. Then run the numbers for what your healthcare costs will be like. It will be appalling.

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From: Richard Bjorum [REDACTED]
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From: Maija Veide [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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From: Kenneth Burkhart <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 PM
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Finance Committee,

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Marianne Lappin
[REDACTED]

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So far I have seen no viable alternatives to a system that seems to be working fairly well, just a spoiled brat's attempt to undermine every good thing that President Obama did.

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Thank you for your time.

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Laurie Noll
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From: Kristin Norderval [REDACTED]
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Finance Committee,

I have had the opportunity to live in Canada, Norway and the US. Health care in both Canada and Norway is a non-issue. If you are sick, you get covered, and citizens are happy to pay the requisite taxes to fund the system. The US system on the other hand was a travesty until the Affordable Care Act was passed, giving access to millions. 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.

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regards, Kristin

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From: Maryasha Katz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:15 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hi,

My name is Marcie Katz. I work at several different jobs: as a therapist, as adjunct faculty at two different universities, and as a dance teacher. None of my positions provide health care. I am absolutely unable to afford health care without the affordable care act.

At the age of 53 it is hard to be on this planet and not have something that someone would consider to be a "pre-existing" condition. As it is I have a chronic condition called Ankylosing Spondilitis. Without appropriate care this is a debilitating disease that could leave me with a fused spinal column. I am able to manage my chronic pain with treatment and medications. Without that I face a quality of life that on some days is unthinkable.

I work extremely hard. Pay my taxes. Help my community.

I rely on quality affordable health 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,

Marcie Katz

Minneapolis, MN

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From: Anne Marie Hutchison [REDACTED]
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Anne Marie Hutchison
[REDACTED]
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From: Dr. Tammy King [REDACTED]
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Sincerely, Dr. Tammy King

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gardner, Massachusetts 01440

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From: Paula Evans [REDACTED]
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Finance Committee,

Since we are diplomatically alienating ourselves from the rest of the world, we may as well be decent to ourselves, a concept that begins with providing affordable, accessible, high quality healthcare for all.

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Paula Evans
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We have never had to deal with this before at these high levels of hate. I hope Trump and his cabinet blow themselves up. They are mean and evil. As for Ryan & McConnell, they should be voted out and all the rest of any Congressmen and Senators who support them. Anyone who voted for Trump and his goons deserve bad things.

Carol Fabitz
[REDACTED]

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Kewaskum, Wisconsin 53040 9364

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We need to stop give-aways to corporations that harm our citizens and environment. Please, reject this latest assault on our health care!

Melissa Hutchinson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sara Buehler [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition to Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Sir or Madam:

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

My story with pre-existing conditions and affordability is that my husband suffers from cardiac issues and I am retired. The constantly increasing cost of quality insurance and the risk of being uninsurable due to the heart issues poses a serious and concerning threat to me and my family.

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

Sincerely,

Sara L. Buehler
Oak Park, Illinois

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Debbie Reichow

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[REDACTED]
Scottsdale, Arizona [REDACTED]

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Minneapolis, Minnesota [REDACTED]

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Wakefield, Rhode Island [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Sparkill NY, New York [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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Arab, Alabama [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Albuquerque, New Mexico [REDACTED]

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David McSwane
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[REDACTED]
In, Indiana [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

New York, New York [REDACTED]

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Helene Herman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
New York, New York [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: John Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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John Harris

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sunnyvale, California [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

EAU CLAIRE, Wisconsin [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kria Lacher [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
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Kria Lacher
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Portland, Oregon [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Diane Palma [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

The newest version of Trumpcare is basically a scheme to get MOST Americans off insurance. It is a bill to KILL people, if not wipe them out FINANCIALLY. We all know that it is meant to be a huge tax break for the highly-profitable medical device industry that NEVER pays taxes.

We owe this bill due process to be reviewed because it will DESTROY the lives of the MAJORITY of Americans. DO NOT make this decision in a WEEK.

I urge the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee to reject Graham-Cassidy and give good health care to the People - that is their right. Make wealthy corporations pay their fair share in taxes! Other countries do it - so their is NO REASON we can't also!

Diane Palma
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hammond, Indiana [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Joel Ambelang [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Joel Ambelang
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Wisconsin [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Catlin Valles [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM
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I am personally outraged that some elected representatives are yet again choosing to play politics with American's health. As someone who is self-employed and has lived with a "pre-existing" condition my entire life, I find these repeated attempts to repeal the ACA and strip millions of Americans of health coverage (in order to dole out tax breaks to corporations and billionaire political donors) to be nothing short of unconscionable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Catlin Valles
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Portland, Oregon [REDACTED]

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From: robin nadel [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Connecticut [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Eugene, Oregon [REDACTED]

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From: Catharine Crockett [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Illinois [REDACTED]

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From: Penny Lambert [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Huntington, Indiana [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jess Graffell [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
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Jess Graffell

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] California [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Judith Zevin [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:16 PM
To: gchcomments
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Irvine, California [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Donald Evans: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 PM
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Donald Evans

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], New Mexico NM [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Katie Bruell [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please save my healthcare

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I also run a small non-profit. Without the ACA, neither I nor my employees would have any health insurance at all. 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 keeping us alive.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Alamos, [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Susanville, California [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Heather Ruff [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:15 PM
To: gchcomments
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
New Haven, Connecticut [REDACTED]

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From: James Monroe [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], California [REDACTED]

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From: Mary Barbezat [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:15 PM
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Illinois [REDACTED]

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From: Andrew Lear [REDACTED]
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Andrew Lear
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Massachusetts [REDACTED]

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From: kathy miller miller [REDACTED]
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kathy miller miller
[REDACTED]

1215 Anchors Way # 183
ventura, California 93001

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From: paul richman [REDACTED]
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People under ACA are voters.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arizona [REDACTED]

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From: Brenda Mills [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Los angeles, California [REDACTED]

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From: Leon Van Steen [REDACTED]
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Leon Van Steen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Francisco , California [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Lunbeck [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Mary Lunbeck

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], California [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Oregon [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Woodbridge, Virginia 22192

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From: Lona Bishop [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Re. ACA and health care

I am writing to express my strong dissent with those trying to pass the Graham-Cassidy act. This is the worst possible direction for this country to move in, and will cause millions to lose healthcare and the protections now in place that prevent lifetime caps, unaffordable rates for those with preexisting conditions, removal of coverage for essential health care benefits, and more. As one who purchases coverage in the Individual Market, and being over 60 but not yet 65, I am also concerned that my rates could increase by as much as three-fold based solely on my age. Yes, we need to come up with some "fixes" to improve the ACA, and the House and Senate must work ACROSS PARTY LINES to determine what those should be, but simply tossing it all out is not the answer. Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy. The American people will remember.

Lona J. Bishop
Luray, VA 22835

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Betsy Hickman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Personal Testimony

Dear Senators,

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

As a new mother, I depend on affordable healthcare to ensure that both mother and daughter are thriving. I experienced blood clots four weeks after the birth of our daughter that if left untreated, could have left my husband raising her as a single father.

Thanks to quality, affordable care from my doctors, nurses and the hospital ER, I am alive to witness my daughter's first smile and the many important milestones yet to come. Our family will continue to depend on quality, affordable healthcare for any subsequent pregnancies as I now have a pre-existing condition. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Betsy Hickman
Alexandria, VA

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Anne Sansbury

[REDACTED]
7000 P [REDACTED]

Annandale, Virginia 22003

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From: R. G. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comment on the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

Dear Finance Committee:

I'm writing to express my objection to the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill intended to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

The AARP says this bill threatens affordable coverage for older Americans. It eliminates both premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions, and may also allow insurers to discriminate against older Americans with significantly higher premiums.

I urge the committee to consider the disastrous impact on older Americans and to reject this bill. The Senate should instead be working on bipartisan efforts to stabilize the markets.

Yours,

Rachel Gatwood
[REDACTED]

Reston, VA 20191
[REDACTED]

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Melanie Ross
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Danville, Virginia 24541

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To-Anh Pham

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Falls Church, Virginia 22042 [REDACTED]

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Hamilton, Virginia 20159

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From: Melissa Burn [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Bills

Gentlemen and Ladies,

I am a federal employee and have health coverage through my job. However, several of my nieces and nephews do not. I know there are many pros and cons for each alternative health program the federal government could design and implement. For this reason, I beg you to engage in a more deliberate and comprehensive discussion of this very important issue before making a decision that will affect the lives of many millions of Americans. I'm not asking you to repeal Obamacare or preserve it. I'm just asking that you take the time that is appropriate, given the significance of the legislation and the impact it will have on the lives of our citizens.

Melissa Burn
Triangle, VA

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From: Mary Phillippo [REDACTED]
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To: gchcomments
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Richmond , VA, Virginia 23225

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[REDACTED]

Falls Church, Virginia 22046-[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mikki [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

I am 62 years old and have worked for state government for 29 years. I plan to retire at 66 but I am concerned about healthcare when I retire. I care for my 85 year old mother who suffers from Dementia and several other health issues. I don't know how much longer I can care for her in my home. She doesn't qualify for Medicaid right now but should next year. What will happen to her. What happened to compassion in this world. I am sorry it looks like this country functions on greed.

Thank you for reading this email.

M. Pleasants
[REDACTED]

Henrico, Va 23233

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[REDACTED]

orange, Virginia 22960

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Eileen Mullee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote no on repeal

My sister is mother to 3 children with juvenile diabetes. Through no fault of their own, my nieces and nephew live with this life threatening illness every minute of the day. Although now adults, 2 of them were diagnosed at age 8, the other just last year at the age of 28. They did not ask for a pre existing condition. They did not ask to be reliant on testing blood and injecting insulin 3 times a day. The cost of supplies - needles, monitors, insulin - is prohibitive without adequate insurance and costly even with. My nephew is a bartender and must get his own insurance - currently thru ACA. One of my nieces would like to start her own business - a true entrepreneur -but is hesitating because she currently gets insurance thru her employer. Both are worried that if the ACA is repealed, they will may not be eligible or may not be able to afford the health insurance they need. The ACA may not be perfect or perhaps there is a better way. Let's take the time to do the proper investigation and vetting. Let's not rush a less than honest approach thru just so you can call it a win. Let's create something that provides affordable and adequate healthcare for all. Let's make the moral and compassionate choice and vote no on repeal until we have something that is a benefit for all.

Sincerely

Eileen Mullee
Potomac Falls, VA

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

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From: Barbara Clark <[REDACTED]>
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Barbara Clark
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Diane Tulipani [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:28 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I am against the GCH bill

Senators,

I write to you to express my deep concern and outrage at yet another attempt to destroy healthcare for millions of Americans with the proposed Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson bill.

The proposed legislation will not "promote the general welfare" of American citizens. Like previous attempts, it will cause millions of our fellow citizens, myself included, to lose the healthcare we currently have BECAUSE of the Affordable Healthcare Act (now law). My specific situation is that I have pre-existing conditions, low income (I do not qualify for Medicaid), and I am over 50 years old living paycheck to paycheck. It is the triple-whammy that guarantees that I will not be able to afford any plans that would be available as a result of the GCHJ bill. It is only because I receive a subsidy that I can afford my current insurance that helps cover my monthly medications which would cost over \$200/month (unsustainable on my income). It also covers the special medical equipment I require to breath at night while sleeping. I would not be able to afford purchasing the equipment or the consumable supplies required for its proper operation. I would not be able to have preventative services, such as an annual mammogram or other recommended cancer screenings, annual checkup to monitory my blood pressure, and preventative vaccines.

While the shift in this proposed legislation leaves much of the decisions to state legislatures how to implement, federal money will be greatly reduced - by \$100s of millions to each state - whereby the insurers operating in each state would have to reduce coverage and/or increase premiums.

Taking away the subsidies and replacing them with block grants of much less funding than currently provided, will result in people losing insurance coverage. I would lose health insurance coverage. In essence this proposal also allows states to waive the requirement of pre-existing condition protections and the essential health benefits (EHB). EHBs PROMOTE better health by preventative action. Forcing people to go to the doctor only when sick may be too late. Prevention and early detection of life-threatening diseases increases wellness and life expectancy. Removing the requirement of EHBs will result in long-term illnesses, increased expenses (and bankruptcies) and death of YOUR constituents.

Do not ignore all the medical experts and health industry experts, associations, and the public's opinions. This is bad legislation and needs to be stopped if you have ANY care or concern for your constituents and the well-being of our country.

Please put an end to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson bill. Do not allow it to go before the entire Senate for a vote.

Sincerely,
Diane C. Tulipani
Hayes, Virginia

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rosemary Seltzer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Four times

Dear Senator Warner,

The GOP does not care about my daughter. My daughter is 16 and has autism and an intellectual disability. She is one of the 12000 Virginians on a waitlist for a Medicaid waiver. Without that waiver, she will have to be placed in an institution. The only reason we are able to keep her at home is because we have the EDCD waiver which provides us with respite and attendant care.

For the fourth time this year, the GOP has demonstrated that they don't care about my daughter and they think that her life is less valuable than their own. I am tired of having to fight this. The American people want health care, and we want Medicaid to help those that need help, whether they be disabled, elderly and/or poor. Enough. These people should not be in power. They only act to financially benefit themselves or out of spite because they hated Obama.

Thank you for all your hard work and for fighting the good fight.

Rosemary Seltzer
Richmond, VA

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Rosemary G. Seltzer
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gmail <a [REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Affordable Care

As a person who works as part of the health care provider sector I urge you to please work to achieve a bipartisan agreement to improve the ACA, and not repeal it or gut it to the point where millions of patients with preexisting conditions will not be able to afford care. Recognizing once and for all the health care is a human right and not a luxury, will help all of us to move forward to reasonable solution in the wealthiest country on Earth. Thank you for your attention.

Àngela Mast
1 [REDACTED]
Herndon, VA 21071

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Brooke Taylor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:30 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy

Please vote no on the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. My granddaughter was born with cerebral palsy and her life would be threatened if her many pre-existing conditions were either not covered and covered at such a cost as to be prohibitive. She also relies on Medicaid as a secondary payer to her private insurance and any cuts to Medicaid would also put her in jeopardy.

She is an honors algebra 10th grade student, and with the appropriate healthcare, she will be a vibrant, productive, contributing member of society. Under this bill, her future would be severely threatened. And she is just one of millions who would be negatively impacted by this bill.

Again, I urge a NO vote on Graham-Cassidy.

Thank you,
Brooke Taylor
Richmond, VA 23221

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Betty Stewart [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:37 PM
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Betty Stewart
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Newport News, Virginia 23608

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Buena vista, Virginia 24416

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You advocate and legislate for all the citizens of the United States. Ask yourselves, who is against this bill? ONE TENTH of the citizens of this country stand to lose life-saving care. Babies. Old people. Disabled people. These are folks who, through no fault of their own, need us to extend a helping hand. Those who provide care. Doctors, medicaid administrators, insurance companies, nursing homes. Those who get care and those who receive care reject this bill.

Only 24% of Americans support this bill. Include in this figure are all those who can afford their own care. All those who stand to receive a tax cut if this bill passes.

In essence, this is blood money.

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Elaine Dessouki
[REDACTED]

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From: Charles Studholme [REDACTED]
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Finance Committee,

I have kidney failure, but would like to work a couple more years. Without the ACA insurance program, I will HAVE to take disability and retire. My community will lose a shop they have relied on for 31 years, and my four employees (a veteran, a single mom, a 79 year old senior citizen, and a Parkinson's Disease victim who is otherwise unemployable) will lose their jobs. The legislation before you is an absolute disaster. Please reject it.

Charles Studholme

[REDACTED]
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Alexandria, Virginia 22302

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Fairfax, Virginia 22033 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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Tucson, Arizona 85701

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Palo Alto , California 94303

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San Jose , California 95135

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Ira Weissman
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[REDACTED]

Potsdam , New York 13676-2109

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Joseph Kondrot
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Washington, District of Columbia 20003

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Meaghan Brown
[REDACTED]
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Holliston, Massachusetts 01746

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From: Phillip Cripps [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

This entire fiasco is proof once again that politicians serve their donors and not their voters. By knocking over 30 million people off of their health plans they are committing murder. It's that simple. The only way forward is Single Payer healthcare.

Phillip Cripps
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Cathedral City, California 92234-7932

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Finance Committee,

We are the richest country in the world and yet our government is controlled by wealthy congresspeople, a billionaire president and his disgusting, greedy cabinet members.

The American people are middle to lower class, senior citizens, poor people, veterans and disabled. Ee dont have the income to gight this mass injustice.

We are deluged by requests for donations to fight these ills and we cannot afford to.

What a sham this is! The Republican Party is owned by the 1% and constantly seeks to undermine the majority of the US population.

We are constantly threatened with loss of our healthcare, measly Social Security payments, less dollars to public education, attacks on our natural resources, our environment, a vastly crooked pharmaceutical industry that keeps increasing our copays, high utility bills, and billionaires who buy ads to influence our elections thanks to the unfair Supreme Court. The list is never ending.

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North Hollywood, California 91606

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patricia Weidinger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy Bill to Repeal Healthcare

I am writing to strongly recommend that the Graham/Cassidy Bill to Repeal Health care be defeated. This Bill will devastate people in our country by taking away their health care.

If this is being done to pay back donors to the Senators, who expect to be repaid in such a mean way, ignore the donors and do what is right for the PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY.

No. Graham/Cassidy Bill to repeal health care!!

Patricia A. Weidinger
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Charles Anstett [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Senators,

As a Psychiatric prescriber, working with some of our most vulnerable, mentally ill citizens, I see on a daily basis the devastating results when someone with mental illness loses healthcare coverage, forcing them to seek care in the ER.

The cuts to Medicaid in this bill will cause millions of Americans with severe mental illness to overburden hospitals, jails and community resources. This situation will be especially disastrous in rural areas, where services are already in short supply.

I urge you to listen to the American public who have come out overwhelmingly in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill.

The ACA needs improving. Let's all work together under regular order, as Senator McCain has pleaded to create practical and meaningful healthcare legislation.

Sincerely,

Charles Anstett, MSN, ARNP
[REDACTED]
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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Linda Harkness [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:35 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Health Care bill

Please do not pass this bill that endangers affordable, compassionate health care of Americans, especially those who are impoverished. I do think some parts of Obama care need fixing, but this is not the way.

Sincerely,
Linda Harkness, Shoreline, Washington

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patricia Fong <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No Graham-Cassidy bill

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill repealing the ACA. There is no long-term plan down the road and the OMB has not scored it yet. Finally it will take healthcare from the most vulnerable Americans.

No on G-C bill!

Patricia Fong
Seattle, WA

Patty Fong, [REDACTED]
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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: M.M.K. Schmidt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do Not Pass the Heinous Bill

The United States needs a single payer health care system that guarantees ALL people coverage.

DO NOT PASS the Graham/Cassidy bill, or any other that does not move this country closer to universal health care for ALL our citizens!

***** Marnae' M. Schmidt Bothell WA 9801

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dori Cahn [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy bill

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to vehemently **oppose** the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. By many accounts, this bill will

- seriously weaken existing programs like Medicaid, which provides support for millions of Americans who have limited resources or ability to take care of themselves
- disproportionately hurt women by eliminating funds for women's health care
- infuse insecurity into the insurance markets, likely leading to large increases in premiums for many who cannot afford to pay more
- give states the ability to exclude people with preexisting conditions by allowing insurance companies to charge exorbitant premiums for those conditions, putting insurance out of the reach for many who are already struggling with health challenges

However, it is not clear to the American people exactly what this bill will do because there has not been public accounting of exactly what is in it. We have no CBO score on this, and likely will not by the time a vote is jammed through in order to meet the September 30 deadline for budget reconciliation.

What we do know is that nearly every reputable health-related organization opposes this bill, from the American Heart Association, Diabetes association, and many more, to the AARP, to the Medicaid liaisons from ALL 50 STATES.

This is no way to create legislation that has a huge impact on nearly every single person in this country -- except those who can afford not to worry about the costs of their health care, which is a tiny percentage of Americans. Congress should not be catering to those few, but rather listen to the 88% of people who OPPOSE this legislation. Most Americans want adequate health care that they can afford. Graham-Cassidy does not provide that for us.

Dori Cahn
Seattle WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sue Graf [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:30 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GCH comment

Hello. I am the grandmother of an almost five year old girl, Alma, who has cystic fibrosis. She was diagnosed with this disease through newborn screening and will always have this "pre-existing condition". It's not so something from her making bad life style choices, unless you think that having parents who unknowingly carried a mutant gene was her choice. Cystic fibrosis has been a life shortening condition but recent advances are turning this into a manageable condition and our hopes are that Alma will live a long healthy life. But her health care needs are expensive and ongoing.

The Affordable Care Act has provided our family with the relief of knowing Alma won't be charged higher premiums for health insurance than others and that there is no life time cap on her benefits. We have enough to worry about without now worrying that these protections might be taken away if the GHC bill passes. Please remember the needs of kids like Alma. She counts on adults to make good choices that allow her to stay healthy.

Sincerely,
Susan G Graf

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rachel Katz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy is a bad bill

Dear Senators Hatch and Wyden and members of the committee, The Graham Cassidy bill is a bad idea. The only person I have heard refer to it as "good" or "great" is the President, and we can all presume he has not read it. Most of what I have been hearing (from Cassidy himself and others) is about the promise Republicans made to repeal Obamacare, and how legislators need to keep their promises. That's a terrible reason. I'm not going to go into all the other things this bill fails to do, because you are smart enough to know what they are. It is catastrophic for *people*, and there is a huge long list of medical associations, insurance companies and providers that oppose it. I haven't heard anyone endorse it.

I also want to comment on the push to get this bill voted on with only one brief comment period. The only reason to do it, as far as I can tell, is to keep their promise to kill the ACA as quickly as possible. I can't imagine another reason to come up with something that was even worse than the last attempt. Republican legislators who I have seen and heard on the news commenting on this bill blame the lack of stability of the healthcare system and higher premiums etc on the ACA, and claim the urgency lies there. Considering that premiums have been going up by double digits for years before the ACA, I think that's a false claim. When they talk about Obamacare "imploding", it's because the administration is trying to sabotage it by pulling advertising and shortening the open enrollment period. If Congress really wanted to do something about costly premiums, they would regulate insurance providers, or get rid of them altogether. I think if they stopped talking about repeal and replace until the bipartisan healthcare committee could actually come up with some ideas, they would find that the ACA would carry on and at least give people a fighting chance to keep buying their life-saving drugs, stay in their nursing homes, have needed surgery or other procedures until someone presents a healthcare plan that actually helps people without breaking the bank.

I have not been a huge fan of the ACA, but I prefer life with it than the current alternatives. You know who is a fan? My brother in law. A few years ago, he came down with a mysterious autoimmune illness that tried to shut his organs down for no particular reason. His doctors conferred with specialists all over the country and worked around the clock trying to figure out what it was; they'd never seen it before. It turned out to be something called HemoPhagoCytosis. He was in a medically induced coma for three weeks, given major steroids and chemo drugs, and when miraculously, he didn't die, he had to spend another month in rehab learning how to walk again. This is a man of very modest means who makes and repairs string instruments for a living. Without our medicaid expansion, he really would be dead.

My story is less dramatic, just that like Jane Eyre, whose preferred method for not going to hell was "I must keep in good health and not die", I try not to have reasons to traffic with the medical profession. I make less than \$30,000 a year and qualify for a subsidy that helps me pay my premiums. The plans that I can barely afford to pay for have high deductibles and crappy services. I have noticed that premiums and doctor fees have continued to climb, but my understanding is that it has nothing to do with the provisions of the ACA, and more to do with the uncertainty of subsidized healthcare. Under the plan I had last year, appointments with my regular doctor still cost me \$185 to walk in the door, my deductible barely covered my cataract surgery, and my insurance company refused to pay for several line items connected with the surgery. Many local providers will not take my insurance. This also has nothing to do with the ACA; it's because they hate dealing with the insurance companies. Under Cassidy Graham, I would not be able to afford insurance *or* see my doctor without.

Why is it that all other major countries (and some developing ones) have universal healthcare coverage, and for less money than our government is paying for ours? The English people I know say that when you need medical help, you hand over your National Health card, get your healthcare and never see a bill. The Canadians I know are happy with theirs and say wait times don't seem any worse than what we experience here. When I make a doctor's appointment

for something that is not an emergency, I have to wait up to two months. That's ridiculous. I think that if people could be made to understand that the amount they would have to pay in taxes would probably not exceed what they currently pay in premiums and deductibles, or if they don't have insurance, their medical bills, they would totally go for universal healthcare, or "medicaid for all".

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely
Rachel Katz
Port Townsend, Washington

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathryn Carper [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:24 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Kathryn Carper
Subject: Graham Cassidy

Hello,

I am a full time educator and I wait tables on the weekends. I'm healthy (for now) but I care about my family, my friends, and the well being of all Americans. Those supporting Graham Cassidy can't possibly feel the same way and allow this bill to happen. At my jobs, I work to help my students, my customers, and the organizations I work for. I don't hurt them or shortchange them for personal gain. That's all we are asking of you.

Sincerely,

Katie Carper
Seattle, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nancy Barnum [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:23 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

This bill is cruel and unusual punishment for all but the very wealthy. Please do not allow it to pass.

Thank you.

Nancy Barnum
Puyallup, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marybeth Hillard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:02 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

I urge you to vote against this so-called health care bill. It is not only poorly devised and can only further destabilize our insurance markets, it is mean spirited and will harm millions of people with preexisting conditions. We need thoughtful, careful reform to the existing American Care Act which has provided health care to millions who never had it before. Scrapping the existing act for this flimsy unworkable bill is throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

Marybeth Hillard
Redmond, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: William Adams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:30 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Bad idea

Moral hazard is not a new idea or highly controversial idea in insurance economics. I strong discourage any forward movement on this bill. I am all for improving the current system, but this is a step backwards.

I am a practicing psychiatrist with an M A

Sent from my iPhone

William W AdMs, [REDACTED]
Seattle, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Catherine Williams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill, attn. Editorial and Document Section Rm. SD-219

Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal
Monday September 25th, 2017

Catherine Williams
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Honorable Senators,

Please table the Graham-Cassidy-Johnson Proposal and return to regular order.

Thank you,
Catherine Williams

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Eowyn Baughman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Citizen question for Monday hearing on Graham-Cassidy

Would the pro-life senators present please explain how increasing premiums for pregnant women by over \$17K comports with a pro-life position?

Thank you,
Eowyn Baughman
Seattle, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Assaf Oron <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:29 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please stop playing monkey business with a nation's health

Dear Finance Committee,

Once again Senate GOP leadership is trying to pass a bill that would affect the entire nation's health, and at least 1/6th of the nation's economy, under darkness of ignorance, and without any proper vetting.

Please return to regular order on healthcare legislation, which is what the entire health profession, as well as the insurance industry, and the vast majority of the public, have been clamoring for you to do.

Thank you.

Assaf Oron [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Note: the views represent only me, however our hospital's leadership and the Children's Hospitals Association (CHA) in which we participate, have been very adamant that the haphazard, irresponsible attempts to legislatively tamper with healthcare be stopped.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Vicki Shimkus <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Senate Finance Committee/Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy Heller-Johnson Proposal on September 25, 2017

Dear Chairman Hatch, Ranking member Wyden and distinguished members of the Committee,

I write to you today to urge you to reject the Graham-Cassidy Heller-Johnson proposal.

While I am lucky to not only have health care, the means to pay for it and live in a state where I know I will be protected by a state government who cares for its citizens in the event I am not able to. I must write on behalf of friends, family members and strangers who I will never meet who rely on Medicare and the ACA to cover their healthcare.

The proposal being considered would take coverage from millions of our most vulnerable citizens. The ACA has provided access to coverage for millions and benefits both people who need insurance and the insurance market.

The ACA has helped my family in the form that it covers preexisting conditions and has no cap. My own child was diagnosed in Jan 2016 with a brain based medical illness which almost took her life. She now has a "preexisting condition" for the rest of her life. She is only 14. Under this proposal she would either be denied insurance or have to pay astronomical premiums to have health coverage for the rest of her life. Why?

This is not who I thought we were as Americans. We shouldn't help the few over the many. This proposal will endanger peoples lives and not make this a better country.

With respect,
Vicki Shimkus
Bellevue WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rochelle Riling [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:13 PM
To: gchcomments

Dear Senators,

I have many concerns about GrahamCassidy, but one most relevant to your work is the CBO score. It's my understanding that a partial CBO will be "allowed" and will not invalidate the reconciliation process. Even if true, that's a reckless way to handle the nation's assets and community economies. It's also a reckless stance for the GOP to take, basically an abandonment of the mantle of fiscal conservatism.

During "skinny repeal," an easy majority of Americans weighing in on the issue of healthcare asked for a return to regular order, for bipartisan work, for hearings, experts, etc. That's the ONLY way to handle healthcare. We're quite aware that the only reason senate leadership is rushing this issue is so they won't have to deal with it under regular order and come up with a 60 vote majority. Quite frankly, "sleazy" is the best word I can come up with to describe that strategy. A related concern for me is the "bribes" inherent in the GramCass process. Even if my state were to gain, I would object if those gains came at the expense of my fellow citizens in other states. And the idea of creating 50 "new" healthcare programs by 2020 is ridiculous. There's not enough time. It almost seems like an actual effort to crash the markets.

It wasn't long ago that many GOP didn't even support a healthcare program at all. I'm glad that's changed, but it hasn't changed quite enough. It really is true that a strong nation needs healthy people. You've heard the stories. People with acute health issues have been able to stay in the workforce, avoid losing their homes, etc. because of ACA. It is also true that to get the best healthcare plan for this country, you need broad input. A handful of guys writing a plan in the bathroom doesn't do that. We told you this in July; we're telling you again. Please listen. You have so much on your plates with a dysfunctional White House, and yes, we know most of you see this. Creating a healthcare catastrophe with GrahamCassidy does not help get the nation back on track.

Respectfully,
Rochelle Riling, WA State

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jackie LANE [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Reform comments

Me and my family will be hurt by the Graham Cassidy bill:

I retired early last year, so that I could spend time giving back to the community. I was able to do this because I knew I would be able to buy affordable, quality, health care thanks to the ACA. My husband has several pre-existing conditions, including cancer (Bladder, melanoma, and prostate) and back surgery.

Please do not go back to a world where people have to consider working for a large corporate just to afford health insurance.

I look around the community and see so many people who will suffer serious health and economic consequences if this bill passes.

Have a heart,

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Lane
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: L G <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:36 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy-Graham Bill

Dear All,

This isn't right. We all know it's true. We've seen the evidence it's all for the Koch Brothers and the millions they pour into the GOP.

It's a very sad day for the United States when elected gov't employees choose to murder millions of it's citizens.

I, as with many others; could write story after story how ACA / Medicaid saved or is saving our lives. Do those true life stories matter? We've been speaking on the for years, have they all fallen on deaf ears? Is the entire GOP insane with power?

Vote NO. You know Jimmy Kimmel is right & he speaks for millions of us.

Lori Giometti
Renton, Wa

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rolf Olsoy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:36 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

Dear sirs/ madams:

I am writing to express the strongest opposition to this cruel, craven attempt to deprive so many of health care coverage. Can we please stop playing this horrible game, basically of threatening peoples' lives and livelihoods?

Sincerely,
Margaret Olsoy
Mukilteo, Washington

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Natalie Dyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Lindsey Graham's and Bill Cassidy's so-called healthcare bill

Here are my comments.

The Graham-Cassidy health care bill has nothing to do with health care and everything to do with politics. If it were about health care it would 1) guarantee that those of us with pre-existing conditions won't be penalized, 2) provide more—not less—money to the states to cover those too poor to afford health insurance, and 3) offer insurance coverage to more—not fewer—people.

But since this bill is all about “taking away” rather than “providing,” it is a cruel piece of legislation that should never see the light of day.

Natalie Zellat Dyen
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Laura Thomas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No on Graham-Cassidy

Greetings. I write to request that you vote this unscored bill down. I am a union represented machinist with higher medical costs now, than two years ago. This I willingly suffer, to ensure that others, who would otherwise be unable to secure healthcare, have access.

I have family in states who did not chose to invest in the ACA and this bill, I fear would kill them.

The only support for this bill appears to be political financiers. Doctors, insurers and the public fear the chaos and destruction that passage of this bill would create.

Please, save Americans by voting this premature bill down!

Sincerely,

Laura Thomas

Enumclaw, Washington

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Penny Schmidt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No on Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

I want to register my opposition to this latest attempt to repeal the ACA & it's protections for Americans. This is a dangerous bill that will cause havoc in the healthcare system. It's very irresponsible to vote on something so consequential without a full CBO score. Please vote No - Millions of American lives depend on it!

Thank you,

Penny Schmidt
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: k Augustin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:55 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

The Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill is a travesty against Americans. It punishes states that expanded Medicare under the ACA and rewards states that refused. This bill is politically driven to create a "win" for the GOP, Trump, and the Koch brothers who have closed their purse until they perceive a win on healthcare and tax reform. Shame on the GOP.

If Republicans manage to pass this bill it will be the death sentence for American citizens and suicide of the Republican Party.

Karen Augustin
Bothell, WA

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Bambie Fontana <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:28 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on G-C Bill/Save & Fix ACA

Hello,

My name is Bambie Fontana and I am a 39 yo Mother, wife, Registered Nurse, Disabled U.S. Navy Veteran and cancer patient.

I served my country honorably Sept.2000-2004 in war zones and non-combat missions. I took my G.I. Bill and as a single mother, put myself through nursing school while divorcing my father's daughter and living 2500 miles away from my home state, Louisiana. I got remarried in 2014 and worked hard in grad school to receive my Masters in Nursing in 2015. That same year, while working 2 jobs and taking care of my patients on the Med/Surg floor of my small community hospital, I noticed I was frequently out of breath and unable to keep up with my husband on our hikes. This was foreign to me; I'd ran a half marathon six months earlier and completed Tough Mudder the previous summer. In short, I was in shape.

I made an appt with my GP who ordered the usual labs. My blood tests were off. She and I had this shared moment where we knew it wasn't good. Many tests and painful biopsies later, results were in. I was officially diagnosed with a rare bone marrow cancer called Myelodysplastic Syndrome or MDS for short in Dec. 2015. I was 36. I had 2 daughters, a promising career in front of me, a home on the lake I had just bought with my brand new husband that had NO kitchen or operable downstairs bc we bought a fixer upper and were (still ARE) fully remodeling it ourselves. No contractors, no outside help, just us and our bare hands fully ripping apart a home we just spent \$410k on to pump \$100k more into it and make it our dream home. It all flashed before me in that moment of diagnosis sitting in a small room at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance with my oncologist and husband. I didn't cry. I didn't curse God or wonder why. My only thought: How will my daughters live without a Mother? What will become of them and their lives?

Fast forward to now, September 2017 and my worries, besides cancer, medical bills, remodeling, custody battles and my employer provided health insurance boil down to this: If Congress votes to gut healthcare, remove the requirement to cover pre-existing conditions and the protection of insurance companies not being able to charge my family more....my questions are now: Do I continue to receive treatments and put my family in bankruptcy, ruining our future or do I...die? Move to another country and lose custody of my 10 year old daughter? Her father already tried to take her away from me when I moved 33 MILES SOUTH to get closer to my cancer treatment facility that I drove to three times a week. So no, moving to another country is not an option.

So here I sit in the country I've served hoping it's government doesn't kill me and millions of others. I beg of you not to do this: Do not repeal and replace the ACA just for party wins and spite. Replace it with something better and not worse if you can but this bill--IS NOT THE ANSWER.

Bill Cassidy is my home state senator and I've never been more appalled in a physician or politician--considering who is the current POTUS, that's pretty significant.

Congress: Do the right thing by Americans, by Veterans and by the sick and vulnerable among you.

Respectfully,

Bambie Fontana, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Tara Van Niman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

The US Senate is making a mockery of our system of government. There is no constituency for this bill. It is opposed by all stakeholders in our healthcare system. Insurance industry opposes, healthcare providers oppose, AARP opposes, American Cancer Society opposes, most governors oppose, March of Dimes opposes, etc. There is only one group in favor and that's wealthy, Republican donors. It is insanity that this is even being considered let alone close to passing. The US Census results last week show clearly that , despite Republican cries to the contrary, that the ACA is improving lives- unless you are a medical bankruptcy attorney.

Americans are exhausted from trying to prevent our own government from killing people. And it is not hyperbole to say taking healthcare away from people will result in deaths. How can the so-called pro-life party even be considering a bill that deprives pre-natal care and implements annual/lifetime caps? So you want to "protect" fetuses but after they're born, they're on their own? We will not stop fighting for affordable, quality healthcare.

Find a bipartisan approach. Hold legislative hearings with expert testimony. Acknowledge the expertise of your own institutions like the CBO. Graham Cassidy threatens the stability of the entire healthcare industry, 1/6 of the US economy.

Americans are watching and they demand better.

Tara Van Niman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Tracy Durbin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: This is not insurance

Hello,

As a mother of four, two of which have life-long medical issues, I implore you to stop pretending that "access" is a meaningful word when it comes to healthcare. Stop pretending that this is good for anyone, anywhere. Stop pretending that you don't believe that every American deserves treatment of injury, illness or disability. Stop pretending that the magic of the marketplace will solve real-life problems. Stop pretending that this won't cost thousands of health sector jobs. Stop pretending that people can get "well" with emergency room services. Stop pretending that you care. It's very, very clear that you do not.

My daughter will die without insulin. My son will lose ground without treatment for his autism. So stop. For the sake of every American, just stop.

Tracy Durbin
Spokane WA
Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Stephanie Christensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:58 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: SFC Hearing Statement on Healthcare to be included

I am a 43 year old mother with an exceptional 7 year old son and wonderful husband. I also have a complicated health history. I have Narcolepsy, a condition that means my body can't sleep right. Without my medicine, I am bed ridden. Have you ever gone 48 hours without sleep and then tried to function? Imagine doing this every day for 30 years. I need my medicine, which currently, without insurance, costs about \$100,000 per year. That's right. Twice what the average family makes.

I also lost my mother to cancer at a young age, and have a heightened risk for Ovarian cancer, as well as breast cancer. If I can't sleep, my body can't be healthy and darn sure can't fight off cancer.

I also have a 7 year old son who deserves to have a mom. Not just a lump on the couch, but an engaged, participating mom who does activities and helps him learn how to navigate life.

If this bill passes, and these atrocities are allowed to occur, can you imagine what would happen to families like mine? My husband has health insurance through his job, but if that were to go away, what would we do? We would have no chance. With a condition like mine, we would be screwed. It would affect my son. It would essentially relegate me to a life of bed rest. Ridiculous. Unacceptable. It would take a working, contributing, functioning member of our society and sideline them. For what?

I'll tell you for what. So that republican senators can get paid. \$400 million dollars is what the Koch brothers are paying our congress to strip millions of healthcare now, and millions more in the future. They are the scum of the earth, greedy and selfish. As are each of the republican senators voting for this bill. It disgusts me to think that someone like John Barrasso, whose wife had breast cancer, and has seen the pain of that, is now willing to strip millions of healthcare so he can get paid.

Let's talk money. That is the motivation of the Republicans, right? To stay in power and get money? What is going to happen to the health economy when no one can afford to see doctors? When hospitals close because of lack of funding? People will lose their jobs. Doors will shutter. People will literally die. The financial repercussions to this will be huge.

I know that the GOP and Trump think they have figured out how to rig votes, gerrymander, suppress votes, and use social media to steal elections, so they have no fear of losing their seats. They want to turn the US into a kleptocracy like Russia. Well, they won't and they can't. They are also taking money from Democratic states and giving to Republican States. That is beyond vindictive, and sick. They may be from one party, but it is their job to represent all people.

They should be ashamed. There is no reason in the world why people in nursing homes and children should die so that they can get a few dollars. It is an embarrassment that healthcare is such a mess in this country. It needs to be fixed, not stripped away. Insurers should not be able to choose who gets coverage and at what cost. We know where that will go.

I beg the few Republicans with integrity that remain to vote no. Work with democrats to fix what is broken.

Leave families like mine alone. Let us thrive. Let us grow. Let us contribute to the economy. Let the elderly be old in comfort. Protect and nurture children. What have we become when we destroy the lives of the most vulnerable for money?

Not only should this bill be quashed, those who support it should be shamed and removed from their positions. I know history will not look kindly on this Republican party of traitors and destroyers of lives.

Stephanie Christensen

Snoqualmie, WA

Proud supporter of Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Bill Peters [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy-Graham

To the Good Sirs and Madams on the Hearing of the Caddey- Grham Bill,

As an American with a Disability I am Disgusted with the Healthcare Bills that the GOP is trying to push thought, Yes ACA has flaws and hasn't helped everyone but the Bill now going to through Congress asks that the Disabled take a Disprortante amount of Cuts to services they need to be able to have the same life and liberty as other Americans, Essentially they are to take a Cut to their Citizenship because right now no one wants to talk to the Disabled and find a win-win that doesn't have the Disabled taking a hit to knee in the name of trying to improve everything for everyone else. Even GOP members say " acknowledged that the bill's Medicaid cuts would force "tough trade-offs" in the future" those Trade off fall hard on those with ID/DD, We get it many Americans want to Deal with Healthcare the same way we deal with cars and TV's and other things, but Healthcare right now doesn't work that way anywhere in the Frist world, before changing programs so that things can get better for others Politicians need to talk to Stakeholders such as the Disabled who might be Negatively Affected by any changes, It might help your wallet book but it will affect the Life and Liberty of someone with a Disability in a bad way and that to me is not a good enough trade off to say let's just pass a bill cause our base doesn't like ACA.

Giving States more Flexibility is really saying we want State to decide who should be hurt by the Reforms we made and then it's not Congress Fault but the States fault that someone's Liberty and LIfе was harmed due to the how much funding we give the state in Medicaid dollars, it's about saying we didn't directly screw you over, but we did make it so that your state would have to screw you over.

Do I get the flaws in ACA, to how we like Liberty and Self-Determination to work yes, to I get the Economics behind what the GOP wanst to do Yes, but these are people we are talking about, fellow Citizens not some Abstract Externality, Yes People with Pre-Existing Conditions cause an Externality that may cause Price Functions, the way to deal with this is Broaden the base of people paying in, Excluding People with Pre-Existing Conditions from the Market will protect people in the market from price shock but will not get people who are the Externality the Coverage they need at a price they can afford, High Riske pools in several states including WA went into Death Sprials well before ACA due to lack of payment into the system of the High-Risk pools being too low...

Please Vote no on Caddy-Graham and start a Bi-Partisan Effort.

William Albert Peters
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary MacDougall [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: VOTE NO on Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Measure

Hello,

I am writing to ask you to vote against this healthcare measure. My husband has a preexisting condition and we have a friend with cancer and this latest measure has the makings of financial ruin for families with preexisting conditions. Allowing the states to choose what healthcare they want to offer their residents does not ensure all Americans will get the healthcare they deserve as citizens of this great nation and at an affordable price. Obamacare does need to be revamped but this is not the answer.

Your truly,

Mary MacDougall
Kennewick, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carole McCluskey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

As a person with a spouse with Crohn's disease, I'm pleading with you to please consider a better plan for the American people. While I know the current ACA is not ideal, it does address so many of the needs that my family has as well as the needs of millions of other Americans. Please don't replace the ACA with an inferior plan, replace it or improve it with a plan that is carefully considered and developed with a consideration of the way people live and their needs.

It is important that we cover pre-existing and preventive care of all Americans.

Do not allow for the Graham-Cassidy plan to become law.

Sincerely,
Carole McCluskey

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Gig Harbor, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lauren Stein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:03 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

To whom it may concern,

I vehemently oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is terrible for our country, but you know that. The facts are coming, if you'll allow the CBO to proceed. The administration, and Trump himself, has set an outrageous precedent that facts don't matter, that reality is somehow subjective and fits whatever disgusting narrative he wishes to peddle. You legislators know better than this.

I watched one of my best friends die of cancer in 2014. Her name was Katie, and she was 22. Watching her family suffer, as this strong, healthy young woman deteriorated to nothing... it was heartbreaking. I'm sure most of you have seen the ravages of this disease, so I don't need to convince you of its devastation. I'm deeply, profoundly grateful that she had insurance; if she wasn't covered (perhaps, I don't know, for preexisting conditions) her treatments would have bankrupted her family. Can you even imagine, trying to survive financially after your daughter has died of cancer? It's hard enough to survive emotionally.

Additionally, as a woman, I deserve the right to quality, affordable health care, and that includes the choice to receive abortion services. If you had a uterus, you wouldn't be so quick to legislate mine.

The citizens of this country have spoken out again and again. You, the GOP, are not listening to us. You are not fulfilling on your promises to represent the best interests of our democracy. Instead, you are pandering to a radical base, who doesn't believe in facts, and throwing the rest of us under the bus. In fact, you're throwing them under the bus, too, because Graham-Cassidy is going to upend and terrorize Red states just as much as Blue states - if not more.

I get it. You, the GOP, ran on "repeal and replace" for 6 years, but even when you have the majority in the House and the Senate, you can't get it done. There's no consensus. That's what happens when you are the naysayer party, whose only goal right now is to oppose anything that is attached to President Obama. It's pathetic, petty, and undermines the fundamental dignity of your office. You were elected by the people, for the people. You are OUR public servants. Act like it.

We are the United States of America. Health care is a human right. We are claiming our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Kill this bill. Take the high road. Work with Democrats to pass legislation that will work for the American people - or get out of the way.

Regards,
Lauren Stein
Redmond, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Donald Black <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

To whom it may concern,

Please kill this bill. It only exists due to Republican pride and does not serve the American people. Republicans have had almost a decade now to craft legislation that could take the place of Obamacare but they have wasted their political capital and now at the last minutes they continue to create these desperate attempts at replacement that if implemented will only hurt the American people.

Do the right thing,

Donald Black
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Franklin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:24 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care story - submitted to GC hearing

Good morning –

My Indivisible organization spent last spring collecting health care stories from around our state to be shared with Senators Murray and Cantwell. This participant requested that I share their story with the SFC to be part of the record for the Graham-Cassidy hearing taking place on 9/25.

Mary Jean Gilman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is submitted to illustrate the situation of my sister, who is a Montana resident. I am a Washington resident. I would like to make Senator John Tester, as well as Senators Murray and Cantwell, aware of this situation.

My sister fell and broke her arm as a result of a Multiple Sclerosis episode when her leg suddenly lost strength. She went to the emergency room for care. She was treated for the fractured arm and kept in the hospital for several days, but it was not recognized or acknowledged that the underlying cause was Multiple Sclerosis. When she was released she could not walk nor get out of her chair, so a friend helped her return to the hospital for further treatment of this critical situation. There she stayed a second time for several more days. For both stays, she was placed “under observation”.

Consequently, there was no qualifying three-day hospital stay as an inpatient, to enable Medicare benefits for her. This also means that the very expensive nursing home stay of six weeks’ duration, which followed two consecutive hospitalizations, did not qualify for Medicare benefits, either. These charges had to be paid in a lump sum, in advance, at my sister’s personal expense.

My sister was unable to return to her home after the nursing home stay, and so moved to an independent living center, where meals and services are provided, but not medical care. As a result of the nursing home charges (\$14,000) and continuing room/board expense (\$2,500 per month) in her new lodging, she was forced to sell her house precipitously in mid-winter when prices are depressed.

During both hospital stays and her nursing home stay, my sister was alone, under duress, and in an impaired mental state and weakened physical state. She also has low vision, making printed forms hard to decipher. My sister was given these notices, but she did not understand the implications. Nor were they given as required by law.

The Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) is critical for patients' information, as it is intended to provide a patient with choices regarding her/his stay. The document is required to be submitted to the patient near the beginning of the stay. By law, every patient is required to be informed in a timely fashion when she/he is personally responsible for the costs of hospital and nursing home stays. This did not happen in her case. With regard to notification of non-coverage, there were significant failures on the part of both the hospital and the rehabilitation facility to timely and completely convey this information either to my sister or myself.

It was inappropriate to ask my sister to sign Advance Notice of Beneficiary Noncoverage for both hospital and nursing home stays, given her condition. When I talked to my sister long-distance at the time, about what kind of things she was being asked to sign, she was not even able to tell me the general content of the documents. Even now, she remains significantly cognitively impaired and, as noted, cannot live on her own.

I also want to call to your attention that I have Power of Attorney for Health Care as well as Durable Power of Attorney for my sister, yet no attempt was made by the hospital or nursing home to have me review or sign the required documents (In fact I signed many documents at the nursing home on her behalf, but the ABN was signed by someone else unknown to us). Rather, they relied on my sister, in her reduced condition, to sign the ABN without understanding its implications. Consequently, I was unable to discuss the admission status with the hospital in a timely manner. When, retroactively, I was informed of the situation, I strongly stated that I disagreed and that I intended to appeal the admission status.

I quote verbatim from the Health and Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services handbook "Medicare Advance Beneficiary Notices", directed to health care providers; published October 2015, page 1. (https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network/MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/ABN_Booklet_ICN006266.pdf) : "The ABN must be issued far enough in advance of potentially non-covered items or services to allow sufficient time for the beneficiary to consider available options. If the beneficiary does not get written notice when it is required, he or she may not be held financially liable if Medicare denies payment, and you (meaning the provider) may be financially liable if Medicare does not pay."

To date, I have appealed this Medicare non-coverage situation at the first level, and it has been denied. I appealed it at the second level and have not yet had a response. However, hospital officials informed me that the inpatient/observation status decision for a patient will not be changed after discharge from the institution. I am not optimistic about the outcome.

The decision by the hospital not to admit my sister as an inpatient directly led to the loss of her home and to her having to spend thousands of dollars for necessary medical care that would otherwise have been covered by Medicare. I feel this is unconscionable. Many others I have talked to have also experienced this kind of inhumane decisions in hospitals and have also suffered the irrecoverable consequences.

My sister prefers to remain anonymous at this stage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Megan Wolfe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:26 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please say NO!!

This bill is not a healthcare bill. It's a cynical attempt to fulfill a broken promise to get money for reelection. Playing politics with people's lives is horrendous. I can't even believe this is being debated again. Work together to IMPROVE the system. Don't throw 32 million people off insurance to make a couple of people happy.

As a mother of two, a former gestational diabetes patient, and a woman I am incredibly scared and appalled by this plan. I am MORE than happy to pay into a system so that others can afford insurance. It is called human decency.

The fact that a bunch of rich, white, old men are trying to decide what is best for the rest of the country is laughable. How do you even sleep at night? I really can't fathom thinking a bill like this one is a good idea. EVERYONE is against it, except for 48-50 people who apparently don't care about anyone but themselves. We would be better as a country and better as individuals if we cared more about others and backed that up with actions. Healthcare is complicated but there are some real solutions out there. Don't kill millions of people and put a huge financial burden on everyone just because you don't like that the black President was in charge when actual healthcare was passed. Improve his system. You'll be better for it.

Please, take time to think of what others are going through. It's not about getting a check for millions so you can get reelected and kill more people. It should be about actually making the lives of ALL Americans better.

Please, please, please DO NOT pass Graham-Cassidy! It is horrible!

Thank you,
Megan Wolfe
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Franklin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care story - submitted for GC hearing

Good morning –

My Indivisible organization spent last spring collecting health care stories from around our state to be shared with Senators Murray and Cantwell. This participant requested that I share their story with the SFC to be part of the record for the Graham-Cassidy hearing taking place on 9/25.

Jodie Katon
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

When I was eleven years old I was diagnosed with what was then called Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. No one understands fully why children get this or any other autoimmune disease, but it certainly wasn't my fault or due to any choices my parents made.

This was a time when the strongest treatment available was steroids. I was fortunate, not only did I have excellent medical insurance, but my disease responded to Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory medication. I eventually went into remission without any detectable joint damage. However, throughout college and after graduation I came to understand the potential peril I faced due to my pre-existing condition.

This was before the ACA and I could only remain on my parents' insurance for a limited time following graduation, which made finding a job with employer provided health insurance critical. Without such insurance I would be forced to self-insure and due to my pre-existing condition risked being denied or charged unaffordable premiums.

During graduate school I had a flare that resulted in an ER admission with nearly every joint in my arms, legs, hands, and feet swollen. I had fought the realization that the rheumatoid arthritis was back for months, insisting on continuing my workout regimen and running several times a week despite the debilitating pain and visible swelling. I was terrified of what the reemergence of my disease could mean for my health and my professional aspirations since at the time I wanted to pursue international health research. When I finally saw a rheumatologist he immediately insisted that I start one of the new biologic treatments. This scared me further, now I not only had a pre-existing condition, but one that required me to inject myself once a week for the rest of my life with an expensive medication that left me vulnerable to infections. Again though I was lucky. I had insurance and so instead of \$15,000 a year I paid about \$120 per year for my medication. But I knew that any gap in coverage could jeopardize this.

Following graduation, while waiting for my postdoctoral appointment to go through at the US Department of Veterans Affairs I used the limited savings I had to pay for COBRA for two months so that I could avoid a gap in coverage. For the past six years I have paid for one of

the most expensive options offered to Federal Employees in order to ensure my medications are covered. But I have also had the security of knowing that I couldn't be denied coverage in the future or charged higher rates due to my preexisting condition. This has provided peace of mind and also given me the option of professional flexibility.

The AHCA threatens to take away this peace of mind and puts me at risk for rate increases, denial of coverage, and could force me to choose between my health and financial well-being. I am terrified of what could happen if I lose my job or if my premiums were to go up. My family relies on my income and the insurance I get through my job. Without the ACA I could not ever consider starting my own business and every professional decision will be dictated by my need for coverage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Franklin

[Redacted signature]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Chris Tachibana <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:28 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: OPPOSED: For the Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, September 25, 2017

Comments on the Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, September 25, 2017

Chris Tachibana
[REDACTED]

Seattle WA 98103

I am OPPOSED to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller Proposal, S.191. I work in the healthcare industry and every element of this sector has spoken publicly AGAINST this bill.

Business leaders such as Kaiser Permanente CEO Bernard Tyson and insurance leaders in the national organization America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) are opposed. Physicians in the American Medical Association are opposed. Patient and health organizations such as the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, and AARP are opposed.

When American patients, doctors, and the business community unite against a law and only politicians support it, what message does that send? That the politicians, specifically in the Republican party, do not have the peoples' interests in mind. A short-term political score is their only goal.

Please do your job. Serve the public by working to stabilize health insurance markets with legislation that ensures financial measures such as cost-sharing reductions. These are the actions that will keep us healthy and strengthen our economy.

Sincerely,

Chris Tachibana

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Franklin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:32 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care comment - submitted for GC hearing

Good morning –

My Indivisible organization spent last spring collecting health care stories from around our state to be shared with Senators Murray and Cantwell. This participant requested that I share their comment with the SFC to be part of the record for the Graham-Cassidy hearing taking place on 9/25.

Jill Rand
98034
jillrand3@gmail.com

No one should die because they don't receive the healthcare they need. And no one should be denied coverage because of the very conditions that necessitate care in the first place. The most powerful country in the world has no excuse - healthcare is a human right and we should take care of the most vulnerable among us. The ACA allows millions of people to access the care they need and taking that away would be a disgrace.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Franklin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Franklin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:34 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care comment - submitted to GC hearing

Good morning –

My Indivisible organization spent last spring collecting health care stories from around our state to be shared with Senators Murray and Cantwell. This participant requested that I share their comment with the SFC to be part of the record for the Graham-Cassidy hearing taking place on 9/25.

Jill Rand
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I stand with Planned Parenthood because all women should have safe, affordable access to reproductive healthcare and the right to choose. For many women, the doctors at Planned Parenthood are the only doctors they have access to. The millions of basic exams and cancer screenings Planned Parenthood does every year saves lives and de-funding Planned Parenthood represents an all-out attack against women.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Franklin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Franklin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:15 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care story - submitted to GC hearing

Good morning –

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Alice Doyel
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am a 72 year old kinship caregiver with sole legal guardianship of my eleven year old grandson. At my age the only health insurance for me is Medicare. Therefore, I cannot provide my grandson with health insurance from my policy. WE NEED MEDICAID FOR MY GRANDSON. Without Medicaid he would have no medical insurance for his physical health or his mental health. The loss of insurance for either of these needs would be disastrous.

There are tens of thousands of kinship care families in Washington State alone, no less over the entire country. Losing Medicaid or keeping it at current levels or not expanding with the needs of families is heartless and cruel. Many of these kinship families are taking care of children who are the most needy victims of the opiate crisis. This is a crisis for which the Federal government expresses such concern while taking away the resources to care for the families and children who are so greatly impacted by opiate usage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Franklin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Franklin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:17 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care story - submitted to GC hearing

Good morning –

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Jennifer Post
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

My healthcare story is a common one. At 50+, like nearly everyone, I have pre-existing conditions. I worry that a repeal of ACA will mean I'll have conditions that won't be covered. One example is that I have bone-on-bone knee osteoarthritis and will eventually need total knee replacements. Surgeons recommend I wait on the replacements until I am older so I won't be faced with possibly needing a second round of total knee replacements during my lifetime.

I've been holding off the knee replacement surgeries by taking care of my knees with physical therapy exercises and paying for hyaluronan injections out of pocket. My insurance used to pay for the injections but stopped paying 2 years ago. I now pay over \$3,000 per year out of pocket but it is worth it to me to delay the knee surgeries.

I am currently on a COBRA insurance plan that I can pay for through November 2017. My current employer is so small that they don't offer health insurance. I had planned to move over to a marketplace health plan in December 2017 but now I wonder if this will be possible and what options I will have for pre-existing coverage.

It has been suggested to me that I go ahead and have the knee surgeries now although the surgeons recommend I wait. It is such a sad sign of our poor health care in our country that people consider getting medical procedures sooner than recommended due to the uncertainty that they may not be able to get the procedures later.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Franklin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Franklin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:56 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Story - submitted to the GC hearing

Good morning –

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Health Care Testimonial By Roy Seliber

[REDACTED]

My father sadly succumbed to a heart attack at age 49 after a lifetime of various ailments. I always felt he was cheated and his fate became a driving force in my life. I always have lived an active, healthy lifestyle. I have run marathons and beyond for over 25 years. In late 2015 out of nowhere I was suddenly diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma called Non-Hodgkins Double-Hit B-Cell. It required an aggressive treatment of chemotherapy and many other forms of care. Fortunately, the lymphoma was eradicated and then I received two bone marrow transplants, including a donor's immune system, to keep the lymphoma from returning. I finally received the "all-clear" almost a year later in October 2016. The total cost of my care was \$1.3M. My entire 2016 out-of-pocket medical expenses, including monthly premiums, were under \$12,000.

I retired early from the corporate world in 2007 to pursue volunteer and near-volunteer opportunities. Prior to the Affordable Care Act, I was on my own to find an individual policy for my family once I was no longer covered by my corporate-sponsored health coverage. This usually involved ever-increasing premiums, astronomical out-of-pocket limits and shrinking coverage. The ACA has provided a more stable pricing structure with reasonable tax subsidies. The coverage has allowed my family to have preventative care, mammograms and other appropriate care. My lymphoma was certainly unexpected, but knowing the commitment rooted in the ACA, I knew I would not be heading towards a financial disaster.

Every American family who is not fortunate enough to have corporate-sponsored medical coverage should have access to the ACA. While the plan can always be modified and improved, not worrying about a "pre-existing condition" that I and many hundreds of thousands of others have, make it imperative that we maintain the basic framework of the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Franklin

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Franklin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:00 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care story - submitted to the GC hearing

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Joe Goldberg
[REDACTED]

Two of our three children have ADD. Our family is lucky that we can buy healthcare from my employer, but if Trumpcare becomes law of the land, my children would have a "preexisting condition" and who knows if we'd be covered any longer. It saddens me that Republicans in Congress gave a huge tax cut to the wealthy instead of doing their jobs to protect all Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Franklin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Greg Andrews <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:15 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy-Graham

To the senate finance committee,

Please do not pass Cassidy-Graham. You have all the numbers, but in short:

- The American people are overwhelmingly against it.
- All the major healthcare societies are against it.
- 50 Medicaid directors and many governors are against it.
- It will cost jobs and cost *lives*.
- We are better than this.

Greg Andrews
Seattle, Washington

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Deb Rock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:41 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to GrahamCassidy

No No No No

Deb Rock
Burien, WA

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carol Pearl at Gmail [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:58 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: You represent US, NOT your rich re-election supporters

It's clear this bill was not written with the u.s. people in mind. It was written at the behest of your Rich supporters who don't care about anybody but themselves. How can you sleep at night knowing what you're proposing and what it will do to the American people? It's clear that this bill does not have the American people's welfare in mind. Shame on you.

Carol Pearl
Seattle, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Karen Bell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:47 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do not change Medicaid

It is hard to comprehend that they are proposing once again to change Medicaid and protections for pre-existing conditions. Because they have good coverage from the government, they seem to have no concerns for regular citizens. My nephew has cerebral palsy and is having a fulfilling life because of the help Medicaid provides to him. His parents work and care for him in their home. He was able to attend regular school throughout his school years due to the assistance of an aid. All of these will not be possible with the changes to Medicaid. If they make these changes, they are heartless and do not represent their constituents. They are only doing the bidding of the very wealthy donors. This is so wrong!!!

Please do not let these changes go through.

Karen Bell
Duvall, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kim Tombrella <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:36 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GrahamCassidy

Please do not enact this legislation! Please vote no.

I am a 56-year-old widow with pre-existing conditions raising a 16-year-old child with health issues. I am working full time and have employer-sponsored health care; my daughter doesn't. It's cheaper for me to buy my daughter's healthcare insurance from the marketplace through ACA. My goal is to work until I'm 70 and keep employer-covered health care, but as I age, I am less desirable in the marketplace as my "price" increases. My healthcare insurance premium paid through my employer is close to \$900 a month. If I am ever phased out before I am eligible for Medicare, I will need to buy my own insurance through ACA. I am confident I could afford SOMETHING through ACA. If the GrahamCassidy legislation passes, I could be denied coverage or be forced to pay at rates which would be unaffordable. That would keep me from having coverage and maintaining my health. If that fails I will be unable to be a productive member of society by working and contributing my tax \$\$\$\$.

Ageism exists. I have two cousins who are 59 and 60 respectively who were both "invited" to leave their jobs. Both are now working part-time at far fewer wages, looking for full-time work--for close to 3 years now. Both have pre-existing conditions and have purchased health care through ACA. They can barely afford the ACA insurance and are now going without certain parts of healthcare because it's too expensive. They are grateful for what they have, but their lives have changed immensely. The one is depressed about not working full time and can't afford counseling. He needs knee surgery but won't follow through because of the cost. That's affecting his ability at his current job. He feels he's in a downward spiral and is terrified of being denied the coverage he does have if GrahamCassidy does pass.

Kimberly Tombrella
Clarkston MI

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Frederick L. Huston, Jr. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: "Healthcare"

I am writing to be on record that I am one million percent against the abomination of a supposed healthcare bill currently being considered by the Senate. Not only is this proposal patently unfair to 99 percent of this great country's population, it is being pushed solely to "repeal and replace" the ACA because said act was promulgated by a person of color. If a sixty year old white male such as myself is able to make this connection, anyone should also be able to do so.

None of the Senators pushing the current bill, and certainly not the buffoon currently occupying the White House, have any idea how this bill will adversely affect the American public. VOTE NO!!! DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!!!

Thank you!

Frederick L. Huston, Jr.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Cathy W [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy

Please do not allow this bill to pass. It will mean certain death for so many who will no longer be able to afford to seek medical help when needed or will bankrupt those who dare seek treatment.

This is not the America we know and love - American citizens are watching!

Thank you,

Catherine Y. Woodard
Kent, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

The Graham-Cassidy bill is NOT a healthcare bill. It is a tax break for the wealthy in disguise. It is trumpcare in its most vile form.

The CBO estimated 24 million Americans would lose healthcare coverage during the first attempt at repeal. The second attack dropped to 20 million losing coverage. Now the nonpartisan commonwealthfund estimates 32 million will lose coverage if graham-cassidy passes.

This bill is a cruel joke parading as legislation. This posturing by senators Graham & Cassidy has nothing to do with representing their constituents or protecting Americans.

This bill is as un-american as it gets short of marching a nazi flag onto the Senate floor.

Please stop this lunacy. Let's heed the words of Senator McCain & return to normal order. Let's work to improve healthcare for all Americans instead of sentencing us to death.

Sincerely,

Sourathathone family
Washington state

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nancy Anderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please Vote AGAINST the Graham Cassidy Bill

I appeal to you to please refuse to support this rushed and flawed bill. Members of my family and millions of other families with special needs children will be deeply affected by the stipulations of this bill on Medicaid/Medicare and the ACA.

Senator Graham himself said that it is an imperfect bill, let's just pass it through. That is wrong!! Please don't let them get away with "just passing through an imperfect bill"

Thank you.

Nancy E. Anderson [REDACTED]
Bellevue, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Colleen Squier [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Hearing on Health care comment

Briefly my story.

Daughter was adopted at age 1 through foster system in Washington. As a teen she was diagnosed as Bi-Polar and with Eating Disorders. That was 18 years ago. Now, as an adult living in Florida, she is covered by the ACA for her medical care and required drugs. Before the ACA, she was told that she would not be able to purchase an individual medical insurance policy for any amount because of her preexisting conditions. With medications, she would not be able to function. She would be homeless, and probably suicidal. With medications and care to manage those medications, she is a functioning woman working on her BA, holding a full time job, working in her church, and part of a loving family. For her, loss of medical insurance is a death sentence.

Colleen Squier
Sequim, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Helen Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: please return to the regular order of business

To the Senate Committee on Finance:

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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Helen Johnson
Seattle, Washington

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kristin Fontaine [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:35 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy health care bill

This bill is terrible. Do not support it.

Please work on finding the funding to make the ACA better and cover more people .

Please mandate funding to do outreach so that people know how and when to enroll in medical coverage.

Please work to ensure that every one in the USA and it's territories has the kind of heath care you would want your own families to have.

Good health care that includes preventative care saves society money, makes more people well enough to work (and thus pay taxes), and generally improves productivity-- all of which contribute to economic health.

Bad health care adds a burden of stress to already sick people, forces them to change doctors every time their insurance changes, and encourages people to wait until their condition is dire to get treatment at emergency rooms, which is more expensive for everyone and can leave them with permanent disabilities.

Under our old 'health care system' prior to the ACA, friends of mine did not have health coverage because they could not afford it or the coverage they had was so poor that even covered expenses were too expensive for them to go to the doctor.

My friends wound up with the following permanent conditions that affect their long-term health and cost more to treat than if they had been caught early: reactive airway disease, damage to knees which led to further health issues, damage to rotator cuff which has led to chronic pain, untreated sleep apnea, untreated diabetes, untreated abdominal pain that turned out to be aggressive colon cancer.

We need health care coverage that encourages people to go in early to the doctor and get care for little things before they become big things.

This means: lower co-payments, lower cost coverage for everyone, and better cost controls (especially on Pharmaceutical companies that waste obscene amounts of money on advertising every year). Healthcare should not be a for profit industry, neither should health care insurance. We should all be paying in to the system so that the funds can be spread out over the entire population.

Having the quality of one's health care be based on luck and riches is wrong.

Everyone should have access to good care.

Please stop trying to undermine the improvements that ACA did make to our system and start realizing that we need a system that gets good care to everyone regardless of employment status, wealth or poverty, race, sex, age, gender identity or geographic location.

Sincerely,

Kristin Fontaine
Shoreline, WA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sherri Fujita <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No to Graham-Cassidy

Dear Finance Committee

I am writing to express my opinion on the Graham-Cassidy bill. Here are some reasons why if you care to read on.

Instead of solving our healthcare problems, you are just dumping the responsibility on individual states who may not be able to handle this additional burden.

There is nothing in its place to encourage healthy people to maintain continuous coverage.

It will unfairly reallocate funding away from certain states. Actually it seems as if predominately democratic states will stand to lose the most.

Pre-existing conditions. It allows insurers to drop benefits that people with pre-existing conditions need or it allows insurers to charge them unaffordable rates. And there is no enforcement mechanism for states that do not live up to their claims.

Vote NO.

Regards
Sherri Fujita

[REDACTED]
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jackie Pierce <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Save Medicaid, special needs 12 year old daughter will get dropped from services

Hello, my name is Jackie and my husband Tyler and I have an amazing but severely disabled 12 year old daughter, Emelia.

Emelia has severe cerebral palsy and is non mobile and non verbal.

We were on the waitlist for the Waiver program for six YEARS before Medicaid was expanded in Washington State. Her Medicaid coverage has allowed our family to get her much needed medical coverage. Before the expansion our medical co pays for our primary private insurance solely forced us to lose our home six and a half years ago and sink deeply into debt. They averaged about \$1800 a month with medical expenses and co pays.

Losing Medicaid will cause another situation of housing instability in our family and we will not be able to afford therapy or specialist treatments for her. At this time Emelia sees 11 medical specialists and one primary care physician.

The Bill to defund Medicaid is morally flawed. No one is accounting for the HUMANS this effects. We are nothing more than a number that can be red inked out. How dare you take liberties with the LIVES of tax paying employed American parents. It is not your place in any setting or political party to play with families lives and ability to support their families health care needs.

DO NOT PASS THIS BILL. DO NOT TAKE AWAY MEDICAID FUNDS.

Sincerely,

Jackie Pierce
Burien, WA

Please excuse the autocorrect !!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Robin Tzucker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

- Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing
- : September 25, 2017
- Robin Tzucker
- [REDACTED]

From everything I can find about this bill, those of us with pre-existing conditions or whose family members have pre-existing conditions are in peril of running up medical bills that could bankrupt us. Just within my own extended family we have members with diabetes (type I and type II), breast cancer, anxiety and depression diagnoses, high cholesterol, hormonal imbalance issues, and crohn's disease (and I'm sure there are more I'm forgetting). The idea of not being able to get health insurance, or losing everything we own in order to pay medical bills, or avoiding medical care because there is no money- what world do we live in that this is okay?? Yes, the system stinks. Doctors and hospitals are expensive. But that is a separate issue to be handled separately. Maybe it's time to get rid of the insurance companies and move to a comprehensive single-payer system where we take care of our people like other developed countries do. Again, a separate issue. But for this bill, right here and now, this bill is a death sentence for many, many people. Not hyperbole. Not exaggeration. People will die. And those who vote to pass this inhumane and cruel bill will have their blood on their hands.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa Polson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:51 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment for Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal on September 25

I am an individual from Washington State who wholeheartedly and completely OPPOSES the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson healthcare proposal.

I do not trust states to do what is best for their constituents, especially in red states and for those that don't believe healthcare is a right. This bill, as with previous versions, is horrible and I will not support it. I don't believe the lies the Republicans have been touting about this bill. It hurts too many Americans.

This should be a BI-PARTISAN effort! Stop this insanity and do not allow it to pass. Fix the ACA instead and work with Murray/Alexander to shore up and make fixes to the ACA.

Elizabeth Polson
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Shelly Stuart <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:34 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please save The Affordable Care Act

As a United States Citizen, taxpayer and voter, I am writing to urge you to not pass the Graham-Cassidy repeal of The Affordable Care Act. Please act in the interest of the people versus the Koch Brothers.

Sincerely
Shelly Stuart

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: spidermantribal [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Say NO!! to Graham-Cassidy

Senators: This radical change to health care in place for eight years is wrong-headed and will harm the health of millions of Americans. Do not vote for Graham-Cassidy. If you do, we will see you voted out of office.

Spider Kedelsky, Washington

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:59 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Hearing to Consider Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25

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

Peggy Schildgen
[REDACTED]

Peoria, AZ 85382

I STRONGLY oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill before the Senate Finance Committee for Monday's hearing.

I believe that the Senate should provide the same level of hearings as the ACA received. The AMA, American College of Physicians, American College of Pediatrics, in addition to patients group like JDRF, ALS Association, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Arthritis Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Family Voices, JDRF, Lutheran Services in America, March of Dimes, National Health Council, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Organization for Rare Diseases, Volunteers of America, and WomenHeart should be allowed to appear with ADEQUATE time allowances in OPEN session.

I stand with Jimmy Kimmel. Senator Graham and Senator Cassidy and all the GOP Senators supporting this abomination are lying to the public because you KNOW the fine print and you KNOW what states will do to people with pre existing conditions. In addition you are gutting Medicaid so you can give YUGE tax breaks to yourselves and your wealthy donors.

Fix ACA, do what is right by not supporting GOP trump deathcare.

You and your party will all be held accountable in 2018, 2020 and possibly in the next world especially all you God taunting Christians...what happened to treating your neighbor like yourself? You all kept MyPresidents Obamacare features for yourselves and your staffs.

We are watching. I hope that the biggest hue and cry will go up that even you people who only pretend you care about your constituents will Quake in your boots and rue the day you decided to sell your souls.

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:45 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

My fellow Americans,

Supporting this bill would be tantamount to mass murder.

Think about this before you vote.

Let conscience be your guide.

Respectfully,

Nikki DiDomenico

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Defeat Graham-Cassidy

Graham-Cassidy will destroy health care as we know it. My spouse is catastrophically blind and is dependent on Medicaid. Your bill will harm him significantly. I will be 62 in a few years and cannot afford a Gold health care plan. The bill plays with our lives.

Luis Camacho.

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

Vote "no". Thumbs down. Read reports from health institutes.
Thank You,
Maureen Currie

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: please oppose/stop the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

Please stop the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am against it as are so many other Americans.

This bill, besides decimating Medicaid and uninsuring millions would also jeopardize folks with pre-existing conditions - anything from cancer to asthma to depression. It would allow insurers to charge people with pre-existing conditions more, effectively making insurance unattainable for many.

Let's find another solution. PLEASE....

I appreciate your serious consideration.

Maureen Glass

Westmont, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy 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.

Sincerely,
Susan Sayle

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Health Care Plan

Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

In 1972, at age 12, I became an Above Knee Amputee, Osteogenic Sarcoma cancer survivor and prosthetic wearer. Now 58 yrs old, active in my daily life, working, raising and supporting my family. My passion is advocating and encouraging the young, old, new or veteran amputee's. I am deeply concerned for the future of Healthcare for the amputee community.

I am writing because the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Plan will hurt me and all individuals living with limb loss/difference in the United States. Let me state the importance of this issue clearly: *I will not vote in the midterm and next presidential election for any Representative or Senator who supports this bill.*

I have studied the effect of this bill since it became public. The impact it would have on amputees like me would be catastrophic.

- 1. Graham-Cassidy will allow insurers to assert annual and lifetime caps on prostheses.** Currently, all 50 states consider prosthetics an essential health benefit, but that would change under Graham-Cassidy. In states where prosthetics lose essential health benefit status, amputees will be subjected to annual and/or lifetime caps that render the insurance we pay premiums for useless. This will put the devices that we depend on to take every step and to open every door financially out of reach for many amputees. Alternatively, insurers can simply choose to offer policies that provide no coverage for prosthetics at all. This amounts to tacit federal sanctioning of discrimination against amputees. It is unacceptable.
- 2. Graham-Cassidy will permit insurers to discriminate against individuals with pre-existing conditions.** While Senators Graham and Cassidy insist that the prohibition against pre-existing condition exclusions will remain in effect under their proposal, they ignore the fact that the bill simultaneously gives insurers the right to charge higher premiums to people with pre-existing conditions. I urge you to look beyond the political spin and examine the actual *effect* of this change. People like me will suddenly see their premiums explode because we have a pre-existing condition; for many Americans with limb loss, this will be a financial burden they simply cannot bear, and they will fall into the ranks of the uninsured, unable to receive *any* prosthetic care and treatment. Not only is this bad from a moral and ethical standpoint, it is also a shortsighted economic decision. *Because of our current access to quality prosthetic care and treatment, millions of amputees in the U.S. live active, productive lives. Relegating us to crutches and wheelchairs will cost the government money in the long run.*

3. Graham-Cassidy will result in an explosion of uninsured Americans. While current indications are that the Senate majority is willing to put this bill up for a vote without a CBO score, The Commonwealth Fund has published a preliminary analysis of the effects of Graham-Cassidy. It concludes that over the next 10 years, more than 30 *million* Americans will lose access to health insurance as a result of this ill-conceived proposal. Again, this is not acceptable.

I cannot say it strongly or plainly enough: Graham-Cassidy is bad politics, bad politics, and it will do incalculable damage to Americans with disabilities generally and amputees like me specifically. Instead, I urge Congress to follow the bipartisan efforts of some in the Senate and of numerous state governors: work together to fix the issues that everyone – Democrat, Republican, and Independent – freely acknowledge exist with the health care system.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my point of view on this critically important issue. I will be watching and voting in 2018 and beyond based on what happens in Washington over the next week.

Very truly yours,
David A. Ingraham

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments; Zzwebrespond99 (Cornyn); Cruz, Newsletter (Cruz);
TX32ima@mail.house.gov; Congressman Pete Sessions
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

My name is Zelene Lovitt. I am one of your constituents as I live at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Our home phone number is [REDACTED]

I ask that you **oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill or any other bill that cuts or caps Medicaid**. My husband and I have been raising our disabled grandson who now has his benefits threatened by this bill. Devon receives financial aid for HSC housing, vocational support, medical benefits, and numerous other areas of need. He is a wonderful person who needs this help. It is critical for his continued welfare that these benefits continue. My husband and I are aging out and we would like to know that our grandson will be well cared for now and after we pass.

Please **reject the Graham-Cassidy bill or any other similar measure**. Thank you.

Zelene Lovitt

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy bill

Hello;

I am writing to you today about the proposed Graham/Cassidy bill which aims to replace Obamacare.

There is so much missing from this bill that it is difficult to know where to start. Just know that if this bill passes, it won't look good for Republicans at all. Why would any party want to be known as the party that took away Medicaid benefits or rendering coverage for prescriptions as optional for carriers?! People losing coverage is not a thing that should be taken lightly either. I am horrified by the proposed changes in the Graham/Cassidy bill and am asking that you please do NOT vote on this incomplete and awful healthcare bill.

Thank-you,

Shawna Tobias
Billing Specialist, Finance/Accounting
Penton



Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do the RIGHT THING

Please do the right thing and say "NO" to the Graham-Cassidy fiasco. Thank you.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

To the Finance Committee:

The Graham-Cassidy bill is a step in the wrong direction for the American people.
This bill will make health insurance unaffordable for many who are currently insured.

The Senate must work in a bipartisan faction to fix the Affordable Care Act.
That is what the people want!

Bonnie Pomfret
[REDACTED]
Wayland, MA 01778

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Don't Repeal ACA

My 17 year-old daughter has intractable epilepsy and major intellectual disabilities. I'm writing to from her room on the neurology ward at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Medicaid has allowed her to have medical care since she was a baby. Our lives and her existence depends on Medicaid. We have to deal with the stress of her condition and our daily lives are complicated and stressful enough. Thank God we haven't had to worry about her medical coverage and services. If you vote to repeal the ACA you are harming her, our family, and millions of other families who suffer enough.

Please vote against the repeal and do the right thing, rather than playing political games.

I beg you.

Regards,

Clare Luzuriaga
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: "Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017"

To Members of Finance Committee,

My name is Diana Grazia,

I am writing to let you know I firmly believe this new bill being presented to replace the ACA will put our most vulnerable citizens at risk.

It removes the clause to protect those with pre-existing conditions; which will make it nearly impossible for most people to afford health insurance.

The bill does great harm to women, who wish to have children, making it far too expensive for most citizens.

The bill also makes people in their 50s pay far more than before, which is very unfair.

I can not understand why they are doing this now, when fixing the ACA makes far more sense.

Please do the right thing, and help stop this horrid bill, which will be a death warrant to many people.

Sincerely,

Diana Grazia

[REDACTED]
Winsted, Ct. 06098

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:47 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
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I was born with a pre-existing condition of kidney failure and a genetic liver disease it cause me to have to have two kidneys and a liver transplant passing this bill would greatly hurt everyone that depends on the pre-existing condition Clause to no longer be valid I urge you to rethink this bill!!

Connie Humphrey

Connie Humphrey

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham Cassidy Bill. This bill will harm people like myself with pre-existing conditions by allowing states to opt out of protections and essential benefits in the ACA.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bailey

[REDACTED]
Summerville, SC 29485

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy legislation

I am writing to oppose this bill being passed. While I understand that legislators want to fix the flaws in the ACA, this makes everything worse. EVERYTHING. Cutting Medicaid, block grants, massive shifts of money from one state to another, pre-existing coverage being removed, and the rolling back of the individual mandate - all of these things will harm people. There is nothing in this bill that helps anyone except the very rich, and the currently very healthy.

We are all of us healthy until we are not. There is no way to avoid eventually having a pre-existing condition. Accidents happen all the time, and it doesn't even have to be through someone's own fault they are hurt. The definition of insurance is to pay a little on a consistent basis so when you need it, you will be covered. This view that "healthy people paying for sick people is bad," is wrong, because that is how insurance works! I was healthy for 40 years before I was diagnosed with a severe pre-existing condition. I am still paying into insurance, but now I lean on another who is currently healthy but not using their benefits as much. That is how this works.

Putting money away for a rainy day I would think should be the definition of conservatism. If pre-existing coverage is removed, why would I keep paying for insurance? The premium amount alone will bankrupt me, I'd be better off using it to not go to the doctor and wait till I do have to file for bankruptcy.

People will die with this bill. Not a few. A lot. Millions, perhaps.
Stop and listen to folks.

marybeth

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA repeal

"How dare Mitch McConnell and his band of dreary men attempt to affect 1/6 of the US Economy in such a haphazard way. McConnell and his buddies are fiscally IRRESPONSIBLE. I suggest to you that this "repeal" attempt be condemned due to the lack of "regular order" in the US senate."

Jennette Greed
Howell, Mi 48843

Sent from Windows Mail

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee

I am writing to ask that you please stop the Graham Cassidy bill. I don't understand how our government can move forward with a plan that would take away coverage from millions of Americans. So many of us know that the only reason they want to do this is out of spite and not because they actually care about the people they represent. Please put country and your citizens first.

Thank you.

Best,
Cindy McCreery

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Cindy McCreery
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comment to be entered into the record re: G-C bill
Attachments: Comment for Graham-Cassidy Hearing on Monday, September 25, 2017.docx

(Statement to be entered into the record - below and attached as doc)

Comment for Graham-Cassidy Hearing on Monday, September 25, 2017
From Jessica Offir [REDACTED] Coventry CT 06238.

My family and I depend on the Medicaid expansion provision of the ACA, and we are extremely worried about how this bill will affect us if passed.

I was originally a social psychologist working in HIV intervention, and I became a secondary school teacher after my husband died and I became a single parent. I am 53 years old and disabled due to autoimmune disease, and I receive Medicare and a Medicaid-funded secondary insurance called QMB through the Medicare Savings Plan, which pays my 20% copays.

I very frequently have need of fairly expensive health care -- in 2016 alone, I had a breast lumpectomy, seven biopsies, four abdominal CT scans and very numerous other imaging, many months of physical therapy and two hospitalizations for colon problems.

Because my disease impacts multiple systems of my body, I need care from a variety of specialists, including those in rheumatology/immunology, pulmonology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, cardiology, dermatology, podiatry, ophthalmology, physical therapy and colon surgery. I am also followed by an oncologist and breast surgeon. I also depend on many medications, one of which costs approximately \$75,000 per year, including infusion center fees. Before I started taking this drug, which is for severe asthma and also reduces my incidence of respiratory infections, my breathing was so poor that I was on high doses of steroids almost constantly, I wasn't able to climb the stairs to my second story bedroom without resting and using my inhaler, and I was having repeated close calls as I was rushed by ambulance to the ER. Because there is no way that I can afford this medication (which must be given at an infusion center) without Medicaid, I expect that the repeal of the Medicaid expansion will quickly lead to my dependence on an oxygen tank and resumption of frequent ER visits, and my risk of premature death will increase *very* significantly. In fact, I expect that my inability to afford this drug will almost certainly result in my death within two years at most.

I am also Conservator of Person for a 33 year old family member who suffers from severe mental illness. He is a Phi Beta Kappa college graduate who once hoped to become an academic, but then developed the bipolar subtype of schizoaffective disorder, which shares features with schizophrenia.

For many years he suffered from profound disability and homelessness due to his illness, which led to more than 20 hospitalizations, one of which lasted for more than two years in a state institution, and multiple serious car accidents. But for more than a year, he has been able to engage in stable full-time employment, which is something of a miracle, and this is due to the daily visiting nurse service that Medicaid affords him. When he loses this service (as well as other mental health

services, as his employer is a national company based in another state and will likely not cover his preexisting mental health condition), he will no longer be able to remain medication compliant, and it is certain that he will lose his employment and return to homelessness and repeated stabilizations via hospital emergency departments. This situation is tragic not only for him personally, after the enormous struggles he's gone through to achieve independence, but also in regard to the loss of productivity and greater economic burden society will bear for his untreated, chronic disease. Today, thanks to Medicaid, you would not know he is ill. If Graham-Cassidy passes, you will be able to spot him a mile away; hopefully, he won't be behind the wheel of a car.

The Graham-Cassidy bill is ill-conceived, bad for Americans, and will destroy our family. If passed, it will result in my death. I urge the Senate to do the right thing, and to vote in favor of human lives rather than corporate and big money interests, and to vote this bill down.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: REJECT GRAHAM-CASSIDY

I am writing this email to register my opposition to the proposed Graham-Cassidy bill that would revise and/or eliminate many provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This bill would be an absolute disaster for many Americans, including my wife and younger son, who would be excluded from all but the most expensive health care insurance plans due to pre-existing conditions. It would raise the premiums for high-risk patients to the point where health insurance would be impossible to afford. In addition, it transfers vast amounts of revenue from majority-Democratic to majority-Republican states which suggests a strong element of partisan pandering to the latter category. It is a hastily-created, incoherent, and unconscionably cruel piece of legislation. I strongly urge the Senate to reject this bill.

Regards,

Nick Jorgensen

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: medicaid

Don't any of you people live in the real world? I have personally seen an elderly woman in Food Lion putting meat in her bag, she couldn't afford food and medicine. Now she is in jail for shop lifting. I think all of the politicians need to be arrested as her accomplice

We work all our lives ,or at least some of us. Our money is used to help many people that are perfectly capable of working. Then when we get old you want to cut our benefits? How about if all you rich government employees take a big pay cut to help the average joe that put you in office and help us. We need help with health issues, vision, dental, and other everyday, life skills. Do you truly believe anyone begs to go to a nursing home to have to get rid of what little they have accumulated over their life time? If you want to do something give the people that have worked and struggled all their lives more benefits. If people don't work then don't give them benefits, I'm talking about the people that know how to work the system. I am not that smart. If they don't work then they don't want any help when they really can't work. All of you should be ashamed to even let people know what you do for a living, you are all criminals, everyone of you.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

To whom it may concern,

Please do not repeal or replace the ACA. Say no to the Graham Cassidy bill and continue to provide millions with health care they currently have with ACA. Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,
Kristen Spencer

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am worried about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because of many reasons:
the financial ramifications have not yet been determined by the CBO It is opposed by almost every major medical association There is no guarantee of coverage for people with preexisting conditions We need uniform protections for all citizens, should not be left up to the whim of States We need a universal coverage, single payer system

Dee Dombach

17015
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Legislation

Hi I just sent a brief message, however, I was told to send by 1:00 PM because of a session starting at 2:00 PM today for the Finance Committee?

I have been contacting my local representatives as well as in Washington, for the last few months, to express the grave concern for the changes that are being mandated to the care for adult with disabilities and others through Medicaid cuts.

I will tell you first hand I am grateful for the Medicaid benefits my daughter as a 21 year old with right-sided hemiplegia (cerebral palsy), developmental delay, low vision in right eye receives and do not take it for granted.

I said in the last email, the country of the USA is only so great as it's compassion for the least citizens among us who have legitimate reasons to be eligible for Medicaid blind and disabled benefits. The quality of life for these individuals is always in jeopardy as they are limited in ways they can advocate for and better themselves.

Please vote with your conscience as far as taking care of these citizens. Put yourselves in their shoes, and stand up for them please.

Sincerely, Thank you.

Martha

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:13 PM
To: gchcomments

Honorable Committee,
This bill is morally corrupt and WRONG. It strips healthcare from 32 million Americans, who are the backbone of America. But, the crushing medical costs as proposed in Graham-Cassidy will break our backs. Waste no more time on this bill. Simply say, and vote, NO. Millions of lives depend on this.

Sincerely, Cyndy Woods-Wilson, PhD
[REDACTED]

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"All that I do or say, is all that I'll ever be". Billy Joe Shaver

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Obamacare saved my life

I'm a hardworking father of two. I've also got a pre-existing condition. When I lost my job and spent time freelancing, Obamacare saved my life and helped my wife and I pay for amazing care when our daughter was born. It is hands down, the best thing the government has done for my family, and so many others I have met, in my lifetime.

Americans don't want Graham-Cassidy. It's incredibly unpopular for a reason. Americans want bi-partisan plans to improve Obamacare and bring down premiums.

Do not do this.

Stephen Levinson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

I am a lifelong Republican who because of my moral convictions and my desire for social justice, changed my party to Democrat this year. I could not and would not support anyone such as Donald Trump. I am appalled that have witnessed a party that claims to be Christian sneak a bill under the noses of the American people that has not been fully vetted, has not had the proper investigation, and is opposed literally by every medical organization that exists. I am not an impulsive nor gullible person and I challenge every fact that I read whether on social media, on the news, whatever. I am not convinced that pre-existing conditions would be covered. I am not convinced that states will be able to effectively run in their own insurance programs, I am not convinced that premiums wouldn't go up. If you want to do the right thing, open up discussion of this bill to every medical and patient advocate organization, be transparent. I beg you to reconsider this dangerous bill.

Sincerely,

June Stovall

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Distinguished Members of the Committee,

If passed, the Graham-Cassidy bill will remove funding for Medicaid, which currently subsidizes my healthcare plan. I would completely lose assistance for healthcare and would be unable to afford visits to doctors, authorized tests, medications, or hospitalization including the emergency room. Since I have a number of easily, inexpensively treatable ailments that would rapidly spiral out of control without treatment, it is not an exaggeration to say that Graham-Cassidy would make me poor, make me sick, and then kill me, in very short order.

Sincerely,
David Limburg
Nelsonville, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

I am writing to oppose the Graham Cassidy bill currently being considered in the Senate. As a healthcare provider, this bill would be a literal death sentence for many of my patients who would lose their insurance coverage and life-saving care.

For me and my family I also oppose this bill. I have a chronic health condition and would be labeled with a pre-existing condition. As a self-employed, small business owner this would make it difficult if not impossible for me to get insurance coverage. The GOP says they are all about supporting small businesses, but this bill would be devastating for small businesses.

I am at a loss to understand why this bill is even being considered. It seems to most of us that the GOP has abandoned their fellow citizens and cares only about their own money and power. And also about undoing Barack Obama's legacy, which is just ridiculous. The GOP seems to be entirely without a vision for new ideas in healthcare.

This legislation is opposed by every major health insurance company, by doctors, by the AARP, by every group representing patients and working on various health conditions. It seems the only people supporting this bill are GOP politicians.

I strongly urge all Senators to vote against this bill. If you don't, you will be responsible for the death of many innocents.

Sincerely,
Lisa Marie Price
Rockville MD

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No to G-C

Count me in as a huge NO to the G-C bill.
NO to your wealthy donors who demand this of you.
NO to meeting campaign promises that make no sense for Americans.
NO to blowing up a healthcare system that CAN work if you make it work.
NO to taking money from healthcare to fund tax cuts.
NO to the liars sponsoring this bill.

YES to Jimmy Kimmel.
YES to the ACA.
YES to bipartisanship in our government and in our health care.

NO to G-C.

Terri Jacobsen

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy-Graham bill

Dear Senators,

Though I know little of the highly secretive Cassidy-Graham bill which intends to repeal and replace many sections of AHC, I am very concerned that it would seem many in the Senate know even less.

Equally alarming is the fact that there have been no hearing by the CBO or careful examination by any third party neutral insurance-finance experts.

I am aghast that any Representative of We The People would even consider casting a vote for or against a piece of legislation that has been brought before the Senate under such circumstances.

Sincerely,

Chapin S. Birney

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Grahm Cassidy plan

PLEASE DO NOT PASS THE GRAHM-CASSIDY PLAN. How many more times do you have to try and fail??

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Carol Leiva, LCPC, NCC
Behavioral Health Care Manager
Primary Care Coalition



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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

As a constituent with a pre-existing condition and over 65, I implore you not to bring this horrible bill out of committee. Why: it has no CBO. It is just a farce that you're so bent on destroying ACA that you would turn your backs on the people who depend on you to legislate for all of us. Why can't you spend all your efforts fixing the ACA instead of destroying it? Pre-existing conditions must not be relegated to states and/or into special groups with higher premiums. This would eventually destroy me as I have pre-existing conditions. My drugs, drs. and treatments are already horribly expensive. A block grant to my state (Tx) would not work. Austin has demonstrated numerous times that they are willing to throw children and those with pre-existing conditions to "the free-market wolves." They will write-up coverage for pre-existing so high, no one will be able to have it.

Medicare: this bill will destroy it, additionally making it even more expensive. As is, my drugs are going up \$76 a month this year. My husband and I are retired and will not have an increase in income to off-set that rise in charges. This bill is thought to harm at least 30 million Americans. Knowing how that usually turns out, it will most likely harm 40-50 million people. My question is why: Why are you so focused on destroying the ACA that you would consider something this mean just to repeal it? Many republicans have issued statements saying it was a bad bill, but they are voting for it anyway just to destroy the ACA. Who cares, they imply, who cares about the people it hurts. I beg you: please do not do this. Please go back to work and fix what doesn't work without taking affordable healthcare away.

Thank you,
Janice Parker

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:12 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. Jennifer Mueller

[REDACTED]
Ripon, WI 54971
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Re: Vote No On Healthcare Bill!

I would like to enter my opinion regarding the health-care bill before the Senate. I am against the bill as it is being presented. The option for the states to determine what is affordable and applicable for pre-existing conditions scares me to death. I'm a 70 year old prostate cancer survivor. My wife is a breast cancer survivor. My children have had incidences of cancer. Therefore, no member of my family would be covered if the state decided to apply stringent rules on pre-existing conditions.

I would urge a bipartisan approach to repair the flaws in the current Healthcare System and not plunge the country into a protracted Healthcare debate that has now been going on for decades.

Do the right thing. Table this bad bill. Passing it to fulfill a campaign promise that a majority of Americans are against is lunacy!!

Mike Howley
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Against Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

To Whom It May Concern,

As a recent university graduate, health insurance benefits significantly influence my job applications. Under the current Affordable Healthcare Act, premiums for young people, elderly individuals, and those with preexisting conditions were kept at a pragmatic minimum. According to most estimates, my home state of Pennsylvania stands to lose \$11 billion dollars in funding between 2020 and 2026.

Therefore, I support continuing the Obama-era protections for families as well as pre-existing conditions. I support a single payer program. I support government subsidies for people living in poverty. Again, no one should be denied healthcare. Going to the hospital for treatment or receiving a preventative physical should not be reserved for wealthy elite. I urge all senators to vote against this healthcare proposal.

Sincerely,
Seth Roseman

[REDACTED]
York, PA 17403

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Disaster

Respectfully, passage of this bill and the consequent repeal of the ACA and it's many benefits would hurt me and my family beyond measure. We are self employed and have pre-existing conditions that would force us to have to manage extortionate insurance rates.

This bill would hurt others in the US even more than us.

Please please please make sure this bill DOES NOT PASS. It is horribly immoral and financially irresponsible to revoke the ACA.

Sincerely,
H Fisher
Newport, RI

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: graham-cassidy bill

vote no to this legislation. this bill will cut medicaid for people with disabilities and seniors who rely on it. it will also charge people with pre-existing conditions more money for coverage. this bill is acceptable. vote no to the graham-cassidy bill.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: AGAINST Graham-Cassidy bill

Please put a stop to this torture of middle-class Americans. My husband and I have both worked and saved since we were teenagers, but he has had to retire due to health problems - including eight hospitalizations in the past two years. There is NO insurer who would allow us to buy a policy, at any price, without the consumer protections in ACA.

It is insane that Republicans keep trying to take us back to the horrendous medical profiteering before ACA. We need to build on ACA. Call it whatever the hell you want, but IMPROVE it.

Trump promised to make our health system better and more affordable, and to cover ALL Americans. It's time for Republicans to use those promises as a guiding principle - not reverse all the gains we have made, as a nation, with ACA.

Please act like adults and decent humans, and work to IMPROVE and EXPAND ACA. Removing coverage from 30 million Americans is akin to torture and murder and treason.

JB Clark
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments for Graham-Cassidy bill

Hearing for Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill Date of Hearing: 9/25/17 Individual commenting: Suzanne Sorkin, M.D.
Address of commenter: 800 Cottageview Dr., #411, Traverse City, MI 49684-2614

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the Graham-Cassidy health care bill. As a retired family physician I remember with horror the days prior to the ACA when disabled people and those with prior conditions would be unable to access health care. This bill would return us to those bad old days. Patients with diabetes, for instance, would go without medication until brought in to the ER in diabetic ketoacidotic coma, a life-threatening condition requiring an expensive ICU admission. After discharge, assuming the patient survived, the cycle would start all over again...

Please do NOT pass the Graham-Cassidy bill which would return us to those days.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy Bill

Hi!

I am writing to express my dismay and opposition to this proposed legislation.

My biggest concern with this bill is millions of Americans will lose their healthcare. There are no protections for people with pre-existing conditions. It, also, makes deep cuts to Medicaid. Block grants to states is not a good idea. What if you are unlucky enough to live in a state who doesn't want their citizens to have access to healthcare.

I have, also, heard that Republican leadership is trying to bribe some states with incentives in order to get the senator to vote yes.

What is most disheartening is Republicans were very upset with the way Democrats passed the ACA. Well, they are doing the same thing. I urge them to return to regular order and do this the right way.

Lastly, this bill is just heartless and mean.

Sincerely,
Carla

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 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
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Leaving so many Americans uninsured is unconscionable. It will have a negative impact on the American family and the American work force. Passing this act will resonate badly with the American people. I ask you not to let it pass.

Star Foster

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare stop graham Cassidy

Please stop this horrible bill. This amounts to a death sentence for people with chronic illnesses. My husband is on a cancer drug that is keeping cancer at bay. For him and people like him insurance is the difference between life and death. My niece had a liver transplant at the age of four. She is now 14, she needs anti rejection drugs for life. She is uninsurable. This plan is a death sentence for her. What are you senators thinking? You have no problem awarding the military huge amounts of money to murder people. Then you deny millions more people health care to save millions. Your party has become the party of death and destruction. So disappointed in you. You are the death squad.

Why do you want to murder my niece and my husband?

Rose Mary Hefley
Omaha, Nebraska.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No Graham/Cassidy

I am deeply concerned about the Graham/Cassidy health care bill and its disastrous effects on Americans and their health. Please do not support this bill or mislead Americans about its effect on health care. Thank you for your service to the American people.

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Kristy McCurry

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern,

One in three women will develop cancer in her lifetime. Half of men will develop cancer in their lifetime. Those statistics don't include one of the leading causes of death-cardiovascular disease. That is a lot of people. People. Fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, children, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, friends, co-workers. People. People who deserve the same medical coverage that you have, that I have. I am a healthy person who is subsidizing sick people. And some day chances are a healthy person will subsidize my care. And so it goes. Unless you take away the protections that are embedded in the Affordable Care Act. The protections that most people overwhelmingly support such as pre-existing conditions and preventive care. If you would like to improve the ACA take the time and actually try to improve it. Don't gut it. Don't take away people's protections for tax cuts. Don't let states opt out of the basic rights and protections for Americans. Men, women, children, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, co-workers, friends, people. People.

Thank you,

Monique Jacobs

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy comment

Please do not allow Graham-Cassidy to become law. It would throw millions of Americans off of insurance, and wreck havoc on people's lives. This is not who we should be as a country.

Yours,
Jennifer Teig von Hoffman
Boston, Massachusetts
02135

Utah Nickel



Holliston, MA 01746

Senate Finance Committee Hearing on Graham-Cassidy Bill, September 25, 2017

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am writing in opposition of the Graham-Cassidy Bill. It seems in the effort to appeal the ACA before the procedural short cut expires on 9/30, the "care" in this bill was left on the chopping block.

I am concerned that this bill like all the attempts before will result in millions of Americans losing healthcare. The fact that the Senate is willing to consider this bill with out the full Congressional Budget Office score, no consideration for amendment and no debate is simply put – shameful. Health coverage for some is a matter of life and death, something that should not be part of politics.

Enough with the sham politics, please start focusing on the real changes and improvements that both Republicans and Democrats agree need.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Utah Nickel".

Utah Nickel

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:51 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No on Graham-Cassidy bill!

As a tax paying, voting American, I call on you to reject the Graham-Cassidy Bill and to pursue a workable single-payer healthcare plan at the federal level. 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. It is unconscionable.

Broderick Fox

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please vote no on this bill that will kill Americans

I am writing to you because I have had recurring cancer that I have been battling for 9 years. I will die if this cancer prevents me from being covered by health insurance. I'm not alone in this situation. I thought our government was supposed to help the citizens of this country, not lead us into debt before putting us into early graves. Please consider that every human deserves a chance to fight life threatening diseases, no matter what our financial situation is. It is hard enough to endure the treatments that save our lives, we should not have to use our energy to keep our insurance and medical care. Thank you for considering the lives of the people you were elected to protect.

Sincerely,
Teresa Tulipano

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No Repeal of ACA

Good people of the US Senate:

Please do not pass this new bill concerning health care. It is drastic, and will cause harm to this country's citizens.

Your roles are to protect citizens. That mandate is not limited to military force. Indeed, the USA already has a mighty force, and spends far more on defense than any other country in the world.

We need our citizens to be healthy in order to be the best possible human beings, whatever that looks like for the individual: the young and healthy can remain healthy and productive, the sick and infirm can get the best care, the elderly will live out their days with dignity. Children can grow and thrive. Health care is fundamental to living.

All men and women are created equal. This means ALL, not just the favored few of this administration. Love thy neighbor does not limit "neighbor" to white healthy heterosexuals. It is inclusive of all types, races, genders, sexualities, ages, religions.

I beg of you, for the love of this great country and its outstanding citizens, keep the Affordable Care Act intact unless and until there is Medicare for all.

We are counting on you to do the right thing for all Americans. Keep the ACA!

Thank you.
Jean Hohn
Loveland CO

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From:

Sent:

To:

[REDACTED]
Friday, September 22, 2017 12:08 PM

gchcomments

Please don't be so vindictive. We need to teach our children better. You don;t have the votes or a plan. Please be responsible.

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ROBERT LIANO

Saul Goode Entertainment, LLC

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO ON GRAHAM CASSIDY

This bill will kill, plain and simple. The ACA needs improvement, not repeal. The health insurance market needs stability and predictability, not further uncertainty.

Families and individuals cannot be guaranteed affordable coverage if insurance companies are allowed to charge unlimited premiums.

Americans will die by the thousands if this bill passes. The ideology of those opposed to President Obama's achievements cannot be allowed to outweigh the ability of Americans to pursue life, liberty and happiness.

I urge a no vote on this horrible legislation in the strongest possible terms.

Andrew Bacon
Founder/CEO
Northern Pacific Digital

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GCH Comment

I am an American with a disability and I am deeply alarmed by the Graham-Cassidy health care bill. Before the ACA was passed it was nearly impossible for me to obtain health insurance, even though I have had my disability from birth, so it didn't happen to me as a result of laziness or negligence or poor ability to take care of myself. When the ACA passed, I felt great relief--I was finally being treated as a full citizen with rights, rather than a burdensome mistake. I am now employed as a peer mentor for other people with disabilities, where I and others help them find housing and work and otherwise become more independent.

While I now get health insurance through my employer, many of them rely on Medicaid. The per capita caps and cuts included in Graham-Cassidy will jeopardize their health, threaten their hard-won independence, and put lives at risk. I am especially alarmed because the Medicaid cuts in Graham-Cassidy will limit access to home and community-based services, which will result in more disabled people and older adults being forced into costly institutions. Whether we want to save the government or the states money or help people become contributing members of the community, either way limiting people's access to these services will take our country backwards rather than forwards.

Allowing states to waive protections for people with pre-existing conditions will make coverage unaffordable for many - and many of those are people with disabilities. While the ACA is not perfect, I exhort you to work on making it better rather than curtailing the rights of citizens with disabilities.

Thank you,
Alexa Mavroidis

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: My opposition to Graham-Cassidy (GC)

To whom it may concern:

I oppose GC. I oppose efforts to buy individual senators' votes by giving their states sweetheart deals. I oppose senators' misrepresenting the effect that state waivers under GC would have on coverage of pre-existing conditions. It is shameful when a late-night host understands legislation better—or is at least more accurate in describing it—than one of its lead sponsors. Finally, while I am not opposed to compassionate and good-faith efforts to reform the Affordable Care Act so that universal healthcare may become a reality, I oppose last-minute efforts to ignore regular order and cram GC through before September 30. GC is particularly disappointing because, up to this point, I had admired Senator Graham.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gendron

Andrew Gendron, Esq. | Venable LLP
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Baltimore, MD 21202

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The majority of Americans DO NOT WANT this Healthcare bill! It will hurt MILLIONS.
Please scrap it.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

There are so many reasons this bill should die.

It is inhumane. It is about political reasons, NOT what is best for Americans.

Many senators don't seem to know what is in it.

50 out of 50 Medicaid directors oppose it.

Virtually all medical associations oppose it.

And it is demoralizing.

In these challenging times, people need to know their representatives actually care about their health and happiness.

Fix the ACA, which though flawed, you must admit is the most thought-out approach to healthcare in this country we have had.

It should not matter whose legislation it is. It should only matter that it strengthens the country.

Please do the morally right thing and KILL THE BILL.

Sincerely,

Karen Kohlhaas

NYC 10011

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

I want my federal government to provide protections from greedy insurance corporations. I want you to prevent insurance companies from charging my family more for preexisting conditions. Don't put this on the States. I vote and I will spend my time and money to replace every politician who votes for Graham Cassidy, because those politicians do NOT represent the will of the people of the US.
Sue Stack

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Gentlemen,

Why are the Republicans trying to kill us?

This is a mean and heartless bill. It will harm millions of Americans. It will force us to choose between health care or food and shelter. It will harm the weak and most vulnerable among us.

This is the United States of America. Can you honestly look at this bill and say it upholds the high standards of this great country?

Look at all the professional medical organizations who are against his bill. Look at all the American people who are against it. You were elected to take care of your constituents, not line your pockets with money from the Koch Bros.

Shame on you if you pass this bill. Shame on you.

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham-Cassidy Bill

To: Senate Finance Committee

In advance of the Graham-Cassidy hearing next week, I respectfully ask that you consider the following:

I am gravely concerned that Senate Republicans (and White House officials) are attempting to "beat a deadline" with a highly controversial and poorly written "Repeal and Replace" bill. Healthcare costs consume nearly 20% of the federal budget, the proposed legislation impacts potentially 70% of our U.S. population. Your efforts to vote on this bill absent a CBO score is outrageous and unprecedented. How can you, with clear conscience, vote on proposed legislation without fully understanding how it will impact the lives of Americans? or specifically your constituents whom you have been elected to represent?

I am very concerned that this bill has a strong potential to end Federal protections on pre-existing conditions, life-time caps and essential benefits. Show me an American who is NOT concerned about the loss of such protections?

This bill will not expand coverage of health insurance to more Americans, as Senator Graham, President Trump and others have steadfastly stated. Their statements in this regard are blatant lies. It is estimated that more than 30 million Americans will lose their existing coverage if this bill passes.

I do not support the allocation of block grants to the states for healthcare. There are zero protections to ensure that these dollars will be used by states legislatures for their expressed purpose; and the projected distribution of those funds is irrational. Twenty or more states stand to lose 35-60% of current funding levels under this bill. Effectively, the Graham-Cassidy bill is **a Trojan Horse**: designed to get in the door only to cause harm and mayhem for the elderly, the poor, and for the disabled. Shame on those who support this legislation.

Senate Republicans have placed partisan politics over country. They have favored vengeance and spitefulness and expediency over doing what is right for the majority of Americans. They are choosing a unilateral game of blackmail and gamesmanship over a fair and bipartisan approach to fixing the Affordable Care Act.

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill. Follow the lead of rational conservatives and Democrats and agree to a bipartisan approach to modify the ACA.

Thank you.

Keith Alexander

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Dear Committee Members,

Healthcare is too important a right - to our lives, our society, our economy - to trifle with. The proposed Graham Cassidy bill would leave millions without insurance. People will die as a result. Our people need to know they can take care of their health and their families. If you pass this legislation you will undermine this ability and harm our society. I urge you to vote against the legislation.

Respectfully,

Amy Sommers

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Amy L. Sommers
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 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 simply because such action was "promised".

As a public servant, a lawmaker, and a representative of all of your constituents doing what is right carries more honor than fulfilling a promise made in the heat of the moment.

Please sir, do not let hubris bring harm to innocent people.

Thank you

William Bubb

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

I am fear for the future of our country in the face of a bill that would take health care away from millions, including the most vulnerable. With this bill, if my 60 year old mother needs to rely on health insurance outside of my father's job, she will be rejected. If I would leave my place of employment, I would be rejected. My whole family would experience a serious financial crisis.

It is appalling the Graham-Kennedy Plan does not prevent insurance companies from charging more for pre-existing conditions or from instituting a lifetime cap. I urge you to consider the opinions of experts including the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association ("This bill harms our most vulnerable patients"), the American Public Health Association ("Graham-Cassidy would devastate the Medicaid program, increase out-of-pocket costs, and weaken or eliminate protections for people living with pre-existing conditions"), the National Institute for Reproductive Health ("the Graham-Cassidy bill preys on underserved communities ... a clear and present danger"), and Federation of American Hospitals ("It could disrupt access to health care for millions of the more than 70 million Americans") and do not allow this bill in its present form to pass the Senate.

Thank you,
Jennifer Jennings
Glenview, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern:

The latest GOP "healthcare" bill is cruel and will result in many people, including those with pre-existing conditions, not having adequate health insurance coverage. The tactic of rewarding red states and punishing blue states and/or states who expanded Medicaid is just part of the bill's cruelty.

It's very transparent what the GOP is doing. Nothing with Obama's name on it should last, even if it saves lives. So apparently, killing is legacy is worth killing Americans. I simply don't understand this horrifying display of "values," and the GOP will have to answer for debt and death if they push this through--without the proper vetting and hearings, of course.

NO TO GRAHAM-CASSIDY. Yes to fair, affordable health care for all, no matter how old, sick, or poor.

Sincerely,

Joelle Renstrom

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: health care

Please don't pass this new healthcare plan. If ACA has issues..fix them..but don't put people with illnesses be cast aside with no coverage.

Thank you

Donna L. Wilson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy bill

To whomever reads these comments,

Please Please Please pass on everyone's comments and concerns about this bill.

My name is Diana and I have a nine month old daughter named Anastasia. She was born with a heart defect, thus giving her a pre-existing condition. Luckily so far we have been able to manage it medically and she has not needed surgery to correct her defect.

That said, she still may need surgery down the line. Plus, constant visits to a cardiologist add up financially. My husband has a good job and makes enough money for me to be a stay at home mother with our daughter. He has decent health insurance through his company.

Still, we look to Anastasia's future and we are so worried. If this bill passes the Senat e, the House, and is signed by the President, she will be effectively fighting for healthcare her whole life. With a pre-existing condition, under this new bill, she will forever have to pay much more for her healthcare than someone without a pre-existing condition. That is if she can get coverage at all. What if she can't? The out of pocket costs would bankrupt us and her.

And what if lifetime caps are reinstated? Just one surgery alone could max her out. Just seeing the cardiologist for several years could max her out.

Why should Anastasia be punished financially and medically for something that happened by a simple twist of fate? By some quirk that interrupted her fetal development. She did nothing wrong but the authors and supporters of this bill think she should be punished for having the audacity to be born sick.

Pleas, I im plore you, read all these stories from people living this life. We need healthcare for ourselves and lived ones. We need AFFORDABLE health care. Our lives depend on it.

Sent from my LG G6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: If you care...

Do you care that when i grew up (I'm 60 now) politicians were respected? They were honorable. They had good intentions and they worked for the people that elected them.

Do you care that if you push through this bill, many people will die. Old people in nursing homes will lose the Medicaid that pays their bills. They will be forced to move in with their children. Young children born with pre-existing conditions will not be able to get treatment.

Do you care that you are LYING to the American people. You say you are going to make sure everyone has access to healthcare and, while that's great, I have ACCESS to a lot of things every day - many of which I can't afford. Access is not the same as coverage. Do you care? Do you even understand?

So now, instead of doing the job you were ELECTED TO DO, your donors told you no more money unless we get our tax cut. So you're making a choice to sell your soul and do what they ask.

If you go through this, I wish for you the hell you deserve and will no doubt find.

Kathy Lichtenstein

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: REJECT GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL

I am writing to implore you to please reject this latest attempt to repeal the ACA. 32 million people could lose coverage, radical changes to Medicaid could leave seniors and the impoverished scrambling to cover their health needs, state block grants will further complicate and in many cases diminish funding. Millions of your constituents face uncertain employment as more and more jobs transform into "gigs" ... job insurance coverage becomes even more tenuous and more and more Americans will need to get access to coverage that will not bankrupt them. For such a radical proposal as the Graham-Cassidy bill there has been next to NO DEBATE. Please reject this bill. Lets work on IMPROVING THE ACA, not dismantling it.

Thank you.

Geoff Chadsey
[REDACTED]

Brooklyn NY 11222
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am a hard worker, an engaged-parent, an active community member, a supportive spouse, a volunteer and much more. I give a lot to my world and I am able to do this because I am have access to the care I need to manage a number of chronic health conditions. I deserve to live as healthy a life as I can. My family and my community benefits when I am able to contribute my energy and my gifts. NO person should be cut off from the care they need to lead full lives because of life-time healthcare caps and pre-existing conditions.

I am deeply about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate. This proposal would hurt MILLIONS of Americans like myself and many of my friends and neighbors.

We deserve better.

Sincerely,
Joanna Bouldin

Joanna Bouldin

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate finance committee,

As a public health professional and concerned citizen, I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. The Affordable Care Act has helped increase health insurance coverage for millions of Americans, and improved the health of many people. The Graham-Cassidy bill essentially strips this coverage from millions, will cause increased medical debt, less protections for consumers, and strip coverage from low-income people who need it, and incredibly cruel thing to do.

Our government is better than this. We all acknowledge that we need to improve the ACA, but this is NOT improvement, this is a step backwards. I implore al Senators to please OPPOSE the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Sincerely,
Brianna Keefe-Oates

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Brianna Keefe-Oates, MPH

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Jason Mellema
Subject: Medicaid

To whom it may concern,
A cut to Medicaid will have a huge impact on our students with disabilities in Ionia County. We currently have 1700 students eligible for special education. Out of that number, 828 are eligible for Medicaid.

Medicaid funding helps schools to support our students with services such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and School Social Work. Schools are already suffering from financial cuts. To cut Medicaid and/or change how it is utilized will directly impact our students with disabilities. Please do not cut these funds!

Jim Lóser
Assistant Superintendent Special Education
Ionia County Intermediate School District

[REDACTED]
Ionia, MI 48846
[REDACTED]

"Students who are loved at home, come to school to learn, and students who aren't, come to school to be loved."

~Nicholas A. Ferroni

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:03 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy Graham bill

I would like to let you know that as an American citizen I am outraged this bill is even being considered. The ACA has provided health insurance for my children, who were college students, and allowed them after school to continue on my insurance until age 26! It was a godsend!! My oldest daughter has Thyroid disease and she was able to get her medicine and see her Dr regularly which kept her healthy. My husband was diagnosed with Leukemia (AML) and had to undergo a Stem Cell Transplant. The costs to save his life would have bankrupted us previously and now he gets what he needs to live! Now that he has this pre-existing condition, if you repeal the ACA and vote in this DISASTER of a bill (Cassidy Graham Bill) he and many others will die from lack of care they can't afford any longer. It is unbelievable that Republicans are more concerned with saying they repealed Obamas healthcare than doing what is best and right for their constituents!! They lie and make up fake data to justify this abomination of a bill. I urge everyone in Congress to vote NO on this horrible bill !

Thank you

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:03 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my opposition to this bill. The attempts by these two senators to pass a bill without a CBO score are dangerous to millions of Americans. In addition, by stripping the federal protections of caps on health insurance care, cost of premiums for those with pre-existing conditions and mandatory maternity care; this bill allows certain states to leave their constituents bereft of health care coverage at all.

My husband is a cancer survivor. He was not expected to live when initially diagnosed. At that time, the ACA was not law and our insurance plan, although excellent, had caps in place. My husband's care ran close to a half a million dollars the first year alone. I watched his costs and our caps like a hawk, while sitting at his bedside, wondering if he would even survive. Families should not have to weigh dollars against lives and this bill would once again force them to.

We all understand that in some state premiums are too high and coverage options too sparse under the ACA. Like many new ideas, it is flawed. But do not destroy something that is an improvement over the previous status quo. Make it better. Make it stronger. Get more options so the premiums lessen. Make sure the government pays subsidies so insurers stay in.

This is a political issue for you. It is literally a life and death issue for us. My husband is a cancer survivor. If our state raises premiums due to his status, it could devastate us or leave us having to choose between his costly monthly treatments (still ongoing) or paying our mortgage. My mother is in a decent nursing home with the help of Medicaid. Cutting Medicaid resources could cost her this care. You are playing with millions of people's lives. And you are doing it with 90 SECONDS of debate!

Vote no. Demand proper hearings and CBO scores. Work for your constituents NOT for insurance companies and lobbyists. Do the right thing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Little
A VERY CONCERNED AMERICAN

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: TrumpCare / Graham-Cassidy Bill

Even though the CBO hasn't finished it's analysis, the features of this bill are obviously very dangerous to the health and well being of most Americans.

I strongly oppose this bill and it's provisions, including:

- Use of Block Grants instead of direct payment.
- Removal of support for pre-existing conditions
- Phasing out of Medicaid
- Defunding Planned Parenthood
- Defunding substance abuse services

I also reject as unprincipled and irresponsible...

- Tax breaks for medical device industry
- Benefits to the insurance industry
- Disenfranchising up to 32 million Americans

The Graham-Cassidy Bill must be rejected. It's passage would be a disaster for everyone who doesn't have private insurance from their employer.

KILL the BILL !

*Richard W Evans
Brooklyn, NY*

*"The American fascist would prefer not to use violence.
His method is to poison the channels of public information."*

Henry A. Wallace (Vice President of the US, 1941-45)

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:12 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 of how the proposed measures will have a negative impact on the health of American citizens. I want you to abandon your attempts to pass this harmful bill. I will address 2 of the issues I believe to be the most egregious: repealing Medicaid expansion and allowing individual states to opt out of providing basic health benefits.

You are well aware that Medicaid provides life-sustaining health care to a wide slice of the American population. You are also aware that many of these Americans are, or have been, highly contributing members of society who are faced with medical bills beyond the ability of normal individuals to pay. I have a doctoral degree in nursing. I am recently retired after a nursing career that spanned 50 years. Through hard work and careful planning I now collect a monthly retirement annuity stipend which allows me to live a comfortable life. However, I know that one illness (a stroke? a heart attack? metastatic cancer?) could wipe out all my cherished savings and require me to seek Medicaid funding for long-term skilled care. My adult nephew was born with Down Syndrome. He is gainfully employed and has parents who care for him. Without Medicaid funds to supplement his health care bills, my nephew would not be alive to bring his special sunshine into the hearts of his beloved family .

My nursing expertise is in the area of maternity and women's health care. I have seen first-hand the health benefits of good prenatal and postpartum care and well-woman gynecology. I understand how early intervention in depression and other mental illness or addiction can lead to better health status as well as decreasing the bottom line cost of continued care in these areas. It makes no sense at all to allow a state to opt out of covering such important health intervention.

I ask that you vote NO on Graham-Cassidy. Put yourself in the place of regular Americans and ask yourself, 'Would I want my own or my child's life to depend on the coverage (or non-coverage) provided by this bill?' I know that you would not, therefore, you MUST VOTE NO.

Thank you for the opportunity to address my concerns about this disgraceful legislation.

Carol Caliendo RN, CRNP, MSN, ND

[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
[REDACTED]

Carol Caliendo

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Input to oppose the GRAHAM-Cassidy-Heller bill

I am a citizen and a taxpayer. My family and I rely on the HIP expansion, Medicaid, as well as the Affordable Health Care Act provisions for unlimited annual and lifetime caps, preventative services, vaccines and essential health benefits.

Many veterans and their families also rely on the ACA because they have pre-existing conditions not covered by the VA, wait times for appointments are too long, and transport/distance and inconvenience are barriers to VA treatment.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS BILL!!!!!! without Regular order, hearings and public debate, it is just another grab by a vindictive GOP to smear Obama.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE HEALTHCARE THAT DOES NOT HARM THEM BY TAKING AWAY FEDERAL PROTECTIONS. I have 4 pre-existing conditions and I do not trust 40 individual states with 50 different options to protect me

Sincerely

*Deb Sitarski
Terre Haute Indiana*

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy

I implore you to stop this ridiculousness! You will be held accountable for more rural hospitals closing! Lives lost will be your responsibility and for what??? To save face from campaign designed just to denigrate Obama's legacy. Watch the Vietnam miniseries on PBS. JOHNSON SENT THOUSANDS of young Americans to their deaths KNOWING that there was no way to win that war! History will record your cowardly actions and the people will make you pay at the ballot box!!!

Sincerely,

Richard and Judith Horton
Cotuit, MA

Sent from my iPhone maybe

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

To Whom It may concern:

Please vote no on Graham Cassidy.

I am a constituent with multiple disabilities living in South Carolina.

I have cerebral palsy, autoimmune arthritis, dysautonomia, anxiety, depression, and (suspected) autism.

I see specialists for all of my disabilities. I take a dozen prescription medications to manage my conditions.

The most debilitating aspect of my disabilities is chronic pain. I recently received adequate pain treatment for the first time in years due to a palliative care team. Prior to the treatment I was actively suicidal due to the pain.

If this bill passes, I could lose the Medicaid services that I depend on for medical treatments.

I could die without my medications. I could have a heart attack due to untreated dysautonomia. I might die by suicide due to untreated and unbearable chronic pain.

I am only eighteen years old.

I was not supposed to live. The doctors told my parents that when I was born.

But I fought to survive and I enjoy my life very much.

I am a disability advocate at my local center for independent living, and I adore my job and my coworkers. I have friends. I have a family. I am active in my community. I am working towards accomplishing my dream of becoming a doctor. None of that would be possible for me without Medicaid.

I am not the only one either. 1 in 5 people in America have a disability. Most of those people depend on Medicaid or will depend on Medicaid in the future.

Senators, lives are in your hands. Not only do disabled Americans depend on Medicaid for quality of life, some of our very lives depend upon it.

I implore you, beg you, to vote NO on Graham Cassidy.

Regards,

Grace Trumpower

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: (SENDER VALIDATION FAILED --- May not have originated from apparent sender)
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 destroys Medicaid as we know it by turning Medicaid into a capped system. This 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 (like my home state of Pennsylvania) that have expanded Medicaid.

Supporting the bipartisan, transparent process that Senators Alexander and Murray are leading through regular order would be a better option than supporting the Graham-Cassidy bill. I expect my representatives to respect regular order and reject the Graham-Cassidy bill if it comes to a vote.

Katherine Leslie

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 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 if passed into law, this bill would strip health care away from millions of Americans. People will die because of it. It is a blatant, cynical attempt to rush the most abominable "replacement" for the ACA through the Senate before people notice, but we are noticing. DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.

Kathryn Frydenborg

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

The Graham-Cassidy bill is a shameful attempt to cut funds for healthcare in order to give tax cuts to the super rich. It shortchanges those that need healthcare the most in the richest nation in the world. It will inflict hardship and great harm on millions of people. The healthcare we have now with the ACA was very hard fought, and is better than what existed before it passed. If you are an American, you should be trying to help, not hurt other Americans. Please do not approve this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Lyndall Culbertson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote to save Obamacare

Will the republicans vote to do the right thing for the 99% or to please their 1% masters?
Come November I WILL REMEMBER!
Dan Marinacci
A 100% time voter in SE PA.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO on Graham Cassidy

To whom it may concern,

Please do not let this terrible piece of legislation pass. Vote no on the Graham Cassidy bill.

Thank you,

-Jake Johnson,
Medinah, Illinois, 60157

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:12 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 I am stepmother to a young man who was diagnosed with leukemia in 3rd grade. Thankfully, he is now a cancer survivor, but unfortunately he is now a walking pre-existing condition. Should this bill go through, he will be punished for winning the battle for his life. How is that okay?

Additionally, medical experts with knowledge of healthcare matters far beyond mine, agree that this bill would harm millions of Americans. It is not supported by the American Medical Association, the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, and many, many others. Additionally the insurers who stand to make more money should this pass are even against it, including Blue Cross Blue Shield. Governors from Alaska to Kentucky to Pennsylvania all are against this bill and the harm it would cause millions of Americans.

It is time to put aside the idea of ripping healthcare away from millions, and instead work together to strengthen the ACA - a plan the majority of Americans wish to keep. It is time to stop this insanity, vote NO on this bill, and improve the system we now have.

Noemi Nolter

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham - Cassidy bill

I am writing to register my strong objection and opposition to this attempt to repeal the ACA. If there are fixes to ensure that more, not less, Americans are able to access affordable healthcare in a realistic way, please do pursue them. This bill achieves the opposite of that and is nothing more than a tax break for the most wealthy, on the one hand; and a potential death sentence for the most vulnerable, on the other. Do not allow this travesty to become law.

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David Rocklin

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Disaster of a bill

I am strongly opposed to the Graham/Cassidy bill. The is bill is immoral and hurts all Americans. It's mind-boggling to me that the GOP is attempting to ram this bill through without debate. As members of Congress, your job is to protect not just your constituents but all Americans. This bill will do more real harm than any bill in modern history. If this bill is passed, Americans will suffer and Americans will die.

- It removes pre-existing condition protections. This will mean skyrocketing premiums and out of pocket costs. 100,000s of Americans will have to choose between health care or feeding their families.
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 - It's a tax cut for the rich.
 - It cuts \$1 trillion from Medicaid over 20 years, and in that same time frame it reduces overall Medicaid spending by \$3.5 trillion.
 - This will affect the entire insurance industry, including private insurance. Without the individual mandate, insurance pools will be dominated by the sick meaning premiums go up for everyone.
 - It's going to do significant damage at the state level. All but 16 states are going to see significant cuts to their budgets, and even those states will see a sharp reduction in funds after 2036.

If this bill gets through the Senate, I will do everything I can to ensure it doesn't become law. If it does become law you can be assured that I will be more involved than I ever had been before to ensure that anyone who voted in favor no longer holds office when they're up for re-election.

Sincerely,

Frank Saracco
[REDACTED]

Lake Villa, IL t's a tax cut for the rich.

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Sincerely,

Frank Saracco


Lake Villa, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Reject Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Sirs;

The Graham-Cassidy bill must be rejected. 32 Million Americans could lose coverage, Medicaid will be gutted with diminished funding for every state, and 90 seconds of debate is not enough for a bill of such magnitude. If you want to keep your campaign pledges start by keeping your pledge not to touch Medicaid benefits. Reject this bill.

Jenny Dubnau
Jackson Heights, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO Graham Cassidy!

Millions of Americans, many the most vulnerable of us, will lose their health insurance or not be able to afford it if this atrocious bill passes. I am proud of my Virginia Senators, Kaine and Warner, for their plan to vote NO and have urged all other Senators to do the same. This is a cruel, shameful bill.

Heather
Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson bill

Senators,

Americans care deeply about access to and affordability of health care. We need and deserve affordable premiums, lower out-of-pocket costs, and coverage we can count, at any age. My family, community & I are urging the Senate to resoundly REJECT the Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson bill because it would do precisely the opposite.

Overall, the Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson bill would increase health care costs for older Americans with an age tax, and decrease coverage, and undermine preexisting condition protections for tens-of-millions of others. In addition, this bill would jeopardize the ability of people with disabilities to stay in their own homes as they age and threaten coverage for individuals in nursing homes. **Should this bill be brought to the Senate floor for a vote, we DEMAND all Senators vote NO.**

Although I know your health care is covered by my tax money, costs for anyone who is not in Congress -- i.e., all of us -- will skyrocket and affordability of both premiums and out-of-pocket costs is critical to our ability to obtain and access health care. The Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson bill would eliminate cost sharing reductions (CSRs) and take away the current tax credits that people receive today to help them afford their health care premiums. In doing so, the bill eliminates the protection that ensures both younger and older Americans do not pay over a specific percent of their income towards their health care premium. In addition, the bill entirely eliminates the funds available to states to lower health care premiums in 2026 and beyond. Furthermore, the bill reduces payments to states that have actively implemented and worked to improve coverage while increasing payments to states that have resisted efforts to expand coverage in the form of a "Market Based Innovation Grant". This is stealing from one state, as punishment for doing what is best in the interest of their constituents, to give to another state who is punishing their constituents by withholding much-needed economic services, and is illegal, immoral and unethical.

This diabolically cruel and evil bill would also undermine the consumer protections which millions of Americans have benefited from and rely on today. Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson would allow states to once again permit insurance companies to charge people with pre-existing conditions more just because they have cancer, asthma or diabetes. This is murderous and devastating to the tens-of-millions of Americans with a pre-existing condition. Furthermore, the bill would allow states to eliminate additional consumer protections enacted under the ACA, including the essential health benefits (EHB) requirement for all health plans. As a result, consumers would once again see soaring premiums based on age and certain pre-existing conditions, as well as the re-imposition of lifetime caps on coverage. Furthermore, as you well know, cuts to Medicaid and Long-Term Services and Supports will endanger tens-of-millions adults, seniors and children.

Doctors, hospitals, and patient groups are FULLY opposed the Medicaid per capita cap and block grant funding proposals that were previously rejected by a majority of Senators. We continue to strongly oppose these changes to the Medicaid program. Changing Medicaid into a per capita cap financing or block grant structure would endanger the health, safety, and care of millions of individuals who depend on the essential services provided through Medicaid. Medicaid is a vital safety net and intergenerational lifeline for millions of individuals, including over 17.4 million seniors and children and adults with disabilities who rely on the

program for critical health care and long-term services and supports (LTSS, i.e., assistance with daily activities such as eating, bathing, dressing, managing medications, and transportation). Older adults and people with disabilities now account for about 60% of Medicaid spending, and cuts of this magnitude will result in loss of benefits and services for this vulnerable population. The growth rates set forth in the bill are far below historic Medicaid growth rates at a time when the number of older Americans is significantly growing and needing greater coverage and services. Per capita caps and block grants would not accurately reflect the cost of care for individuals in each state, including for adults with disabilities and seniors, especially those living with the most severe disabling conditions. This leaves states having to cut back or eliminate services such as home and community based services (HCBS), or reduces eligibility for coverage and services, and leaves fewer doctors and other providers willing to take patients or provide care because reimbursements are too low. Recent AARP Public Policy Institute projections demonstrate that the Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson bill will cut between \$1.2 trillion and \$3.2 trillion from total (federal and state) Medicaid spending over the 20-year period between 2017 and 2036 for the four non-expansion Medicaid enrollment groups: older adults, adults with disabilities, non-disabled children under age 19, and non-expansion adults. The projections do not include the proposed cuts to the adult Medicaid expansion population, which would also be considerable for those states that have expanded coverage. We are deeply concerned these cuts will endanger the health, safety, and care of millions of individuals who depend on the essential services provided through Medicaid. In addition, these cuts will be an overwhelming cost shift to states, taxpayers, and families, and will only compound over time. We urge Congress to continue bipartisan market stability work, and we have been encouraged by recent open and transparent efforts in the Senate to work on bipartisan market stability legislation.

My family, community & I urge Congress to continue working on common sense solutions that: ensures a robust insurance market with needed consumer protections, controls costs, improves quality; and provides affordable coverage to all Americans. As the Senate rushes to potentially consider Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson next week, we are especially troubled by the lack of regular order and transparency given the enormous impact this bill will have on all Americans, states and taxpayers. There have been no hearings, no mark-ups and the CBO now states that they will “not be able to provide point estimates of the effects on the deficit, health insurance coverage, or premiums for at least several weeks.” It is **UNCONSCIONABLE** for the Senate to take a vote on a bill impacting tens-of-millions of Americans and 1/6 of our nation’s economy without information on the potential consequences. YOU MUST VOTE NO on the Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson bill, and instead, the Senate must continue any work on the health care system through bipartisan market stabilization efforts, and on commonsense bipartisan solutions to increase coverage, lower costs, and stabilize the markets.

Sincerely, A.L. Steiner, Cornwallville, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care Bill

Do not pass GrahamCassidy--you will deystroy families to give rich donors a tax break! For God sake, help poor people for a change!

Thank you

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Bill

My family will be greatly affected by this bill. We live in NJ, a state who will lose massive amounts of money. We all have pre-existing conditions. And we are self-employed. We are just financially stable. This bill will put us into debt, along with millions of other Americans. Voting for this bill is voting against Americans. Pls kill the bill.

Thank you, David Henry Sterry

David Henry Sterry: Writer — Book Doctor — Activist — International Man of Mystery

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO

As a person living with Multiple Sclerosis and Type1 Diabetes, I fear the Grahn-Cassidy proposal would put me at great risk of losing healthcare benefits, or making healthcare unaffordable.

Moreover, as a leader in the faith community, I firmly believe affordable healthcare should be fir everyone.

The only way that will happen is Expanded Medicare for All.

Thanks you.

The Rev. Paul Lubold
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Testimony for Graham-Cassidy Hearing

ABILITIES IN MOTION
[REDACTED]
Reading, PA 19601
[REDACTED]

September 22, 2017

Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6200
SENT VIA E-MAIL: GCHcomments@finance.senate.gov

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Finance:

As Executive Director of an organization that serves individuals with disabilities, I write today to express serious concerns about the Graham-Cassidy proposal to change our health care system.

AIM joins leading patient advocates, hospitals, and physicians groups in their condemnation of this proposal as it could have devastating effects on individuals with disabilities.

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, including many people with disabilities.

This bill would roll back important essential health benefit protections and potentially open the door to annual and lifetime caps on coverage, endangering access to critical care for millions of Americans. People with disabilities rely on Medicaid, and the per capita caps and cuts included in Graham-Cassidy will jeopardize their health, threaten their independence, and put lives at risk.

The Medicaid cuts in Graham-Cassidy will limit access to home and community-based services, which will result in more people with disabilities and older adults being forced into costly institutions.

Allowing states to waive protections for people with pre-existing conditions will make coverage unaffordable for many - and many of those are people with disabilities.

As a nonprofit agency, Abilities in Motion promotes independent living and provides advocacy for people with disabilities. Thus, we strongly urge you to oppose Graham-Cassidy and any other bill that cuts, caps, or imposes block grants or per capita caps on Medicaid.

Thank you for your attention.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Savage, Susannah (Warren); Pearson, Beth (Warren); Billie Carroll Moore
Subject: Comments on the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Proposa

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to urge rejection of the subject proposal.

I cannot see that this Proposal would bring any serious improvement of the healthcare available to the American public; indeed, I'm sure that significant members of the public, currently benefiting from the ACA will find themselves removed from care availability. It, noticeably, will not attack the causes of the high cost of health care and expected reductions in cost (if any) will not justify the overall reduction of healthcare services.

Arguments in favour of the Proposal, largely based on the need for reduction in federal government involvement are, I believe, utterly without merit and fly in the face of practical experience and theoretical expectation. I can only believe that the motivation for the Proposal is based on Republican Party promises, or, even less charitably, to the desire of certain senators to comply — or at least be seen to be trying to comply — with the wishes of their donors.

Again I urge you to reject this un-needed, un-wanted and un-useful Proposal. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

Val Mahan
22066

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Repealing ACA

Hello,

I am vehemently against the proposed amendments. I am self-employed and there was a time where I could only have catastrophic coverage because - even though I was only in my 30s at the time and in perfect health - I was deemed to have pre-existing conditions due to the fact that I had a preventative colonoscopy (no issues) and had seen a surgeon about a shoulder problem (self-resolved without surgery). But my gastro-intestinal system and shoulder were pre-existing conditions that made it impossible for me to get coverage.

I am not stupid. I understand that while the current amendments do not explicitly permit denying coverage for pre-existing conditions, it punts the issue to the states to permit insurance companies to price people out of coverage. As happened to me.

Obviously I am against it because: anyone who cared about people who are less fortunate or sick is against it. And it is so dishonest for any legislator to vote for a bill that they would never, ever accept for themselves or their family.

Propaganda can only go so far in the GOP's preying on middle Americans. If you do succeed in gutting the protections of the ACA, at least many honest, hard working Americans who have so far been bamboozled will understand what your collection of millionaires, Wall Street insiders and right wing loons are really about.

Best regards,

Josie Raimond
Chicago, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:09 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

My friend tells me that his daughter would be affected negatively by this bill. He wrote:

" According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, this bill is the opposition's last-ditch effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). If passed, the bill would allow insurers to charge more for people with pre-existing conditions like CF, drastically cut Medicaid, open the door to bringing back annual and lifetime coverage caps, and roll back essential health benefit protections. All very bad things for the community. Certainly bad for Rose.

Here's the bottom line from the CF Foundation: "The Graham-Cassidy bill is worse for people with CF than other repeal bills we've seen in the last few months. We can't let it pass."

As for myself, at my age, not only do I have pre-existing conditions, I am likely to have more of them as time goes on. Also coverage caps and insurance policies with less than full coverage would erode the care I need and can afford.

This bill is not the best we can do as a country. Other developed nations do way better. Make America first again in health care for all citizens.

Medicare for all might be one good choice ... once established, everyone will struggle to keep it in place and properly funded. The infrastructure is already in place and well tested.

Please protect my friend's kid, myself and my children, and all of our citizens. Do not let this bill come to a vote, and if it does, please vote against it.

Make health care a right, not a privilege.

Allan Goldhammer

[REDACTED]
Kingston NY 12401

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No to Graham-Cassidy

Dear Member of Congress,

I stand with many in our community in opposing the proposed healthcare overhaul bill by senators Graham & Cassidy. I am a surgeon and I am intimately aware of the many shortcomings of our healthcare system. However, Graham-Cassidy is not the answer and it will hurt millions of Americans. Please do not pursue ahead with this legislation.

Sincerely
Nagaraian Muthu, MD
[REDACTED]
Sterling Heights MI 48310

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Affordable Care Act

My elderly parents moved abroad permanently because of the dismal state of pre-ACA health care in the United States. I support universal health care, and the ACA is a step in that direction. Any repeal is unconscionable—as the entire rest of the developed world understands. I am ashamed to be American.

Judith Rodenbeck

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill opposition

Please do not approve the Graham-Cassidy bill on Health Care. It is not the right bill to address the concerns that citizens have and it will do more harm than good.

Health Care for the citizens of our great country should be improved upon not made worse.

Thank you
Carol Reimers
Killingworth, CT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Fwd: Graham Cassidy

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 10:08 AM
Subject: Graham Cassidy
To: GCHcomments@finance.senate <GCHcomments@finance.senate>

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a hard working American who plans to retire from law enforcement at age 50, hopefully to then go into health care work. I am saving money to ensure a financially secure retirement and have been since the age of 23. I eat healthy, workout everyday, and make the effort to have preventive health care screenings. Say I am diagnosed with cancer someday...

My current insurance will cover the treatment, but Graham Cassidy would give my insurance company the legal right to raise my premiums beyond what I can afford simply because I've gotten sick. That's not health care!

Please do not pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Merritt
Stevensville, Montana

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO ON THE BILL!

It is the job of the Congress to represent the people of this country. Your job is to vote according to our wishes not what your party wants or what is good for your wallet! It is a betrayal of the trust we place in you. I will actively campaign against every Senator that votes yes on the Graham-Cassidy bill. You all need to remember that you are replaceable. Do the right thing and VOTE NO on this bill.

Elaine Stephenson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition - Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

Hello there,

Count me as another American who very much opposes the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. One of my many reasons is my 13 year old daughter and her asthma.

Please do the right thing and work for a solution that helps people, not harms them.

Thank you,

Susan Hague

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Reject the healthcare bil

"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."

Erma Duricko

"I want magic!" - T. Williams
"I am a nationalist... my native soil is the theatre."

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Save Health Care. No Repeal.

I have lived in Canada, Germany, Israel and the United States so have experienced four different health care systems.

I am appalled that the USA, the richest nation in the world, can be so backward and brutal on this fundamental human issue.

The problem isn't the ACA, it's the insurance companies and the whole system here which is so so broken. The fix is not to repeal but to revise and augment.

This is not a Republican - Democrat divide. Even Republicans don't want to go bankrupt just because they get sick.

What is government for if not to accomplish something as a community that that can't be achieved when free enterprise governs it? We agree to pay for roads and emergency personnel as a group. Why not basic health care?

I have never sent an email to Washington DC before.

But I am disgusted.

If these emails help move someone with a vote, so be it.

Nomi Morris

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy health care bill. The American healthcare system saved my life when I was a baby, due to an at-the-time groundbreaking new surgical technique. This was made possible because of robust funding for medical research and a commitment to accessible, affordable health care for all citizens. I want to be proud of the US healthcare system again, and to know that everyone can access the same care I have continued to receive regardless of occupation or economic status.

I 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. I 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.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hertman

[REDACTED]
Waltham, MA 02453

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senators: The Graham Cassidy proposed bill is a very bad idea for our country and its citizens. I urge you to have the moral courage to VOTE NO. Keeping a campaign promise at the expense of millions of Americans' health is a horrific and immoral act. When the vast majority of health professionals are against the proposal, that should speak volumes as to what the proposal will do to our citizenry and our health care system.

Thank you, Karen Ladner, voter from 92103

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please do not proceed with this inhumane bill

Analysis shows that this bill will again mean hundreds of thousands of Americans lose coverage and will imperil medicare for people like my retired mother.

Under the ACA my brother in law received a life saving transplant. Artists and small business owners I know personally were finally able to afford to have coverage.

As someone with a preexisting condition myself I have made all my employment decisions based on healthcare. I have been lucky enough to have it, don't make it so that people could technically have insurance, but it fact not be able to afford their care, such as daily medications which could be impacted by this bill.

Don't let states seek "waivers" so they can choose to give their constituents less care. Your bill strips away the key protections. There are times that the federal government needs to regulate so that people are not harmed this is one of them.

Please quit trying to find an acceptable way of framing harming Americans and instead start thinking about the Americans who still don't have coverage.

It is the ethical and responsible thing for all Americans to have health care. Please don't frame it as a "choice" that some people.

Pleas know the American people are watching and so far the Republican Party has been the party that wants to take away healthcare from Americans and cosy up to white supremacists.

You don't have to be that party so don't. This is bigger than you or your party, or just resenting that Obama was president for eight years.

It is about doing the morally right thing which is assuring healthcare for everyone.

Sincerely,

Maren Robinson
Chicago, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The Graham Cassidy Bill

I beg, beseech, implore you to vote no on this cruel bill and realize that people will die at your hands. We all need and deserve good care - not just members of Congress. Please search your souls and vote for the care your constituents must have, not just a childish Republican response to the ACA. Don't have blood on your hands and do the right thing.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose Graham Cassidy

Hello,

I'm a healthy person, surrounded by a healthy, fully-insured family. However, I recognize how incredibly fortunate we are to have both our health, and quality coverage. All Americans deserve the same. I strongly oppose Graham Cassidy and associated attempts to repeal the ACA.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Jennifer James

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: DEFEAT Graham-Cassidy bill

The current relentless attack against American health is truly inexplicable. The Graham-Cassidy bill does not serve Americans in any fashion, and will endanger millions of citizens; this is abhorrent in one of the richest countries in the world. The priority should be the health, education, and happiness of all residents in this country...not the exact opposite to line the pockets of the 1%.

DEFEAT the Graham-Cassidy bill! Work to improve the current Affordable Healthcare Act. (Even if Obama did get it passed, who cares? You're not toddlers. Act like the competent adults you supposedly are and quit whining about Obama.) The next step is to move towards the necessary Universal Healthcare the US deserves (trim the obese military budget to do so).

Regards,
Christina Keibler
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

To Whom Ever it May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill and the process through which it is being implemented. At the moment, there is not enough information on how the bill will guarantee coverage for pre-existing conditions, given that it will implement large cuts to state budgets which can force governors to target vulnerable populations as the "low lying fruit" needed to balance budgets. This is a wholly inappropriate use of the federal budget as a strong professional consensus exists that the federal government, as issuer of currency and of principle safe assets, has fiscal maneuvering room whereas states, which have none of those things, do not. Further, the bloc grant distribution formula is still extremely unclear. As of the writing of this email, there are discrepancies between totals presented for individual states and the state funding formulas. I do not see how this is anything but porkbarrel politics designed to pass a controversial bill with little support behind it. Finally, I am concerned that the cuts are so steep they will eliminate medicaid coverage within the next decade completely. Why does the bill target abortion coverage—shouldn't those things be between insurers, doctors, and patients?

What this says is that we need far more information before voting on the bill. As a trained Ph.D. economist with years of experience in financial research, I find myself lost in some of the formula's consistency. If this is true for me, can we expect senators and congressmen who need time to be briefed by their staffs to be able to make a fair judgement in such a short amount of time? What about the American public which will have to bear the brunt of these changes to their healthcare coverage? We need extensive hearings and a full amendment process before such a wide sweeping bill can be voted on. Anything else would be legislative malpractice and contribute to Congress' weakening as a branch of government when we need it more than ever.

Best,
Dr. Jacob Feygin

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham/Cassidy

NO.
Full stop.
Regardless of your feelings on The ACA/Obamacare this bill is horrid and will strip millions of Americans of their health care.
The health insurance industry coming out against this bill, because it's so absolutely terrible. Do not allow this to happen. It's not worth keeping a promise to "repeal Obamacare" if you have to destroy our entire health insurance industry and risk the lives of millions of Americans to do it.

Richard Verducci
[REDACTED]
Fresno, Ca 93720
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Keeping Millions of Americans on ACA/Obamacare

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Ryan Jackson, and I'm writing this e-mail suggesting that those in the Senate vote No, and do not repeal the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare. Repealing this would do harm to millions of Americans that suffer with pre existing conditions, and would be similar to sentencing these people to a death sentence for something (pre existing conditions) that is not their own fault. Please vote No, and do not repeal the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare.

Sincerely,
Ryan Jackson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:57 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

I wholeheartedly, with every fiber of my being, want this bill to stop dead in its tracks. Something that is going to affect such a large number of people -and their health, nonetheless- should not be jammed through congress like this. I do not know what else I can do to stop this from happening. Please listen to the American people.

With utmost sincerity

Ryan T Muglia

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Re: Graham-Cassidy Trumpcare

I am writing regarding this new bill that will affect a significant portion of the people in this country. My daughter is a self-employed artist and part-time university instructor who relies on the ACA for affordable health insurance.

My understanding of how insurance works is that if there is a pool of people then the insurance company reduces its risk.

We are in this Together.

Since Everyone is born from from a pregnant woman, Everyone should be together in valuing coverage for pregnancy.

Since none of us know who will develop cancer we all need coverage for devastating illness without having to pay a fortune for insurance.

Yes, insurance companies may not be able to reject a person with a pre-existing condition, they sure will be able to charge much higher premiums for those policies

From a Brookings Institute study:

Based on this analysis, we estimate that the Graham-Cassidy legislation would reduce the number of people with insurance coverage by around 21 million each year during the 2020

Against Graham-Cassidy Trumpcare:

- * Doctors*
- * Every state Medicaid head*
- * All Dems and many GOP governors*
- * Most Americans*
- * Insurance industry*

Thank you for considering this email.

*Sincerely,
Emma Haft*

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:13 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care bill

To ALL members,

Please don't vote to pass this measure.

The States are already struggling to honestly and fairly administer the laws and benefits of citizens. Those totally dependent on the existing healthcare system can't afford this plan.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Please do not pass the Graham Cassidy Health Care Bill.
It will adversely affect so many Americans who will remember this if it passes in future elections!
Thank you
Eleanor Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:19 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.

Dr. Richard Rowe

[REDACTED]
Piedmont, CA 94611
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare reform.

I will keep this short. The ACA is not perfect, but is far and away better than what you are trying to pass now. Forget it, and in it's stead work on improving an already successful program.

Danny Davidson
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please consider us

We are a upper middle class family of 5. My husband is an architect and I am a part-time computer consultant and stay at home mom.

We are not dead beats and not looking for a handout. We are just trying to survive with two chronically ill children and my own breast cancer. This summer, my 11 and 13 year old both underwent Neurosurgery and in November, the 13 yr. old will have a complete spinal fusion. I am barely a year out of my treatment and still paying bills to those hospitals.

Americans like us need a health care system we can rely on that will not bankrupt us and will not penalize us for being born with bad genes.

I urge you to consider us. It is my family's right to survive and thrive.

Jill Niewoehner
Oak Park, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do not pass Graham-Cassidy

My wife is a 44-year-old cancer survivor. If she has a recurrence, the premium surcharges that would go into effect under Graham-Cassidy could literally kill her. I beg you not to pass this short-sighted, cruel bill.

Matthew Lombardi

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:19 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
.....
I have a disability and don't want to lose my healthcare or see others lose theirs

Kris Rhoad

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: senator.mitchell@senate.ca.gov
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

Dear Senator Mitchell:

I am an adoptive mother who depends on Medi-Cal for health insurance for my two children. I am a part-time College Instructor and cannot afford to carry them on my very expensive insurance. Therefore, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill's effort to slash health care benefits and you should too.

Your constituent,

Nefertiti Austin

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Hearing

To whom it may concern,

I do believe this bill is a bad idea and there should be a no vote. To try to pass this bill before the CBO even has a chance to score it is down right dangerous to our economy and to the millions who rely on the ACA.

I do wonder about the timing of this vote. It just feels like this country is no longer a "Government for the People, By the People." It feels like unless you are a Koch brother or a lobbyist, your voice does not count anymore.

Sincerely,

Robin Mason
New Canaan, CT.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Strenuous opposition to Graham-Cassidy

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views on health reform. I appreciate the Senate's continued efforts to repair the Affordable Care Act, but I strenuously oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill and urge the Senators to improve our healthcare system with bipartisan legislation.

The Graham-Cassidy proposal's block grants are estimated to provide \$239 billion less in Medicaid funding over ten years than under current law, resulting in massive cuts in health coverage for the more than 74 million low-income Americans currently enrolled in Medicaid.

In addition, the bill fails to do the one thing we need immediately - stabilize the insurance markets. It fails to fund the cost-sharing reductions (CSRs) in 2018 and 2019, a fatal flaw. This failure will lead to an increase in premium rates by 20 percent.

As a healthcare consumer and provider, I want high quality care at an affordable price for myself and my family. I also want the same quality care for those who live in my community who can't afford coverage. I urge the Senate to find a bipartisan solution, focusing on three guiding principles: preservation of the safety net, stabilization of the individual market, and the transformation of healthcare delivery toward quality and health (vs acute care and fee for volume).

Healthcare is a critical issue for me, my family and my community. Please register my extreme opposition to Graham-Cassidy.

Regards,
Jennifer Moorehouse



Jennifer H Moorehouse, FACHE
Senior Director
Performance Excellence

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Bad bill

My father was a cancer survivor who could not get affordable insurance before the ACA. The ACA is not perfect, but it is a beginning. Repeal and replace is not the answer. Thoughtful, bipartisan CIVIL discussion without the lobbying dollars of big pharma and insurance industry is the only way forward.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: stop

WE WILL NOT TAKE THE POLICIES LYING DOWN. we will fight and stop this outrageous disgusting harmful political policy on health care. SHAME ON YOU-
audrey hope

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Please do not allow this bill to move forward. It is punitive and heartless. Americans need reliable access to decent affordable healthcare. This bill does nothing to "promote the general welfare"! Stand up for us, please.

Sincerely,
Nancy Mills, citizen.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments regarding the Graham Cassidy Bill

Ladies and gentlemen:

That you're even considering this bill as an improvement over the current Affordable Care Act is both laughable and terrifying. My mother, a 19-year cancer survivor, is preparing to battle a different cancer that has appeared - and is completely unrelated to the cancer she successfully beat 19 years ago. With the proposed changes, her care would not be affordable, her premiums would have increased, and worst of all, she would potentially not live to see her 7 year old grandson grow up.

There is absolutely nothing redeeming about this proposal. Its "improvements" target all vulnerable populations - children, economically disadvantaged, elderly, women, and those with preexisting conditions.

The GOP had Eight Years to create a more sustainable plan that fixed loopholes in the current ACA, address other issues and concerns raised during the current ACA's drafting and subsequent implementation. Instead, the party chose to spend millions of taxpayer money to repeal it, thus far unsuccessfully.

Repeal is NOT what your constituents want. Just because it's been branded with former President Obama's name - as a vilification - your party wants to eliminate it (as well as all things which our 44th president created, implemented, and championed). To rename the ACA "Obamacare" was, admittedly, a brilliant marketing tactic for those opposed to President Obama. But let's be honest - are you trying to repeal and replace the ACA because it's the "right" thing to do, or because it's associated with an administration you loathe? And if so, ask yourself whether that's the best reason to make decisions for the country.

But what the GOP is attempting to do now is reprehensible, unconscionable, and shameful. This isn't about keeping power, folks. Find your power another way. Maybe by doing the moral thing, the altruistic thing, you'll discover a better power - that which comes from doing the right thing for the benefit of as many people as possible. It's about doing what's right for **all** citizens of the US - whether you like the color of their skin, agree with their lifestyle choices, support their careers, or not.

Please - do not support this bill. It is wrong.

Best,
Joanna Ireland

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: MEDICAID AND DISABILITY INDIVIDUALS

Dear Senators

Please vote NO on proposed cuts to Medicaid. I have a 21 year old son Kyle has Autism and Celiac Disease. I cannot begin to tell you what a life saver the Iris program has been for my son and my family. He is in Day Services at "Our Place" in Slinger, WI for 6 hours a day for 5 days a week. He gets the stimulation he desperately needs. There are numerous activities for him to participate in. There are field trips, sculpting, golf, drums, zumba, walking, Mandala Art, Mosaics, hat making, cleaning and organizing, volunteering, swimming & gym activities at the YMCA, singing, bowling & woodworking. He is always anxious to go there for the day. My son's autism along with his chronic digestive issues make it impossible for him to independent or even be able to work because his behaviors are inconsistent and unpredictable. These activities and the day service program are his life line. At home all he does is pace and make noises. He gets very bossy with his OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder) behaviors. On a good day he might be interested in an animated movie. Kyle has a lot of energy. He also breaks things from fiddling with them too much. Kyle desperately needs an outlet.

My son also has home health needs. He wears diaper briefs. He will not go near a toilet. I do get paid by Iris as well for having to take care of my son. It has been difficult for me to work all these years. A disability child with a digestive disease can very much affect his behavior from day to day. Since I started getting paid a few years ago we have been able to roof our house. Our home insurance was about to cancel us because it was so bad. Not to mention a new furnace that went out, and a washer, dryer and stove.

Kyle's day services are extremely important to him. They are equally important to me and my family. I cannot imagine how agitated and aggressive he would become without them. I fear he would have to go to a group home or probably an institution. This would cost the state more money. I would imagine there are a lot of disability families who have similar stories as mine. These programs save money.

Also, through Iris my son has been able to do Therapeutic Horse back riding and go to a Camp in the summer. Camp is a special time, and riding a horse is a big self esteem builder.

These programs are life savers to so many families with disabilities.. We cannot imagine what we would do without them. They give my son a purpose for living! He really is a sweet young man when he feels okay in his world.

Thank You for your time,

Lisa

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy Bill

Hello,

If you actually care at all about America and the good of it's citizens you will stop this foolishness of playing politics with 1/6th of our economy. Please show that you have a conscience and vote no on this terrible bill. I know you want to get re-elected, but don't you also want to be able sleep at night knowing that you did the right thing?

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Susan Meeker

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

This is A Bad Law, Badly Designed, By People Who Don't Understand Its Ramifications.

I was born with a pre-existing condition, a genetic anomaly. Not my fault, nothing I can do to change it. I am a real person, with value, who contributes to society. I and many others will go bankrupt or die without health care. This is a catastrophe socially and economically. It is wrong.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

How dare any one of you vote for this bill to pass when you receive FREE healthcare!

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017, 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy bill

Please do not pass this bill - you will leave millions and millions of Americans without any health care coverage and millions more with inadequate coverage. While the ACA is not perfect, it has improved healthcare coverage for millions of Americans and should be preserved and improved upon. Thanks, Ross Filice

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: (SENDER VALIDATION FAILED --- May not have originated from apparent sender)
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 strip my granddaughter of her healthcare. Her dad died when she was 7 and her mom is a widow. She has been dependent on state medicaid ever since. She is in college thanks to gov't funding and will be a great asset in her future as a surgical tech. If you strip her healthcare this could ruin her future if she has just 1 medical event. Not fair, not Human. Please stop.

JoAnn Pilvelis

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

This bill proves there is no interest in helping citizens.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill comment

This bill will clearly diminish the financial and health security of millions of Americans. Certainly, senators are well aware of their ultimate mission to serve the people of Americans. Middle-class, elderly, single mothers and poor Americans are also clearly "underwater" in the wake of the hurricanes and its continuing consequences to the entire country. Please don't add additional burdens to us.

We will remember.

Wendy Patterson

[REDACTED]
Gray, ME. 04039

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposed to Graham Cassidy Bill

Senators:

I am a writer by profession, winner of multiple awards in my field, with more than thirty novels published over a 30-year career; the bulk of my income has come from my writing. Like most self-employed people, I found it extremely difficult to buy insurance as an individual. After I was diagnosed with asthma, I became uninsurable through conventional insurers, and my only recourse was my state's high-risk pool. Just prior to the passage of the ACA, I was paying a quarter of my yearly income for what was essentially catastrophic coverage: \$471 a month for a policy that excluded things like physical therapy, and to get that "low" rate, I had to accept a \$7500 deductible. As a result, I let a knee injury go untreated, and will eventually have to have far more expensive surgery - surgery that could have been prevented with a course of physical therapy 18 years ago.

I tell you this story because, among its other faults, the Graham Cassidy Bill claims that pre-existing conditions are covered because states must provide accessible and affordable insurance, but failed to define either "access" or "affordable." Technically, my high-risk pool coverage was "affordable" - it was about half the price of private insurance on the individual market, and there was even a fund for low-income families that paid part of the premiums. That fund had, when I joined the pool, a two-and-a-half year long waiting list. My coverage was also technically accessible: policies were available for me to buy, but the deductible made it impossible to use the policy except in cases of severe illness.

In other words, Senators, we've already tried this. Without explicit protection for pre-existing conditions, the state systems will fall back on the old definitions of "affordable" and "accessible," which in practice were neither. The steadily decreasing amounts of Federal support mandated by the Graham Cassidy Bill will only exacerbate the problem. Please, do not pass a bill that would send us back to a system that we know doesn't work.

Melissa Scott
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on the Graham Cassidy health care bill

Dear Senators,

Please vote no on the Graham Cassidy health care bill. There are better options for fixing health care in the United States and this bill is not one of them. This bill would take insurance away from millions of Americans, which for many is a death sentence. My brother is currently battling cancer and has two small children at home. This health care bill would take away his health coverage which would be a death sentence for him. My brother's wife and small children need their husband and father, so please, please vote to protect his health insurance coverage.

I am a RN currently studying to become a psychiatric nurse practitioner. I am also asking on behalf of my current and future patients. I work in low income communities who depend on their health insurance for their many complicated health care needs. Please vote NO on the Graham Cassidy health care bill.

Heather Ryan
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham-Cassidy

PLEASE do not let the draconian Graham-Cassidy bill proceed!

Stephen Bach
[REDACTED]

Marblehead, MA 01945

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: In support of the ACA

Dear Senators,

Please consider the millions of people who will suffer if you pass the Graham Cassidy bill and do not vote for it.

Sincerely,

Candace Smith

Candace Smith
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

This latest attempt to repeal the ACA is shameful. The country needs an open, honest bipartisan bill that will protect the most vulnerable people in our society. The elderly, children, disabled and chronically ill all count on the stronger among us to take care of them. And most people by a certain age will have a preexisting condition. Available health care is not the moral equivalent of affordable accessible health care. America is better and can do better than this bill. Thank you

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

ATTN: Senators (who are supposed to be representing their constituents, not their re-election finances)

FROM: Pamela Fine
[REDACTED]
East Hartford CT 06118

Many of my friends depend on the ACA for their insurance needs and this vote could actually be a matter of life and death for them and for millions in our country. Ramming this through just to appease President Trump and assuring your political futures is a sad statement about how Americans are actually being represented. I urge the committee to use great prudence and to think wisely about the choices at hand.

Sincerely yours,
Pamela Fine

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GrahamCassidy Bill

- Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing
- Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017
- From: Cindy Gold, Professor, Northwestern University
- Address: [REDACTED]

I write to **STRONGLY** express my wish for the bill to fail. As someone with medical conditions requiring many doctor visits and prescriptions, I doubt I'd be alive today without my current healthcare plan. I've looked over the bill carefully and it's 90% useless to me and many of my friends and relatives.

Thank you.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy

This bill is just plain bad ... mean spirited, and financially irresponsible. You know it, we know it. there is no sincere effort to do anything except redistribute wealth to the already Uber rich ... the Trump administration is going down, or American crashes with it ... We will not let that happen without taking most of you with us!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Against ACA repeal

My name is Melody Gay Kohl, a voter and American from Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, and I want to voice my opposition to repealing the ACA. I would urge you to vote against the "Graham-Cassidy" healthcare proposal.

Most sincerely, Melody Gay Kohl

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare ...CBO score etc

It is time for our government to go back to getting all needed info before even considering major legislation. It is time for the USA to go back to being a sensible nation that takes care of its people. It is time to catch up to the rest of the modern nations in terms of healthcare, diplomacy and peaceful relations. It's not about one man's ego...do what's right and vote against the latest healthcare bill. ...then try to get the respect of the world back for our nation. Thank you,
A.E.Bacharach Ph.d. Fellow and Diplomate, American Board of Forensic Examiners.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

As a concerned citizen of the United States of America I am writing to express my grave concerns about the Graham-Cassidy Bill that, if enacted, would take health care coverage away from millions and cause prices to skyrocket so high that more millions will find it impossible to pay for services and prescription drugs. Said bill is extremely cruel and un-American!! It will NOT fix the health care system as we now know it with all the aid and improvements to the system thanks to the Affordable Care Act otherwise known as ObamaCare. Legislators need to tweak our current system to make it better, utilize its services to ALL states, and STOP sabotaging the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you for your time,

A concerned citizen who is not on ObamaCare but believes those who need it should be able to use it.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham- Cassidy Repeal Effort

Good Afternoon,

As we all know, the Graham-Cassidy repeal bill is simply a way to give tax cuts to those who do not need them.

The Republican Congress has forgotten that they work for ALL American people, not just the Koch Brothers.

It is not acceptable for the Republican Congress to rip health care and Medicare away from those who need it.

The majority of the American people do not want the Affordable Care Act repealed, the argument that the Republicans have to pass it because they promised to do so is absurd self serving crap and we all know it.

This is still America-- please kill this very UnAmerican attempt to grab money and power by the huge corporations that have purchased the Republican party.

Thank you,
Deborah Bigelow

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:13 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 without anyone, including members of the Senate, understanding what the impact will be on the healthcare options for millions of Americans. Over 130 million people, with pre-existing conditions, including myself, will have to pay such high premiums as to be unaffordable, those who receive Medicaid assistance (including at least 50% of older people in care facilities), will lose assistance, and everyone else will have to pay higher premiums. People will die, due to unaffordable healthcare and life time caps on treatment. The health care industry is unstable due to this bill being rammed through the Senate. I understand that the healthcare for members of Congress and their families will be exempt from this-shameful! I suspect that Republicans are trying to save face by pushing this bill through the Senate to save face and prove they can pass something. But in the name of saying they are giving states more freedom to provide local healthcare, they are actually making sure that states with Democratic majorities will lose healthcare dollars, that the Medical Device Industry, and the richest of Americans will receive large tax breaks. All this is shameful! Why not have open hearings? Why not allow amendments to the bill as is usual? Why not have partisan negotiations to pass real health care.

Wendy Chmielewski

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

Stop the health care reform tactics.

Rose & John Bagley
Naperville, Illinois 60563

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill.

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

This country needs so many things. Let's start with the basics:

We need bipartisanship.

We need a CBO score.

We need health care for women, children, and outreach for addicts. Instead of providing this country with protections, instead of investing in our present and future, the Graham-Cassidy Bill offers us chaos. The price is too high.

Please, please, please reject this.

Désirée Zamorano
Director
Community Literacy Center
Occidental College

[REDACTED]
Altadena, CA 91001

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare Bill/Death Sentence

I am beyond outraged. ALL the organizations (AMA, AARP, etc.) that should know how this will affect people are against this travesty. You are being held hostage by our fearless, and quite unstable leader and the Koch brothers. When did you sell your soul? Or has it been that long ago that you don't feel anything??

Disrespectfully yours,
Nancy Heimstra

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: "Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017"

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

This Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal is a travesty! It is a death sentence for many Americans!
You cannot let this pass!

Victoria Hellyer

[REDACTED]
Skokie, IL 60076

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill feedback

Good morning,

I am writing about the proposed Graham Cassidy bill for changes to the ACA. By now it is clear that this is not a bill built with the interests of American citizens in mind.

It is clear that this is not a bill that will make healthcare either accessible or affordable - in fact, it is very, terribly clear that it will do just the opposite.

I first ask that a vote is postponed until proper due diligence can be completed on the impact of this bill via a CBO score. How can members of Congress make a truly informed decision that is in the best interests of their constituents without understanding the impact of this bill?

I also ask the you consider the implications of the ability for states to eliminate or loosen protections for those with pre-existing conditions. There are numerous friends and family members this will impact: My sister suffers from asthma; my father has diabetes; the father of one of my oldest and dearest friends has leukemia; the son of a neighbor has cerebral palsy. These Americans deserve to be able to afford the medications they need to live and deal with the daily challenges of living with these conditions. What's more, any one of us can be impacted tomorrow by a life-altering health issue. Is our country really willing to take that gamble?

Also of great concern is the drastic cuts to Medicaid. How can we be a great country if we don't support the vital healthcare needs of those who need it most?

Please do not pass this dangerous, un-American bill that's really a tax cut disguised as a healthcare bill. Please remember that you were elected to serve and represent the needs of your constituents and ALL Americans. Please do the right thing and return to regular order to work on a bipartisan solution to improving our existing healthcare law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Allison Mortland
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: healthcare

I can't see how ANYONE is in favor of this new healthcare bill! It's AWFUL. This can't be passed.

Maureen Jordan
Manlius NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: REJECT Graham-Cassidy!

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

As a US citizen and constituent of Connecticut, I vehemently oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill and any attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

The recent concurrence of *all 50* National Association of Medicaid Directors on the disastrous implications of the bill should, alone, cause tremendous concern. The fact that the bill wouldn't even receive a full CBO score until after its scheduled passing is also alarming.

This is clearly a terrible bill and its passage would have devastating consequences for Americans' health for our country's overall economy and security. There is no reason this travesty of a bill should even be considered, and all of America will remember this vote.

Sincerely,
Lisa Hannich
New Canaan, CT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy hearing

This "Repeal and Replace" effort is inexcusable. You cannot play around with people's lives while you attempt to rush through a last-ditch effort that has not been properly (or even remotely) evaluated. This is another embarrassment for the GOP, and an injustice to our governing system. Peoples lives are at stake here--stop this insanity.

Shelly Walters
Bloomington, IL

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:15 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Medicaid

I am FOR the Senate to sign this bill to rid us of Obama Care. My son is Down syndrome and 39 yrs old. The reason Medicaid is in trouble is because of putting more people on this healthcare that should not be. Our son pays no copay or little on his meds. This is unfair for those that can't see a doctor not on Medicaid because their deductables are too high. Make this fair for everyone.

Thank you
Marilyn
Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:15 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: FW: The Cassidy Graham HC bill

To Senators on the Finance Committee:

The Graham Cassidy bill is cruel, a potential death sentence for sick and vulnerable Americans.

To the GOP Senators, stop LYING to the American people.

Your repeated lies on the news shows is appalling. Even a late night show comedian like Kimmel understands the atrocious language in the bill. While people technically have access to coverage for pre-existing conditions, by removing the requirement for ACA's 10 EHBs (which includes maternity care), you are allowing insurers to hike up rates for covering those pre-existing conditions. Coverage will be unaffordable. Saying people have access is a cynical response, when you know most Americans cannot afford that "access".

Every medical association, even the Insurers are saying NO to CassidyGraham bill. You literally have no basis for calling this a "healthcare" bill.

The intent of this ghoulish farce of a HC bill is to strip Medicaid entirely over the next 10 years so you can then pass tax cuts for the likes of Sheldon Adelson, Steve Wynn, the Mercers and the Koch Brothers. And for that \$400M bribe the Koch brothers have held out for the 2018 elections. The Republican party is willing to let Americans die, for money. This is not representative government, this is an autocracy.

So GOP Senators, any of you with an iota of humanity in you. Reject this bill. Save lives. Your God will reward you for that. Show us your Christian values by voting NO on the Graham-Cassidy DeathCare bill.

Sincerely,

N Murthy

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:15 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GrahamCassidy bill

My name is Storey Shearer a citizen of this republic, I vote in all elections.
I very strongly appose this bill. It's unacceptable. What this country needs and deserves is a bipartisan bill.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:59 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Healthcare bill

One of my biggest concerns with this bill is regarding the pre-existing conditions clause.

By allowing insurance companies to raise rates for pre-existing conditions, you are pricing people right out of coverage. If they can't afford the choice that you are offering, then they don't really have a choice.

Do NOT vote in favor of this bill.

Maureen Rao, CT

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

Keeping a "campaign promise" of repealing Obamacare is not a good enough reason for decimating the health care system in this country. For one thing, guess what? The people will eventually find out what the GOP has done, once they cannot afford the healthcare they are "free to choose" . This bill is the most irresponsible to date. It's a travesty to transfer administration to the states, which would have to start from scratch to create the resources to support this. States that are struggling already to balance budgets. The underhanded way this is being pushed through is reprehensible. No hearings, no CBO score, no discussion with democrats. More than half the country is democrat and the majority of voters in the presidential election voted democrat. This president and GOP has the gall to penalize blue states in favor of red states. I thought this was the UNITED STATES.

You should also listen to all the Health Organizations, Hospitals, Insurance Companies and Medicaid organizations, all of whom are strongly opposed to this bill.

Reject this bill with all your strength.

Thank you.

Camille Haughton

[REDACTED]
Hartford, CT 06103
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Strong NO on Graham/Cassidy bill

Please don't throw millions of Americans under the bus, further enrich the rich, leave the elderly & people with pre-existing conditions vulnerable, & give us an uncertain future where the availability & quality of one's healthcare could well hinge on what state one lived in! NO to legislated INEQUALITY of healthcare.

That's not OUR Americaus

Sent from my iPhone Arvina Lumley

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I Oppose the Curent Health Care Bill which You Are Considering

My opposition in part is based on the following objections:

1. The process for considering the bill has been very limited and mostly behind closed doors without inviting the Democrats to participate.
2. I understand that on the floor of the senate, there are 95 seconds of debate scheduled for this bill affecting one sixth of our economy. If true, that I a mockery of participatory democracy.
3. There is not time for a full Congressional Budget Office assessment of the implications of the bill. We should have the facts.
4. It appears that up to 32 million people will lose their health insurance because this bill has similarities to past bills which were "scored" by the CBO..
5. You push the issue of guaranteed coverage for preexisting conditions back on the states with options of them to opt out of that, and there are not assurances for "affordable" coverage for such people.
6. You do not assure affordable insurance for people with preexisting conditions and both my wife and I have had cancer. We and other people may be will be hanging out there without affordable health insurance..
7. Many of your answers to questions raised such as the above given to various media are half truths trying to deceive the public.
8. The bill is opposed by Directors of Medicaid in all the states.
9. The bill shifts major amounts of money from Democrat voting states to Republican voting states. This is a cynical political maneuver playing with the health and welfare of people.
10. This is a deeply flawed bill in a deeply flawed process which can result in less health care and more expensive health care for millions of people and you block all public assessment by the CBO to let the public know that.

SHAME!for publicly verifiable reasons.

Dr. H. Frederick Reisz, Jr.

[REDACTED]
Bluffton, SC 29909
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:21 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 the bill ends federal protections for pre-existing conditions and essential health benefits and will slash coverage for tens of millions of Americans.

Cynthia Zencey

19380
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Any legislator who claims to have even a shred of morality should be behind a bill which covers Americans for all health care--dental, eye, body, mind. The US is falling further and further behind the rest of the world in every way: medical care, medical outcomes, infant mortality, infrastructure, green energy, water quality, election integrity--everything. All funds go to corporations and the unending war machine. And greedy, ignorant legislators like you are to blame. Any legislator who votes to take away health care from millions is nothing more than a cockroach, and deserves to be crushed by those millions who eventually will rise up against you. Use your head and do your job for once.

Linda Hagge

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: McNiece, Jessica (Durbin); Kanner, Max (Durbin); Villanueva, Josie (Duckworth)
Subject: I Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am writing to state that I adamantly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, including how it is being voted on without a rigorous analysis of the impacts of the bill. Analyses to date show dire consequences for people's health, their ability to pay for healthcare, and the stability of the insurance market. This is an abomination and a slap in the face of every American citizen. It is opposed by insurance companies, patient groups, doctors, governors - you name it, no one supports it, including myself. Any bill that puts a cap on healthcare benefits, reduces the ability of people to get critical healthcare for pre-existing conditions, takes healthcare away from people so that any health issue can lead to a life or death situation or a financial disaster, is irresponsible governing. We are talking about people's lives, but I don't think the supporters of this bill are.

It makes zero sense to me why you would try to shove this repeal in such an irresponsible manner down the throats of every American citizen. Repealing Obamacare just because you said you would, rather than because you have a good idea for replacement, creates doubt in the integrity of our elected officials to do what's best for their constituents.

This bill is a sham, and I have urged my senators to oppose it.

Rachel Hahs
[REDACTED]

Oak Park, IL 60304

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No on the Graham-Cassidy Bill!

For the sake of the American people, DO NOT approve this cruel Graham - Cassidy proposed health CARELESS legislation!

Health care is a human right and we will remain a third world nation until we provide all our citizens with health care. Medicare has been successful and it's way past time we extended it to every American.

I had a baby in Japan and have lived in and/or enjoyed excellent health care in the civilized countries of Germany, Spain, and Canada. There is no such thing as an H M O in any country with national health care!

It is the Heath Management and Phama/Drug Corporations that keep the costs of health care and medicines so high in the United States! They are simply NOT needed because health care should be FOR THE PEOPLE instead of profiteering businesses as it now is!

CONGRESS: Stop trying to please the H M Os and their stockholders and lobbyists! Have the moral decency to provide a single-payer health care system to every American citizen!!!!

VOTE AGAINST THE DANGEROUS AND CRUEL GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL!

Thank you!

Juliet Mofford, age 82
Bath, Maine 04530

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Latest attempt to repeal ACA

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a small business owner who relies on the ACA for health insurance for ourselves and our employees. This latest attempt to replace the ACA with a terrible bill by Senators Lindsay Graham and Bill Cassidy will particularly hurt Pennsylvania. I'm particularly surprised that Senator Graham would propose such a bill. I thought he was one of the good guys but apparently he's concerned more with getting political brownie points rather than considering what's best for Americans.

Please vote against this bill!

Sincerely, Claudia Cueto

Claudia S. Cueto, AIA, Principal
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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Suzanne Sorkin
Cc: gchcomments
Subject: Re: Comments for Graham-Cassidy bill

Suzanne,
Thanks for sharing. I didn't realize that a way to comment existed because this terrible bill has been moving through at what appears to be warp speed. I will take advantage of the opportunity.
Peg

On Sep 22, 2017 12:06 PM, "Suzanne Sorkin" <sorkin@msu.edu> wrote:
Hearing for Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill
Date of Hearing: 9/25/17
Individual commenting: Suzanne Sorkin, M.D.
Address of commenter: [REDACTED]

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the Graham-Cassidy health care bill. As a retired family physician I remember with horror the days prior to the ACA when disabled people and those with prior conditions would be unable to access health care. This bill would return us to those bad old days. Patients with diabetes, for instance, would go without medication until brought in to the ER in diabetic ketoacidotic coma, a life-threatening condition requiring an expensive ICU admission. After discharge, assuming the patient survived, the cycle would start all over again...

Please do NOT pass the Graham-Cassidy bill which would return us to those days.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: info@pahealthaccess.org
Subject: Comments on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I am a 25-year cancer survivor who happens to also run a successful small business for the last 10 years. My husband is also a freelancer and we both rely on the ACA for our health-care.

There's been incredible benefits beyond the piece of mind knowing we can both access health-care. Even though we're both in great health today, I know just like when I was a teenager diagnosed with cancer, it could all be gone tomorrow.

What's getting lost with this bill is that by 2020, 40% of the economy will be the "gig economy", people like my husband. This doesn't even include small business owners like myself. Long gone are the days of employer-sponsored health care plans.

This is an economic issue that needs to be fixed. A real health-care bill and plan, not a tax-cut for the wealthy, will be necessary if our economy is to grow amongst AI, automation, etc.

As an entrepreneur and small business owner, I am constantly required to lean on my wits, constraints and resilience. If I can do this in my life, I'm expecting Congress with all it's resources to be able to do the same.

Be well,

Ali

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Ali M. Shapiro

[REDACTED]

Check out my iTunes New and Noteworthy podcast, ***Insatiable!***

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Janette Kirchner and I live in Pa. without the ACA and Medicaid Expansion, I would not be able to have health insurance, health care, or be alive today. At 16 I developed a seizure disorder, making it impossible for me to get health insurance through out the majority of my 20s. After having children, it was more efficient for my family's budget that I stop working. Which means, once again, I couldn't get health insurance until the ACA and Medicaid expansion came to my state. It is impossible to go see a doctor without health insurance anymore.

Because of the Medicaid Expansion, I was able to get health insurance for my entire family, including seizure disordered, depressed me. In November of 2016, I had to have emergency surgery to remove an ectopic pregnancy. Even though the pregnancy was a surprise, the baby was wanted. Even though that shouldn't matter, when a woman has an unplanned pregnancy, she/they must take into consideration the toll it will take on their finances, their mental and emotional health, and their physical health. Pregnant people and mothers are routinely discriminated against in this country, much less than Black people, people of color, LGBTQIAP+ people, Native people, but it is still there. And discrimination, in all its forms, needs to end, immediately.

Ectopic pregnancies are the leading cause of death for pregnant people in the first trimester. 1 in 80 pregnancies are an ectopic pregnancy. My statistics are from the UK, I couldn't find any reliable sources in the US. I'm one of the lucky ones, my ectopic pregnancy was caught before my Fallopian tube ruptured and caused internal bleeding. When you want decimate the ACA and the Medicaid Expansion, your telling me that I should've died in November of 2016. Leaving my two children without a mother, my husband without a wife, my father and mother without a daughter, my brothers without a sister, and most importantly, me without my life.

What kind of callous, greedy, and selfish monster wants to kill people via lack of health care?

I beg you, end this vile notion of repealing the ACA, fix what's broken with it in a bi-partisan manner, require all doctors and specialists to work with people on Medicaid, and renew CHIP. CHIP's deadline is September 30th, please don't let greed kill children.

My Senators are Bob Casey and Pat Toomey. Senator Casey's office has heard my story briefly. And I believe I emailed Senator Toomey about it, I didn't get a response, but, oh well.

Please stop letting hate and greed win. America should be better than this.

Sincerely,
Janette Kirchner
Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy Bill. This bill does not support pre-existing conditions and imposes lifetime caps that could be disastrous for the American people! Many millions will lose health insurance, and likely many thousands or maybe more will die as a result! Please do not allow this bill to pass! Work to improve the current ACA instead. Thank you.

Kevin Bostic

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Bill

Conservative thought for the day: "I'm against killing babies...Accept, of course, in the case of a Republican health care bill that will cause the deaths of babies...then it's okay...Oh and I also don't mind bankrupting Americans who get sick...And I think it is absolutely Christian to allow insurance companies to charge anyone with a pre-existing condition to be charged so much they can't even get insurance...It's probably what Jesus would do..." FIX THE ACA!!! Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. Americans will not stand for it! The priority should not be to get rid of Obamacare with no acceptable replacement. The priority should be to fix what is broken in Obamacare and stop putting politics and party ahead of the American people.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy proposal will hurt millions

In reference to the latest proposed repeal of the ACA:

This bill is terrible for the states and for millions of people. It will directly impact me and my family, because I am in the age bracket that will end up with huge increases in premiums and my 27 year old daughter has a preexisting condition which would forever price her out of the health care market.

It is not lost on the American public that Senators are listening to the Koch brothers and not to their own constituents. This bill has not been vetted by the CBO and is being rammed through with no serious hearings and no opportunity for debate. Our health care is not for sale to the billionaires that bankroll politicians.

In coming elections, the Democrat Party ads will write themselves.

Laura Sorensen

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Gillibrand, Kirsten (Gillibrand); schumer, scheduling (Schumer)
Subject: Testimony for the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal
September 25, 2017

Sarah Geller
[REDACTED]

Brooklyn, NY 11201

In the fall of 2015, at the age of 29, I enrolled under an ACA marketplace plan for the first time since no employer-based health care plan was available to me. I had had no major health problems up until that point, and I don't drink, don't smoke, and otherwise live a healthy, safe life -- but I know going without health care is not an option. Just two months after signing up, I felt a lump in my breast and, after consultation with my doctor, was seen by a specialist who told me that there was a 50% chance it was cancerous. My mother and my father are both cancer survivors, and I am at an increased risk due to my ethnicity. After more visits with other specialists, more tests, and more monitoring over the next few months, I was told it was benign. The extreme anxiety I experienced caused a severe reoccurrence of gastrointestinal symptoms I had previously suffered from, as well as other new, unidentified symptoms that had to be evaluated and treated. Without the ACA, I would have had tens of thousands of dollars of medicals bill to pay all out of pocket, none of which I could afford. The Graham Cassidy bill will strip me, now with several "pre-existing conditions," of health care that could save my life and improve my health. This bill is immoral, unjust, and insensitive to human life. I strenuously oppose it. When you consider voting for it, consider telling a healthy 29 year old woman that her life is not worth it.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Representing American People

This is outrageous. You were elected to represent the people. Please take a stand on behalf of your commitment to do public service.

"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 commitment.

Sincerely,
Lisa Veshecco

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

I need to keep my present healthcare plan in place. It is vital to my survival. Please destroy this ugly hateful proposal that is in NO way a 'healthcare' plan.

Anne Hartigan

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO DUMPCARE

Withdraw this terrible bill. Vote NO.

Arsine Kailian
DC resident (with NO Senator)
ACA member

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The new health care bill needs to be killed

Dear Honorable Madame's and Sirs,

I have been in healthcare for 30 years. My area has been in oncology care. The Graham-Cassidy bill is terrible for the American people. This bill will impact not only my patients who have been dealing with cancer, but just about any other American who is dealing with any condition.

I remember the bad old days when people could not get insurance because of pre-existing conditions. May you of these folks showed up in ER with advanced diseases which could have been taken care of cheaper and cured if caught early on.

Many of my patients in the early years of the "pre-existing condition" also lost their homes and retirement to pay for their healthcare.

Please do not let this happen again.

Thank you,
Therese Miller RN OCN

"learn from yesterday.
Live for today.
Hope for tomorrow.
The most important thing,
Never stop questioning".
~Albert Einstein

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: VOTE NO.

To Whom it May Concern,

Please don't overturn Obamacare - fix it! GCH is the worst of the 'repeal and replace' bills so far - you're moving backwards, as far as I can tell. Don't take away healthcare for millions of Americans by passing this bill that no health insurance, health care, or doctor organizations support. Please do the right thing for the American people by voting no.

Sincerely,
Catherine Haight

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Good afternoon,

The "healthcare" bill being rammed through the Senate is unconscionable, and would certainly result in millions of people losing their insurance. Attempting to pass a bill of this magnitude without a thorough analysis by the Congressional Budget Office is completely unacceptable.

Frankly, I just don't understand the cruelty of this bill, and how we can justify taking health care away from millions of Americans as we pass a new defense spending bill for \$700 billion.

If this bill passes, what will be left to defend? Our country is presently in a shambles, and if this bill passes, millions of Americans will likely go into bankruptcy when they're forced to choose between healthcare and paying for their homes, and many others will die needlessly because they don't have access to care. I just don't get it.

When did we stop valuing the lives of our citizens? This bill is shameful, and cannot be allowed to pass.

Fix what's broken. The ACA isn't perfect, but it has saved countless lives. If the Senate and the House work together in a bipartisan fashion (what a concept!), the ACA can be revised, and a major national catastrophe can be averted.

We are paying close attention.

Sincerely,
Regina Ioskow

[REDACTED]
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Caasidy Bil

Put your politics aside and think of the American people! This horrific bill that you want to shove down our throats is so immoral and selfish!

I am a widow with 3 children and my eldest 23 a surviving twin being multiply disabled from having a stroke in utero. The wonderful ACA Act which this president says is a disaster has helped so many Americans. Yes, parts of it has to be fixed, but to totally destroy Medicaid is deplorable. The Senators have wonderful healthcare, so they could care less. Live one day with me and maybe you would see the light. Cassidy is a doctor...really? Graham, what do you know about healthcare? I represent 2500 moms with my www.specialmomsnetwork.com. Take a look and see what we go through.

This administration is a joke and unfortunately senators who are afraid to lose their jobs put their conscience aside and screw their constituents.

This bill is just Mean!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA Repeal

Dear Senators,

I am against the repeal of the ACA.

I am writing to lay out some of my concerns about the most recent attempt to repeal the ACA:

It is indefensible to shove this legislation through without a CBO score.

Changing the administration of health care for millions of Americans should not be done in such a rushed, haphazard fashion. Republicans seem to think repealing Obamacare at all costs is all that matters. We are talking – literally -- about people's lives, and any big changes need to be well thought out.

The states are not ready to take this on.

There should be research, discussion, and input from Governors, Doctors, Nurses, Health Care professionals, etc etc.

States that opted into the Medicaid expansion will now be penalized for doing so if this passes, even though that program has been wonderfully successful.

There is no good reason you can't improve the ACA by working together.

A huge majority of Americans think you are handling this in an abominable manner.

Thank you for your time,
Kathy Oberg

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare Reform

I am appalled at the continual up and downs that our current representatives are putting the American public through with the never ending fear of losing or changing healthcare coverage. There are people that will LOSE their lives and yet here comes another slammed through bill with little or NO input from the other side of the aisle. We DID NOT elect you to hold meetings in secret and tell us what is best for us despite what you think and YES, I do understand the difference between a Republic and a Democracy. You know full well that a many constituents that say they want this change will be the ones most hurt by it and when that realization comes, your jobs will go.

I personally do not need a subsidy and I enjoy excellent health, but unlike this Congress I care about my fellow Americans. It is time to STOP playing politics and actually work on something decent, something that the majority of representatives can agree on... meaning both Democrats and Republicans.

What little I have heard about this bill, it is a disgrace and so are you... our representatives (and I say that very, very loosely).

Do you never care about doing what is right?

Gina Eborn

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

I am writing about the proposed Graham/Cassidy bill for changes to the ACA. I feel that by every measure, this is not a helpful bill.

First, I ask Congress not to hold a vote on this bill, which will affect 1/6 of the American economy, without a CBO score. How can you responsibly vote on proposed legislation without fully understanding how it will impact the lives of Americans?

Second, I am very concerned about language in the bill that allows states to loosen protections for pre-existing conditions. My family will be directly affected by this provision. My husband is self-employed so we have to purchase our own health insurance. I am a breast cancer survivor and my college daughter has a seizure disorder and these pre-existing conditions could price us out of healthcare and or bankrupt us.

Third, I can't believe that the people honored with overseeing our country would allow the money for Medicaid to be reduced so drastically, making costs for seniors and the disabled skyrocket.

From what I have researched, this bill does not bring healthcare to more Americans. In fact, it is predicted that 30 million or more will lose their existing coverage and, like before the ACA, people will have to choose between eating and getting healthcare. Do you understand that this means that people will die?

Please do not pass the Graham/ Cassidy bill. Instead, please work on improving the existing ACA laws with bipartisan committee's and a vote that requires all of Congress to work together for a solution.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Wells-Whitwam

[REDACTED]
San Diego, CA 92128

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Dear Senators,

My mother died young of a preventable heart condition in the years preceding the Affordable Care Act. We were devastated. She had kept her need for a stress test secret from me and my brother as she knew none of us could afford to pay for her medical needs out of pocket. She was too young to qualify for Medicare and not quite poor enough for Medicaid. My father had left our family and taken all of our assets years before and my mother, brother, and I were all still trying to regain our financial footing. My teen years were spent living in Section 8 housing and using food stamps to get by in our new-found poverty. And then Mom, our anchor and strong advocate through years of turmoil, was suddenly dead at age 63. My daughter doesn't remember her. There had been warning signs of Mom's increasing ill health, but she was fiercely proud of her independence and never told us of her increasing fainting spells.

I was thrilled when the ACA passed--too late for my mother, but a law to keep other people healthy and alive in the face of disease. I was so proud to be an American citizen that day--a country that cares for the least powerful among us. Please keep this true and reject this current repeal attempt. I deem it short-sighted, cowardly, and unkind. It lacks compassion, but more importantly, the vision that all of our citizens are worthy of affordable health care.

If you have never experienced the grinding existence of being poor, I encourage you take it on for a few days to see the world through the eyes of so many of your constituents: have your kids walk to school because you can't afford a new bike tire and make sure they only have two pairs of pants and one dress to pick from to wear to school. You ride the bus to work and then you wait for hours in line at the sliding-scale health clinic in the evening as you can't afford to miss any working hours. You put off getting that new crown on your front incisor that cracked and so you go around not smiling, trying not to show the gap in your mouth. You plan to cremate your mother as you can't afford a burial, until others kindly give you enough money to be able to choose otherwise.

The Graham-Cassidy Bill will not help people, it will ensure that more of them remain deeper in poverty for a longer amount of time by forcing to use all of their money on health costs. Or they will just die because they are too poor to live in a society that refuses to giving them a helping hand.

Catherine Ristola Bass
[REDACTED]
Holland, Michigan 49423

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill is Horrendous

Please vote down the Graham-Cassidy 'health'care bill. It will do nothing to better the American healthcare system -- it just gives tax breaks to the wealthiest 1% of the population while leaving children, the elderly, hospitals, the middle class and even health insurers in the lurch. The administrators of Medicaid in all 50 states of our union just came out denouncing this appalling bill. The American people despise this bill. Furthermore, to destabilize our healthcare -- and country - in the wake of 3 major hurricanes is the epitome of inhumanity as well as bad governance. Leave healthcare alone and start working to actually solve our real problems in this country.

Thank you.

Cathy Nichols

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:32 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham-Cassidy bill

TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

I am writing to express concerns about the push to hastily pass the Graham-Cassidy bill without taking the time for hearings or a CBO score.

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.

This bill impacts millions of American's healthcare and one sixth of our economy.

We deserve a thoughtful and deliberative process. We deserve the best coverage available for the most people. Graham Cassidy does not achieve this goal. Rushing to fulfill a campaign promise does not serve the American people.

Regards,
Juliana Gunnarsson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:32 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA repeal

As a taxpayer and a dedicated US citizen and voter, your plan to rescinding Obamacare is horrible. I have heard all the lies and half truths, and as an informed voter, I will make sure to inform as many citizens as I can, on every type of media as to the facts of this Bill. Be smart, and at least be honest for once.
Robb Cowell

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:32 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Kill Graham-Cassidy Trumpcare!

Keep the ACA.

Keep improving the ACA. My friends who farm and who own long-time small-businesses finally have healthcare for the first time in their adult lives. EVERYONE I know has a pre-existing condition.

States are not prepared for running healthcare systems and would not be for far too long. In the interim, people will sicken and die. Long-term, the states still won't be able to do enough with the money provided or the terms imposed.

The terms in the Graham-Cassidy bill are horrendous, shameful. People will sicken and die.

And WHY is healthcare being handled in the finance department? It is a Human Service.

Monica Walk
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: no to Graham-Cassidy

Honorable members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to urge you to not support the Graham-Cassidy "healthcare" bill. The American Cancer Society, AARP, the Association of Medicaid providers, lots of US Governors and the overwhelming majority of this country's population are opposed to this bill! To even consider shoving this bill down our throats sends a clear signal: you do not care. Is that really the message you want to send to the people you are sworn to serve?

sincerely,
Pat Blashill
US Citizen

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Re: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy
Attachments: FB_IMG_1502810116718.jpg

Here is a photo of me and my coworkers. I'm the young person in a wheelchair with sunglasses and a bag on my lap.

These are the REAL PEOPLE that this bill will affect.

On Sep 22, 2017 12:04 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:
To Whom It may concern:

Please vote no on Graham Cassidy.

I am a constituent with multiple disabilities living in South Carolina.

I have cerebral palsy, autoimmune arthritis, dysautonomia, anxiety, depression, and (suspected) autism.

I see specialists for all of my disabilities. I take a dozen prescription medications to manage my conditions.

The most debilitating aspect of my disabilities is chronic pain. I recently received adequate pain treatment for the first time in years due to a palliative care team. Prior to the treatment I was actively suicidal due to the pain.

If this bill passes, I could lose the Medicaid services that I depend on for medical treatments.

I could die without my medications. I could have a heart attack due to untreated dysautonomia. I might die by suicide due to untreated and unbearable chronic pain.

I am only eighteen years old.

I was not supposed to live. The doctors told my parents that when I was born.

But I fought to survive and I enjoy my life very much.

I am a disability advocate at my local center for independent living, and I adore my job and my coworkers. I have friends. I have a family. I am active in my community. I am working towards accomplishing my dream of becoming a doctor. None of that would be possible for me without Medicaid.

I am not the only one either. 1 in 5 people in America have a disability. Most of those people depend on Medicaid or will depend on Medicaid in the future.

Senators, lives are in your hands. Not only do disabled Americans depend on Medicaid for quality of life, some of our very lives depend upon it.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)
Subject: Against Graham-Cassidy Bill
Attachments: SFC Template Letter Kat Rusnak.docx

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden,

The funding cuts proposed by this bill directly impact all children served by my organization. Cutting medicaid funding will increase costs in the long term by denying the needed services to this children that allow them to transition into less restrictive environments. These children will continue in high cost government programs for longer periods of time if services are denied. Please consider all financial ramifications of this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Kat Rusnak, MS, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist
The Home for Little Wanderers
Longview Farm Campus
[REDACTED] Walpole MA 02081
[REDACTED]

Strong families. Strong life.

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

First, I would like to start off by saying I cannot believe we are fighting this AGAIN. What does it take to get the United States Government to understand we want the ACA to stay in place.

I am so tired of all the lies and deceit that is going on with the GOP's plan that we have defeated several times. I truly believe that the GOP is embarrassed by their support of Donald J Trump that they have threatened us with our lives and the lives of our children in order to divert the attention of their poor judgement.

Passing the cost of something that should be a right for every person on to the backs of the working class is just wrong. The middle class is tired of paving the way for the rich so that they can have the finest healthcare and huge tax breaks is not why we started this country.

My main concern is pre-existing conditions and women's health. Why do you keep punishing these individuals? It is wrong.

I want a government that works for all the American people. I will remember who supported the want of the majority of Americans and when it is time to vote I will campaign against anybody who votes for Graham-Cassidy.

Patricia Huss
Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: STOP ACA REPEAL

The latest ACA repeal bill is a travesty of American government. The bill is set for a vote without a CBO score, without hearings, and without comment. Merits aside, this bill circumvents normal order and should not receive consideration.

On its merits, this bill will devastate the average American and make healthcare unaffordable or unavailable to MILLIONS.

Vote NO for this disaster of a bill.

With regards,
Adam Eisenberg
Morton Grove Il

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Save ACA, improve don't dismantle

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to express my concern that the ACA be saved and improved, not dismantled.

I am a Social Worker for almost 40 years and am very concerned about the impact of dismantling the ACA upon Special Needs children and their families.

This new bill wrecks havoc on these families (and our Vets and their families).

No to the Graham/Cassidy cruel spirited bill.

Sincerely,

Cynthia B. Mann, LCSW

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: This is a reprehensible bill

Do NOT repeal/replace the Affordable Care Act.

This bill will destroy the lives of people who rely on medicaid, have pre-existing conditions, and don't have health care provided by their employers. Fewer jobs -- including full-time jobs -- offer those kinds of benefits.

This is a bill for the rich to get richer; to line the pockets of the insurance companies and their shareholders, and is selfish, wrong-headed and needs to be stopped.

This is a bill contrary to the values that we as true Americans hold dear.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Health Care Bill

The Graham Cassidy Health Care bill would be a disaster for the American people. To quote Sister Carol Keehan, the president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association, "The C.B.P.P. reports that by 2027 the outcomes of the Graham-Cassidy bill would be virtually identical to a repeal-without-replace bill, suggesting that it would leave an additional 32 million Americans without health insurance over the next decade. Its deeper cuts to Medicaid should in fact mean that figure could be higher. The bill would result in even deeper coverage losses in the following decade."

I urge you not to support it.

Sincerely,
Linda Crotta Brennan

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: new health care bill

I am vehemently opposed to the new health care bill you are proposing.

This is just one of my issues with the bill - Preexisting conditions should always be covered in a medical plan.

There should be a comprehensive health plan for every American citizen.

Sandy Rama

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing
September 25, 2017
Erin Kinney
[REDACTED]
Mobile, AL 36693

First, the bill ends current protections on discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions by allowing states to waive the ACA's prohibition on charging people with pre-existing conditions higher premiums. This is critically important, as it affects 52% of adults under age 65, including my husband and I. We both have asthma and under the proposed bill our insurance premium could more than double (106%). Right now, insurance premiums are almost out of reach for the small business I work for; I'm afraid of what will happen to the business, and our health, should the bill becomes law.

Next, the current prohibition against lifetime limits on benefits would be lost. Medicaid would be cut, particularly hurting poor children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Medicaid expansion will end. The Graham-Cassidy bill provides block grants to the states. While promoting this as allowing states flexibility, it denies residents of different states equal benefits. Also, rural hospitals, which receive more of their income from the ACA and Medicaid, will be disproportionately hurt.

Additionally, trying to pass this bill, which affects one sixth of the U.S. economy, without a public process with committee hearings, expert testimony and opportunity to offer amendments, nor a full CBO score is against the democratic principles this country is based on.

Finally, by barring states from reimbursing Planned Parenthood for preventive health and family planning services for people enrolled in Medicaid, this bill endangers women and children. After I graduated college in 1993, and therefore not eligible to be on my parent's insurance, it was Planned Parenthood that caught my cervical cancer early enough that it could be removed without it spreading.

Regards,
Erin Kinney
[REDACTED]
Mobile, AL 36693

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. state denial of healthcare is the most cruel and invidious for of racial discrimination. The Graham-Cassidy bill is an abhorrent example to the world that the United States is not committed to human rights as we loftily preach. It is time to move toward universal healthcare for all citizens.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No on Graham-Cassidy

Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As a resident of Connecticut and a constituent of Senator Blumenthal, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to vote "No" on Graham-Cassidy. This bill is a travesty. It will strip coverage from 32 million Americans by 2026, including nearly 300,000 in my home state, It will impose crippling health care costs onto citizens and families who cannot afford it and send the insurance markets spiraling into chaos. It is a senseless, cruel, shoddy, dangerous, grotesquely irresponsible piece of legislation. In a decent world, it would never be considered for passage by your committee, let alone by the full body of the United States Senate.

Attempting to pass this shameful excuse for a bill, especially without going through the regular order, is beneath the dignity of the institution that you represent, and to do so would be a dereliction of duty to the people that you are elected to serve. According to a recent PPP poll, Graham-Cassidy has a 24% approval rating, while the Affordable Care Act has a 54% approval rating. All 50 Medicaid directors from all 50 states oppose Graham-Cassidy. A bipartisan group of Governors oppose it. The American Medical Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and countless other respected health groups oppose it. Major insurances companies such as BlueCross BlueShield oppose it. There is no constituency for this bill beside Senator McConnell, Senator Graham, Senator Cassidy, and the big money donors like the Koch Brothers and Doug Deason. They are making a mockery of Senate procedure and pushing for passage against the express wishes of the American people, who spoken clearly, loudly, and in one voice - we do not want this bill.

We want a bipartisan health care bill that builds upon the strengths of the ACA and shores up the areas that need fixing so that every American can have access to quality, affordable health care - something that should be a basic human right. Such an effort, led by Senators Alexander and Murray, was underway before this pathetic and dangerous Graham-Cassidy bill emerged. If Graham-Cassidy becomes law, the American people will bear its painful and unimaginable cost. Many lives will be tragically unnecessarily lost. The financial burdens will be crippling. The rights of the citizenry to live in this country with dignity and security will be severely and irreparably compromised.

I wish that an appeal to basic moral decency would be enough to change the minds of any Senator who is even remotely considering voting for this monstrous bill. But if it is not, I can assure you that we will work tirelessly to ensure that any Senator who casts a vote for Graham-Cassidy loses their seat, and is tarred by their shameful decision for the rest of their time in public life. So once again, I urge you to to vote "No" on Graham-Cassidy, and resume your efforts to find a bipartisan solution to the health care challenges that we face as a country. Morally and practically, it is the only viable choice.

Sincerely,
Jared Kozal

Concerned Resident of Guilford, CT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham-Cassidy bill!

Hello,

This bill is a disaster – and is worse than the last 2 that were defeated. It's time to stop trying to shove through last minute, horrible legislation for political points. These bills are getting out of hand. Please allow the bi-partisan effort to continue to find a reasonable and long lasting solution to the healthcare needs in this country.

The impact this bill would have on our most vulnerable citizens is disgraceful. This is not why you were elected. It's time to work FOR your constituents, not for political gain.

Please stop this.
Thank you,

Kate Rogers
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

This bill is bad for all of us. My husband has stage four cancer which we can get treated with the ACA. This is obviously a preexisting condition which would keep him from getting affordable coverage in the future. Millions of Americans would lose coverage, bankrupting them and their families. Lives would be lost unnecessarily. Please stop this from happening. Thank you, Susan Hendricks

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: dent@isakson.senate.gov
Subject: Please Vote NO! Save Griffin and Others
Attachments: image1.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Cara Thomas and I am the mother of a wonderful 4 year old little boy named Griffin Thomas. Griffin has a genetic disease called MPS 1/Hurler's Syndrome, which stands for mucopolysaccharidosis. This is a devastating disease that causes cell breakdown in every area of the body because of a missing enzyme required by the body that breaks down different types of complex proteins, and although there is no cure yet, some qualifying patients with MPS 1 only (there are several different types of MPS) can have a bone marrow or cord blood transplant to stop the progression and teach the body to start making its own enzymes. Griffin went through his cord blood transplant in January of 2014. Thankfully his transplant was successful and gave us much more time with our precious child, however, Griffin will always have orthopedic issues and development delays as well as other issues through the body caused by any progression of the disease before transplant, all of these issues welcome across throughout our journey are considered pre-existing conditions because of his diagnosis of Hurlers syndrome and as you may know a "syndrome" is never goes away. It's always there. Without medicaid we would not have been able to go through the transplant for our son. It is LITERALLY a million dollar process. This healthcare bill would limit others with similar conditions the ability to undergo the same life saving treatment that Griffin was able to have. I would urge you to look up more about his condition at mpssociety.org. My husband and I are both teachers here in Georgia and since Griffin's diagnosis I have been forced to resign from my teaching job and care for Griffin full time. We do have insurance, but without Medicaid and it's benefits for Griffin we would surely be living in poverty. Blue Cross Blue Shield only pays a fraction of what is necessary to care for Griffin. We would not be able to care for Griffin properly and therefore be serving him a death sentence. Griffin requires nearly 10 oral medications every day, twice a day and sometimes more depending on how he is doing all costing around \$200-\$300 at the least a month with insurance. He still requires infusions which we would no longer be able to afford if we lost medicaid funding. He requires a wheelchair because he is unable to walk on his own which would have cost us around \$10,000 without medicaid. He also requires a Walker that he uses at school and home. He requires braces on his feet to help him with balance when he walks, which would cost us approximately \$300 without medicaid. He is still under the care of multiple doctors which would all require co-pays and without his benefits and we would not be able to afford to take him to all of these necessary appointments and trust me, he sees multiple doctors a month. His therapies would also require payments from us causing him to lose those therapies that are so vital, as well as doctors appointments. The doctors that Griffin sees on a regular basis are as follows:

1.BMT doctors in Atlanta and at Duke University hospital 2. Orthopedic surgeon 3. Cardiologist 4. Hematology (he's prone to clots) 5. Endocrinology 6. General surgeon 7. Audiology 8. Emory Eye specialist 9. Genetics 10. Pediatrician 11. PT 12.OT 13. Speech 14. Neurosurgeon

Just to mention a few. I urge you to please vote "No" for the upcoming Graham Cassidy healthcare bill. Griffin is the light of our lives and we are upstanding, tax paying citizens. Griffin is involved in Special Olympics and many other community activities that he would no longer be able to enjoy should we lose medicaid funding for children with disabilities. I am a member of a parent committee on our local school board called Warrior Wonders, which serves the White County School district. We provide services for parents of children with disabilities of all types and promote parent involvement within our school system. If this bill passes, so many parents will lose the ability to afford the bare minimum for their children. It is crucial that you vote no. Not just for Griffin, but for so many others as well. Griffin is a miracle and a gift from God and we want to give him the best life possible. I thank you, others with disabled children thank you, and most

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:32 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposed to Graham/Cassidy!!!!

I am vehemently opposed to the Graham/Cassidy act. It is unconscionable to me that our elected officials would even think of killing off the ACA, which has covered so many more Americans and decreased the trajectory of medical costs and imposing this new law which will upend the insurance and medical fields, and throw so many citizens off health insurance. From what I've read, not one industry involved in the medical field is in favor of this law.

What we need is a thoughtful, bipartisan discussion of how to improve the ACA and how to finance it so that as many Americans as possible can have basic, affordable health care.

Sherry Amatenstein, LCSW

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: My Family and the ACA
Attachments: Alexei 174.jpeg

Dear Mr. Chairman,

My name is Janice van Slimming and I am writing to you today in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. I hope that this email, and the phones calls, emails, faxes and letters of the millions like me who oppose this repeal, will have some effect on how the Senate proceeds in this matter.

Attached is a picture of my son, Alexei, age 8. As you can see, he's a happy kid, a little bit quirky, mostly healthy except for this pesky Asthma. A pre-existing condition to most health insurance companies. He's been pretty lucky. He seems to only have issues during cold and flu season, which, unfortunately, is now. His treatment, at least with insurance, is not terribly expensive. And thus far, very effective. We still have hopes he may outgrow the condition, but there is no guarantee.

I am also asthmatic. In fact, my Asthma is far more severe than my son's. I am on several daily medications to keep it in check. I have a family history of breast cancer - we lost my mother after a 5 year fight with metastatic breast cancer in 2004 - so it is recommended I have yearly mammograms. I was also recently diagnosed with high blood pressure and have an increased risk for heart disease due to that and losing my father to a heart attack when he was 47! My husband and I are also getting older, so the list of medical issues we experience is likely to grow. We are decades away from qualifying for Medicare. So between that and having a young child at home, we have to have private medical insurance.

We are fortunate to have good insurance though my husband's employer, but that is also not a guarantee. As we know first hand.

Last summer, my husband was laid off from his job and was unemployed for 3 months. The Cobra costs were absolutely prohibitive, I am not eligible for coverage through my own part time employment, and, as I said above, going without is not an option. Thankfully, Covered California - my state's exchange - provided us with good insurance at half the price of Cobra coverage. And it absolutely saved my ability to work and take care of my son, maybe even my life.

A few weeks after my husband lost his job, I caught a summer cold. Not a big deal for most people. But for me, it is an Asthma trigger which causes an almost inevitable a spiral into bronchitis or pneumonia. This time it was the latter. Due to being on good health

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carey Bishop [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 2:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am writing to ask the Senate Finance Committee to please consider what passage of the Graham-Cassidy Bill would do to millions of Americans who would lose health insurance coverage. I feel it would be a giant step backward for healthcare in the United States. It is my understanding this bill would allow states to apply for a waiver to do away with Medicaid expansion, thus kicking many Americans off of any healthcare.

In my state of Iowa, Medicaid was privatized by our governor at the time - Governor Terry Brandstad and it has caused numerous problems, especially with people needing in-home care which is less costly than nursing home care. Many of the privatized Companies now overseeing the state of Iowa's Medicaid program have refused to pay for in home care for many individuals in the state. One individual even died due to being denied continued in-home care which prior to the privatization of Medicaid was being provided by regular Medicaid.

After Governor Brandstad was appointed by President Trump to be the Ambassador to China, the Lieutenant Governor, Kim Reynolds took over. She has stated that she supports the Graham-Cassidy Bill. Therefore, I fear if healthcare is given to the states to decide, individuals living in Iowa probably would lose healthcare. That is why we need a federal law that would entitle everyone in the entire United States to have healthcare as a right. As former President Obama stated, "We are not the red states, the blue states, we are the United States" Because I live in Iowa, should I be denied healthcare, whereas someone who lives in New York, Minnesota, or Massachusetts receives healthcare? Am I any less American than people in those states?

Any healthcare professional will tell you a great expense to hospitals and other healthcare entities is people using the emergency room for non-life threatening emergencies. However, individuals who have no healthcare whatsoever but need treatment have no other option other than to go to the emergency room. For example, say I suspect I have strep throat. A regular doctor's office won't see me without insurance and I can't afford to self-pay or afford to self-pay for an urgent care clinic. However, I've been told untreated Strep can lead to more serious complications. Just the same, if I get a cut that requires stitches - if left untreated can lead to possible other problems - infection, staff infection, tetanus, etc. which ultimately lead to me being hospitalized for something that if treated at a doctor's office or urgent care clinic could have possibly prevented any further treatment. I strongly urge every member of the Senate Finance Committee to very carefully consider this bill and what it would do to many Americans.

It is wrong to pass this bill on the grounds of what Senator Chuck Grassley of my state said, (Paraphrased)"We have to pass this to keep our promise to all the Republicans who voted for President Trump." The only reason that President Trump wants to repeal Obamacare is because it has President Obama's name on it. I really believe that. We are talking about people's lives and we should not be playing politics. Just because the current president just wants to do whatever he can to appeal to his base supporters is not a reason to pass this bill. While it might be hard, I ask each and every member of this committee to please not cave under pressure from the president to the Congress and its committees to pass this bill.

I ask that you please put aside your partisan differences and put yourself in the shoes of regular Americans who this would affect. Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sharon Burke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Please oppose the proposed Graham-Cassidy Health care bill. It will overhaul Medicaid ending coverage for the neediest population-seniors and children. It also eliminates the tax credit that assists families by covering the cost of their health care coverage. Leaving the protection from preexisting conditions in the hands of the states is too risky. I am all for overhauling what does not work with ACA but a last-ditch attempt to repeal the ACA and gut Medicaid is not the way to do it. Health providers need to be part of the discussion, they are the experts on health care not politicians trying to keep campaign promises regardless of the outcome those decisions.

Sincerely,

Sharon Burke, CCAP
Early Childhood Programs Director

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Tara Rochleau <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:09 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Taylor's story- Vote No on Graham Cassidy Bill
Attachments: IMG_20170804_164255096.jpg; IMG_20170717_095307.jpg

This is Taylor (see attached pic). He just turned 20, and he has Down Syndrome. Taylor lives in an ICF setting in Clear Lake, Iowa.

My name is Tara and I am his mom. Other than being his mom, I am an Ambassador for the National Down Syndrome Society, President of the Northwest Iowa Down Syndrome Society and a nurse.

Taylor has been on Medicaid since age 2. When he lived at home he received Home and community-based Services which allowed him to reach goals, be out in the community more and also respite services for me to get groceries, go to doctors appointments and have a break. Taylor had always had some behaviors which made it tough sometimes..Respite & SCL were a life saver.

I worry very much about how the Medicaid Cuts and caps would impact his quality of life. Agencies such as Opportunity Village in Clear Lake Iowa already struggle financially to provide quality services with the money they have. Staffing is a huge issue as well. The challenge I see is if Medicaid cuts are passed, his quality of care at this agency would be greatly diminished. Because there are very limited services in North Iowa, I don't have a lot of options for placement and work programming for him anyway. If we have Medicaid Cuts all those optional programs including work programs would be greatly diminished or disappear. As you can imagine this is very frightening to me as a parent. These optional programs are what support Independence and inclusion in the community. Hearing aids, speech therapy will also go away.

I care what happens to Taylor and other individuals with disabilities, children and the elderly that cannot afford medications, supplemental insurance, and out-of-pocket after Medicare.

I'm asking you to please vote no for this bill.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Bev Clark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:00 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: My testimony

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions is that my two adult children, who also have a young child, both have pre-existing conditions and the only way they could get health insurance was due to the ACA. We are grateful to have this health care thru the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Beverly Clark

Baxter, IA

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nick P. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Hate Obamacare all you want, I can certainly understand the need for great Heathcare. So once you actually come up with it let the public review it first. Because this Graham-Cassidy completely sucks.

Nick Pfadenhauer
Waterloo, IA

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Molly Sterner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: statement about Graham Cassidy bill

To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed healthcare bill currently before the Senate is a disgrace. No patient rights' groups support it. No medical professionals' groups support it. No insurance companies' groups support it.

This Graham Cassidy bill will strip 32 million Americans of their insurance. It will cause dramatic increases to premiums of insurance holders. People - Americans - will die as a result.

I have called my senators each day to voice my opposition to this bill and to encourage them to vote against it, but I know they won't. The senior senator from my state, Chuck Grassley, was quoted as saying that there are probably 10 reasons for him to oppose the bill, but he will vote for it to fulfill a campaign promise.

In other words, the Senator elected to represent my interests cares more about his own political reputation than he cares for the health and well being of his constituents. It is shameful.

It is a sad, sad day in America when our lawmakers abandon us or - worse yet - sacrifice us to the gods of self interest.

Molly Sterner

[REDACTED]
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The Cassidy/Graham Bill

Dear Senators,

ObamaCare is not perfect, and there are lots of ideas for ways to improve it that the Senate could look into, but it has helped so many people. It is a vast improvement over the days not so long ago when you could not get insurance at any price if you had a preexisting condition. If you got sick, the insurance company would comb through your records looking for an excuse to claim that you had it before they insured you, and wear you down while your medical bills piled up. Millions of people went bankrupt from medical bills even though they had insurance. You don't need medical care until all of a sudden--with one diagnosis, one slip on the stairs, one moment of bad luck when someone opens fire on a baseball field--you do, and your life turns upside down.

Repeal of the ACA is bad, but Graham/Cassidy is so much worse. It cuts Medicaid savagely. Rural hospitals in places like northern Iowa will have to close. What shall we do with our elderly parents who need skilled nursing care when the nursing homes close because of Medicaid cuts? What happens to the millions of children who only see a doctor because of Medicaid? The Medicaid cuts implemented in Iowa already have directly killed disabled people who needed care and had it cut off.

The Graham/Cassidy bill is opposed by every major organization and interest group that cares about the health of ordinary people, from AARP to VoteVets. Doctors, hospitals, health insurers, state Medicaid administrators, and governors in both parties are opposed. They know that if you vote for this bill, people will die. You have the power to prevent these deaths. Please vote no.

Sincerely,

Susan Nelson
Marble Rock, Iowa

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Julie Ross [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: VOTE NO ON GRAHAM-CASSIDY. SAVE ACA

Dear Committee--

Do not pass this horrible bill! Graham-Cassidy will boot millions off insurance plans and healthcare costs will again be the #1 reason behind bankruptcy and financial ruin. Moreover, outrageously priced healthcare plans will discourage people from seeking preventative and maintenance care that keeps them healthier.

Please find a way to have the US join the other industrialized nations and allow us to access healthcare as a right for ALL -not just a privilege for a few.

Julie Ross

[REDACTED]
Davenport, IA 52803

Sent from a really tiny screen, please excuse typos and bad autocorrects.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa MOSIER BUNN [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:37 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill - Testimony

I implore all of you to please NOT approve the Graham Cassidy Bill! This will put so many people in jeopardy with their health. I have a chronic condition that requires me to have eye injections every three months. The cost of the injections each time is over \$15,000. If this is passed and my state decides to let insurance companies raise deductibles or rates for those with pre-existing conditions, I will be forced to either a) get a second job, b) go in debt to save my eye sight, or c) choose to forego the injections and eventually lose the sight in both of my eyes. I am a middle class American. I do not qualify for state aid and never have. I have worked since I was 14 years old. I do not have the \$ for exorbitant, high cost insurance. All three choices would be detrimental to myself, my family, even the economy as I will have less money to spend on wants as this is a definite need.

This bill scares me and has me up at night worrying about the future when I should be hopeful and planning for the 2nd half of my life. I am only 51 years old. I want to see my grandchildren, watch them grow, see the world when I retire. All of this could be taken away because of the Graham Cassidy Bill.

Please stop this madness. Please do not pass this bill. I do not trust that my state legislators have my best interests at heart. Protect all of us who have pre-existing conditions from this death bill.

Sincerely,
Lisa Bunn

[REDACTED]
Muscatine, Iowa
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Grainne Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:49 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

Dear Committee Members:

If this new attempt at repealing the ACA is passed, it will be apparent to the 76% of Americans that it was passed for two reasons only: 1) Republicans have promised to repeal the ACA for years and this is their last chance this year to make good on that promise (since they've made good on no others) and 2) Republican votes will be in reaction to threats by their big donors that the money will dry up if this is not passed to enable their big tax cuts.

As Chuck Grassley said, "You know, I could maybe give you ten reasons why this bill shouldn't be considered. 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."

In other words, Republicans don't care what effect the "substance" of the bill has on actual peoples' lives, so long as they keep their campaign promise and keep those big donors happy.

Please, please, please listen to us for once. DO NOT PASS THIS BILL IF YOU CARE ABOUT US.

Grainne Martin
[REDACTED]

Iowa City, Iowa 52245

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:29 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote no on Graham-Cassidy

I am vehemently opposed to passage of the Graham-Cassidy bill on healthcare. It will leave millions of people with pre-existing conditions without coverage, and make coverage even less affordable for many others. Surely we can do better than this? Why can't a bipartisan, sensible bill be crafted?

Mary Adams
[REDACTED]
Ames, Iowa 50010

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Holly Kukkonen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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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.

Holly Kukkonen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: jakedot <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 2:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

This legislation is an abomination. It is a disgrace the the wealthiest country in the world is repeatedly trying to take health care coverage from the most vulnerable among us. I am entirely OPPOSED to this legislation.

1. There have been no floor debates and no hearings on this legislation.

Trying to rush through a bill just to say you did it to beat a reconciliation deadline is the worst reason to do this. This effects LITERALLY 1/5 of our country's economy. Something that has that much influence should be debated and considered carefully. And do not tell me that the ACA was shoved down our throats and rushed through. Further from the truth. There were debates, hearings, town halls and informational speeches and questioning of Democrats and President Obama for over a year!

2. 1 in 5 Americans are on the largest insurer, Medicaid. And it's NOT LAZY LAY-ABOUTS! 2/3 of the elderly in nursing homes are there because of Medicaid. Block granting this to the states with large cuts will pit Medicaid recipients against each other. Sickening. Once again, WE ARE THE WEALTHIEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. I don't see other industrialized countries clamoring for our system. If it was so good, they would.

3. It's IMMORAL. 32,000,000 people will lose insurance coverage. And stop saying they'll get access to coverage for pre-existing conditions.

Access means SQUAT if you can not afford to pay for it.

4. The AMA, AHA, AARP, all 50 Medicaid state directors, literally EVERY health industry institution is AGAINST this legislation.

DO NOT DO THIS. We Americans are really tired that we have to beg our government not to kill us every few months. JUST STOP.

Deanne Eisenman - an American with pre-existing condition Iowa

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Karna Schiltz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:59 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.

Karna Schiltz

[REDACTED]
Hinton, IA 51024
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Terri Macey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:59 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Fix, don't repeal, the ACA

My family needs quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My daughter relies on the individual market (with no subsidies) for her health insurance and has several pre-existing conditions. Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the American Insurance Association have said that the Graham-Cassidy bill will destroy both the individual market and eliminate protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

Please stop lying to the American public by saying this bill will make health care better and more available. It will not. I would like to ask the senators how many of them lay awake at night worrying about whether their beloved children will be able to get health insurance and medical treatment when needed. Because I do and I suspect none of them do!

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

Sincerely,

Terri J. Macey
Iowa City, Iowa

The fight before us must be led with compassion and song, prayer and joy, and a fire for justice that spreads far and wide.

--Taylor Brorby

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Deanna Hunter [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:26 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose Graham-Cassidy bill

To Whom it May Concern:

Please note that I oppose the Graham -Cassidy healthcare bill. I feel it harms too many Americans. There are many issues regarding healthcare that need to be addressed and I believe that Republicans and Democrats can take on these hard and complex issues together in slow, steady, measured attempts that involve research, debate, and consensus. I'd not like this bill to be passed.

Thank you for your time,
Deanna Hunter
Ames, IA
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nancy Sellers [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Nancy Sellers

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Martensdale, Iowa 50229

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Cathy Yahoo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:13 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy bill - improve the ACA

Several family members as well i as relies on quality, affordable healthcare to treat general well being as well as pre-existing conditions.

My sister , who had thyroid cancer and has diabetes , would not be alive without healthcAre and will face serious issues, potentially death, if she no longer has access to quality affordable healthcare covering pre-existing conditions.

I cannot believe that you would want to pass a bill that would put millions of people at risk of similar hardships, financial ruin, even death?!

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,

catherine A Stidwell

[REDACTED]

Ames iowa 50010

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Robert Sprengeler [REDACTED]
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Robert Sprengeler
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cedar Rapids,, Iowa 52402

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nicole Uhing [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:38 PM
To: gchcomments
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Nicole Uhing
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Des Moines, Iowa 50310

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Helen Van Hoozer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:35 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

DO NOT CANCEL THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, WRONGLY CALLED OBAMA CARE!
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Helen Van Hoozer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patrick Bosold [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy - the tax cut for the wealthy

Finance Committee,

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Patrick Bosold
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Fairfield, Iowa 52556

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rosenfeld, Erin M [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:59 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose the 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, Erin Rosenfeld
Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathleen Colwell [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:03 AM
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. My daughter was diagnosed at age 14 with endometriosis. She has had surgery to remove the endometrial tissues but now must take continuous birth control to stop the endometriosis from returning. As a result of the endometriosis she has chronic lower pain and has developed

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

Sincerely,

John Colwell

Iowa City, IA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jessica Netolicky [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:50 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 with pre-existing conditions includes a family member with diabetes and other family members who suffer from mental illness. There is also a family history of breast cancer. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jessica Netolicky
Ely, IA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

Finance Committee,

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Jessica VanHook
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Melanie Goss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:53 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill

Senators,

Please accept my sincerest plea to vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill that seeks to repeal the ACA. There are real, valuable Americans on the other sides of those health insurance policies, and to strip them away is entirely unconscionable. Please don't let your fellow senators play political games with people's lives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melanie Goss

Forest City, Iowa

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kate Wolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:05 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham-Cassidy

I am a registered voter, and I am against the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Kate Wolf
[REDACTED]
Windsor Heights
IA 50324

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gwen Schimek <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:52 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My sister suffers from a disorder called Rett syndrome and as a result of her disabilities, she relies on Medicaid. Although her need is oftentimes minimal, I am concerned for her future well-being if the bill passes. Through her life experiences, I have seen many layers of the healthcare industry and we have been fortunate that when she has needed more significant medical assistance or faced life-threatening issues, they have been treatable and solvable and together with me, she gets to be an aunt to our nephews and niece. Part of my sister's disorder includes a lack of use of her hands and an inability to speak. She relies on members of her family to advocate on her behalf. I would be failing as a sister to not share these details about her. I know that things aren't perfect with the Affordable Care Act, but I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Gwen Schimek
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Roxanne Cogil <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Wright, Kevin (Finance); gchcomments
Cc: 'Mathis, Jenna'; 'Ben Slack'
Subject: AHCA statement from Epilepsy Foundation affiliate in the state of Iowa
Attachments: EF Iowa Record Statement-Finance.pdf

Importance: High

Statement for the Record

Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska

Senate Committee on Finance

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

September 22, 2017

To: Senate Committee on Finance
Attn. Editorial and Document Section
Rm. SD-219
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-6200

From: Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska
[REDACTED]
Des Moines, IA 50314

On behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, I write in opposition to the amendment to the American Health Care Act (AHCA) that the Senate Committee on Finance is considering on September 25, 2017. This proposal would radically change the Medicaid program and undermine many of the patient protections that have led to meaningful access to care for many Americans with epilepsy and other complex chronic conditions. The Epilepsy Foundation has previously written with concerns and in opposition to similar proposals introduced this summer. This current proposal is similar to those previously rejected in that it would significantly cut funding from and restructure the Medicaid program in a way that would have lasting effects on the health care access of millions of Americans. It would also lead to less protections for patients with chronic conditions and significant health care needs in the individual and small group markets created under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Further, each of the proposals that the Senate has considered have been partisan efforts and have ignored traditional Senate process.

The Epilepsy Foundation is the leading national voluntary health organization that speaks on behalf of at least 3.4 million Americans with epilepsy and seizures. We foster the wellbeing of children and adults affected by seizures through research programs, educational activities, advocacy, and direct services. Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions.

More than one third of people living with epilepsy rely on Medicaid for their health coverage, including many children and those with the severest forms of epilepsy who cannot gain seizure control. Per capita caps, which would result in a decrease in funding for Medicaid, and the elimination of Medicaid expansion, would be devastating to many people with epilepsy and millions with pre-existing conditions and disabilities. The proposed changes to the Medicaid


program that go beyond the expansion created by the ACA would have lasting effects. States would not have the flexibility to develop new and efficient ways of caring for these patients; instead, they would have no choice but to reduce the number of people they serve and the health care benefits these people receive. **The proposal is a fundamental shift away from Medicaid's role as a safety net for some of the most vulnerable members of our society. Changes of this scope to the Medicaid program should be given full, independent consideration and should not put beneficiaries at risk of not receiving the necessary care that all Americans deserve.**

Tens of millions of people, including many with epilepsy, gained access to comprehensive and more affordable health care with enactment and implementation of the ACA. Individuals who previously faced considerable challenges when trying to obtain quality health care coverage were finally able to see a physician and afford medical care, including medications, for complex, chronic conditions. Allowing states to permit waiver of patient protections like the Essential Health Benefits requirements would mean a return to the days of annual and lifetime limits on coverage, and insurers could again design plans to exclude coverage for services essential to people living with complex chronic conditions. Any elimination of patient protections created under Title I of the ACA, which were intended to limit insurers' ability to deny coverage and shift cost-sharing to beneficiaries, would be a harmful.

We recognize that some individuals who rely on plans offered in the ACA Marketplace still face high cost-sharing when trying to access prescription medications and services, and we have advocated for stronger patient protections with CMS over the years. However, your proposal would exacerbate these challenges, by eroding patient protections and shifting cost-sharing to people with low incomes and those living with complex chronic conditions and disabilities. I urge you to stand with the epilepsy community and ensure that the gains in meaningful access to quality and comprehensive health care and the Medicaid program are not destroyed.

Without appropriate health care, people living with epilepsy and chronic conditions will not be able to live well, productive lives. Please reject the current proposal and instead develop policy that will ensure meaningful coverage and quality, affordable health care for all Americans. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Angela Ostrom, Chief Legal Officer & Vice President Public Policy at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Roxanne Cogil
Director of Iowa Epilepsy Services
Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kelly Munger [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:15 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA

A number of people important to me, including some family members, rely on the ACA to provide access to quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

What's more, should I lose the coverage provided by my spouse's employment, I would need the protections against denying coverage for pre-existing conditions in order to obtain health insurance.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Americans need MORE coverage, not less.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Munger

Ames, Iowa

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Debra Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

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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. Debra Mitchell

[REDACTED]
CedarRapids, IA 52403
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Beverly Ager <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:59 PM
To: gchcomments
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Beverly Ager

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
STRAWBERRY POINT, Iowa 52076

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ken French <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:10 PM
To: gchcomments
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Ken French
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

LeMars, Iowa 51031

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Danielle Benford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham-Cassidy - From Iowa

Good Day,

My name is Danielle Benford and I am a single mother living in Coralville Iowa. My beautiful 7 year old daughter and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare and currently purchase our health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. I have been on the ACA since 2014, when I transitioned careers to a small business from a large hospital system. It is partially because of the ACA that I was afforded the opportunity to work for a small business because I could purchase health insurance on the Marketplace in lieu of needing it provided through my employer. My employer provides a stipend to purchase on the market as it is almost impossible for him to provide it to our employees who are residents of multiple states. The costs have skyrocketed from 2014 to now, and I agree that it needs fixed. However, this bill is NOT the solution. Allowing states to decide how pre-existing conditions work, if birth control is covered, and what mental health conditions get coverage is not the way to go. While there are some states who are currently providing healthcare, or at least are heading down that path, given the state of our failed Medicare privatization in Iowa, I have zero confidence that our current government could handle this task. In addition, block grants negatively impact those in our rural communities and the providers in those communities as the money will need to split based on population in the state, which means those smaller areas lose out. People cannot afford to need to travel hours for their healthcare. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Ultimately, I believe our only option is to enact Single Payer and take the profits out of our care. Our children, elderly, and really no one deserves to die because they can't afford their care. This is America and we should be taking care of all of our citizens and not just those who can afford it. Every person is one small tragedy or bad test result to ending up in total devastation if they are not a millionaire.

Sincerely,
Danielle Benford
Coralville, IA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jacki Hayes [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:27 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My partner has Huntington's Disease (HD), a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities during their prime working years and has no cure. Because he is only 53, he relies on Medicaid to cover his growing medical expenses. If the Graham-Cassidy bill is passed, my state could choose to lift protection given to pre-existing conditions and HD may be considered a pre-existing condition. At some point my partner will be unable to walk, talk, or even swallow. He will be completely dependent on medical assistance and completely dependent on Medicaid to cover those expenses. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jacki Hayes

Des Moines, IA

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She read books as one would breathe air, to fill up and live. ~Annie Dillard

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ann Busta <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 3:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: We the People say NO to Graham-Cassidy Bill!

I oppose the "Graham-Cassidy Bill" because it cuts Medicaid support services for people with disabilities living in the community. Without these community services, people will be forced to move into nursing facilities which actually costs Medicaid *\$300,000 more per person and is a step backwards in protecting disability rights. Additionally, this bill will make healthcare unavailable to millions of people, raise premiums, and reduce protections for us citizens, your constituents.

Read and learn from John McCain's statement today.

Work in a bi-partisan way to implement the fixes that we always knew Obamacare would need. Have hearings, understand the cost, look at the pharmaceutical costs and the insurance industry's pricing of services. Often times you have to spend money to save money. Take the time to DO THE RIGHT THING for all the people of America.

Ann Busta

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Celia Bella [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

The medical device companies should not be given any preferential treatment if it requires cutting health insurance for millions of Americans!!!

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.

Celia Bella
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FAIRFIELD, Iowa 52556

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Ann Cox <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy act

I am opposed to the Graham/Cassidy act. It is unthinkable to me that our elected officials would even think of killing off the ACA.

What we need is a bipartisan discussion of how to improve the ACA and how to finance it so that as many Americans as possible can have basic, affordable health care.

Mary Ann Cox
Newton, IA 50208



Virus-free. www.avg.com

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:57 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

I don't trust my local government. I would much rather be promised health care for all than worrying what my local officials will do.

Mia Allmark
Salt Lake City, Utah
Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jamie Landry-Zimmer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:52 PM
To: gchcomments; Jamie Landry-Zimmer
Subject: Jamie Landry-Zimmer GCH Comment-Louisiana

Hello Committee Members,

I'm a single mother of a child who is vaccine injured and as a result has Autism, Brain Encephalopathy, Mitochondrial Disease, Common Variable Immune Deficiency, Specific Antibody Deficiency, Methylmalonic Aciduria and Homocystinuria Type cblJ, Mitochondrial Myopia, Cerebral Folate Deficiency, unspecified metabolic disorders, life threatening allergies to medications, environmental elements and certain foods.

Because the law that will not allow vaccine manufacturers to be held liable for their crimes and for victims to seek damages. The injured and their families are left to scrape by in the vaccine injury aftermath. We are forced to live in the system that the elected leaders have created. We are forced to rely on Medicaid.

My child would not survive without Medicaid. Period.

When Sen. Cassidy was elected in Louisiana, the people had great hopes that he would advocate for those who truly needed care and services. He has been non-responsive to his own constituents; our pleas have fallen on deaf ears. How can we now expect him to now advocate for the needs of a nation?

Your decision will be a life or death decision for many of the American people you were elected to serve. If you're going to play God and take away the only resource that individuals with disabilities and life-threatening diseases rely on-you will need to prepare yourselves and the American people to deal with the astronomical mortality rates.

Fix the broken parts. Don't destroy what's working.

Jamie Landry-Zimmer
Louisiana resident

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sharon H. Rodrigue <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:12 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

First of all, I am very grateful that you are all working together for the good of the American people. That is very much appreciated. Having said that, I would like these concerns taken into consideration as you debate the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act on Monday, September 25, 2017. Any health care bill must:

1. Strip out harmful changes to Medicaid that will wreak havoc on the poor and vulnerable, including the "per capita caps" and block granting (and sunset) of assistance for the millions of families covered by the recent Medicaid expansion;
2. Ensure that any bill retains its current Hyde amendment protections for the unborn by prohibiting use of federal funds for abortions or plans that cover it;
3. Include conscience protections for those involved in the health care system.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has been very clear that: no repeal ought to take place without a concurrent replacement; such a replacement must ensure that those who most depend on affordable health care can reliably access it; it respects the dignity of all including the unborn; and that such a replacement plan must not leave the poor in worse circumstances.

The Senate can fix problems with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in a bipartisan way: by extending full Hyde Amendment protections to the ACA, enacting laws that protect the conscience rights of all stakeholders in health care, protecting religious freedom, and passing legislation that begins to remove current and impending barriers to access and affordability, particularly for those most in need.

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act instead does the following:

- Creates block grants that replace both Medicaid expansion funding and marketplace subsidies and caps and deeply cuts the rest of the Medicaid program. And, after 2026, the block grant would disappear entirely leaving Louisianans high and dry.
- Ends the Medicaid expansion as we know it - putting at risk the 437,000 Louisiana citizens who are covered under Medicaid expansion (which reduced our uninsured rate by 10%).
- Rolls back protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions.
- Allows states to impose burdensome work requirements as a condition of Medicaid coverage.
- Eliminates tax credits that help 122,000 moderate-income Louisiana residents afford marketplace coverage and subsidies that help low-income residents with out-of-pocket health costs like copays.

Additionally the focus on getting this bill passed before September 30 draws attention away from the bi-partisan Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) which must be re-authorized by September 30 and on which 1 in 10 Louisiana children rely. CHIP cannot be allowed to expire.

I will continue to pray for you all daily to make the right and moral decisions in all of your legislation.

The main body of this letter was written by Robert D. Gorman, LCSW, ACSW, but I am in full agreement with it. I have added a few comments of my own.

Sincerely,

Sharon H. Rodrigue

[REDACTED]

Thibodaux, LA 70301

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Neena Plant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: My comments on the proposed Graham Cassidy healthcare bill

To the esteemed members of the United States Senate:

It is time for greed to be swept out of the health care industry, and human compassion to take its place. **Vote against Graham Cassidy!** Write a bill that covers all, is not dependent on where one is employed, and takes into account the needs of all, not just the wealthy among our citizens.

When health care is considered, it needs to be clarified that all persons are created equal, and that members of Congress, the Senate, and their staffs should have the same health care bill as the rest of the American people. If it is legislated, it must apply to everyone, and when it comes to health care, our families deserve better than to be driven broke by high deductibles, high out of pocket maximums, and high costs for necessary life-saving drugs. The insurance and pharmacy industries have so polluted the thinking of those who hold our political offices that they are considering the Graham Cassidy proposal. This bill cannot be allowed to pass! Too many American families will be hurt by this plan. The states have no incentive for national equity and equality of coverage. This can be seen by example; that the state of Utah, at the behest of Gov. Gary Herbert, declined ACA Medicaid expansion funds when even the most conservative of the surrounding states accepted these funds and helped their citizenry.

Look at how you would feel if a loved one's life hung in the balance because they have a catastrophic preexisting condition. Maybe members of the Senate and House are under informed when they examining the needs of the sick, and those who want to stay healthy. For example, as many people, perhaps you confuse Type 1 diabetes with type 2. Type 1 is not a life-style related disease, and children with it cannot live without insulin. If a parent of a type 1 child loses a job and therefore their employer sponsored healthcare - or even if they want to change jobs for one that is better, they currently may have to wait for coverage. This is not acceptable, it could even be a death sentence to a child, yet this bill would make matters so much worse. Single payer, with NO insurance companies involved, would be so much better for all.

Do you know that benefit managers have a say in what your doctor can and cannot prescribe, even though they are not healthcare professionals, and are not in the position to know what is best for you as the patient, when your doctor is right there looking at test results, doing physical examinations, and knows what is required.

Health is the only true wealth an individual holds. Don't let politics be the deciding factor when it comes to the lives of our loved ones. **Vote against Graham Cassidy!**

Respectfully,
Neena C. Plant-Henninger
[REDACTED]
Magna UT 84044

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Neena Plant-Henninger
[REDACTED]

Clearly beautiful works for your walls.
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mari Walker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:59 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Monday's Graham-Cassidy Hearing

People I love rely on quality, affordable health 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.

Marilyn Walker
Baton Rouge, LA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rebecca Harris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:37 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO on Graham-Cassidy bill

My partner and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have relied on the ACA for healthcare coverage for many years, and would not be able to take care of my health without it. Leaving health care decisions to the states mean that many will suffer, just like low income Utah residents do now. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Harris
Boulder, UT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Wendy Newman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy hearing

Dear Senator Hatch,

I am writing this note to plead with you to vote "no" on the upcoming healthcare bill.

My husband Mike and I are constituents of yours down in Moab. Mike is currently being treated for a rare and aggressive cancer at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. We are both self-employed and have been able to buy U of U Healthcare insurance on the open market. Even though Mike is now permanently disabled, we still make too much for a subsidy, and pay the full premiums. Although the hospital has been taking good care of him, and the insurance covering our bills, the next step in his treatment has been denied by the insurance provider for being "out of network".

I am asking you to vote "no" on any bill that would do or allow Utah to do the following:

- 1) deny coverage based on a pre-existing condition
- 2) charge exponentially more (up to ten times as much) to people with pre-existing conditions
- 3) impose lifetime coverage limits.

Also, I would like you to add verbage to the bill stating that if an insurance customer has a life-threatening condition that can't be treated in-network, the provider must pay for care out of state if that is the only option for the patient.

I am not asking for any government handouts. I just want to be able to pay for an insurance policy and get a product that suits our healthcare needs. As of now, Grand County does not offer any policies that cover any treatment (besides emergency room care), outside of state, even though Grand Junction Colorado is the nearest hospital.

Thank you for listening!

Wendy Newman
[REDACTED]
Moab, UT 84532
[REDACTED]

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Wendy Newman
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ben Ling [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:53 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Stop

Please stop the Graham-Cassidy bill and instead work on bipartisan improvements of the ACA.

Ben Ling

[REDACTED]
Park City, UT 84098

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Liz Rank <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:31 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare bill comments.

I don't even know where to begin. I struggled through the days when mental health care wasn't covered, and when pre-existing conditions close to me out of the insurance market altogether. I can't believe you want us to go back to those days.

Most people polled don't want you to do this. The AMA and most other major medical associations don't want you to do this. The insurance industry doesn't want you to do this.

Who does? Why on earth are you pushing a bill through without a CBO score, without debate, and with the scantest of hearings?

The only explanation that makes sense to me, is that you're doing this for political purposes. That's a bad reason. People will die.

We will hold you responsible.

Liz
Utah, 84105

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: June Taylor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators:

1. This bill will inevitably lead to the death of non-millionaires with organ transplants, because states like Utah, Mississippi & Kentucky - to name just a few - will promptly put in waivers that let them implement lifetime caps for health insurance. For folks who need expensive drugs for life - transplant patients being only one category of Americans - this will be a death sentence. We will return to the exact situation that we had in this regard pre-ACA. 2. The bill essentially requires states to "build" health insurance systems in 2 years. If you think all the states can do better than the Federal Government, I applaud your naive devotion to the idea that states can always do things better than the Federal Government. When the hackers descend on ill-secured state systems, I hope your families are among those whose personal health information is sold.

Do not think that you will escape accountability for the deaths and morbidity that will ensue because you are transferring control to the states. This is a dreadful bill. I can only quote one of your former colleagues: "Have you no shame, sir? Have you no shame?"

And please tell Senator Hatch that my zipcode is 84108.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:13 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

This is a bad bill and you all know it. Health care is a complicated endeavor that requires thought, research, expertise and time. Not a thrown together bill that hurts the American people. All for what? Some political stunt? People will die and their blood will be on the Republican Parties hands. We need a bipartisan solution. Now get to work and do your jobs!!!

Nicole Anderson
Sandy, UT

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Laura Christensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:26 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Please oh please avoid this disaster of a bill! It does substantial harm to women, the poor, the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions.... Plus we KNOW that Utah cannot be trusted to expand Medicaid.

Laura Christensen
[REDACTED]
South Jordan, Utah 84095

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anne Psarras <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:59 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care bill

I am adding my voice to the millions of voters who oppose this bill. You don't even have a cost estimate! We all know you're rushing to pass this to prove the Trump administration is not a complete loss. Please do not pass this flawed bill!

Sincerely,

Anne Psarras
[REDACTED]
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anne Denk [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:15 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Sirs,

This healthcare bill is cruel. Americans want healthcare. Taking healthcare away from 32 million people is not the American way. Please fix the ACA so more people are insured, not less. It would cost Americans less in the long run to have single payer healthcare. Medicare has lower administrative costs than any other insurance. Leaving healthcare administration to the states is not making sure everyone has the healthcare they need. Taking away the pre-existing conditions would make insurance unaffordable for those with any medical condition. Having access to unaffordable insurance is not having healthcare.

This bill will raise premiums by 20% for most people. Please do not put politics above the well being of your fellow Americans.

Please come up with a healthcare solution that covers all Americans and insures that Americans do not go bankrupt for Medical issues.

Sincerely,
Anne Denk
Sandy, UT 84094

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Faeth Alder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Bill

Hello-

I am writing today to ask that you please not pass the Graham Cassidy bill. There has to be a better way to work together and get things done for the American People. Every single Medicaid director in all 50 states is opposed. Most major insurance companies are opposed. You will decimate peoples lives, all to play politics. Do the right thing and come up with a real bill that has been worked on by both sides of the aisle. Stop the pettiness and pretend you care about the American people. We are counting on you.

Thanks for Listening

Faeth Alder
Constituent of Orrin Hatch from Utah in 84108

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Frank Bouchard [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

Please do not support the Graham Cassidy Bill. I am a Salt Lake City resident and I believe that a number of friends and family of mine will likely be not covered or their rates will increase under this health plan. We don't need to move backwards, we need to move forwards with a healthcare policy that helps more people. Please just put aside parties and solve this problem.

Thank you,
Frank Bouchard

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Daniel Martinez [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:51 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I do NOT support Graham-Cassidy

Let me first state that I have a preexisting condition of epilepsy. I am insured through the exchanges. I vote independently of party. Also I can see a lot of problems with the insurance exchanges. I will gladly admit that the ACA, as it stands, is a very flawed system. I urge you to work with ALL members of the senate to fix these problems, but this bill is not the way.

Let me also specify that while I have a pre-existing condition, that is not my only reason for writing to you today. I am writing because I believe that this is simply bad policy making. For far to long people on both sides of the aisle have been content with passing bills that are politically advantageous but not good policy for the American people.

Financially speaking this bill is a nightmare. This isn't a states rights issue though many are trying to pass it off as this. This is a block grant from the federal government with little oversight to how that money is being spent. This isn't giving power to states this is passing your responsibility to states while also handing them a blank check.

This bill, passed quickly without a full CBO score, is just bad policy making. I understand that there is a deadline and the CBO can take a long time, but we, The American People, deserve to know the full ramifications of bills passed. I would like to point out to every member of Congress, that the duty of congress is to pass the best, most effective bills possible for the people. Ask yourselves, is this bill the best, and most effective? Can something as complex as healthcare ever be fixed with a hurried through bill that hasn't even been scored.

For some of us, this is the difference between putting a little bit into savings, or paying massive bills for medications. For some of us this is the difference between a college savings plan for our children or trying to find how to pay for our children's food. People will be hurt by this in more ways than just medicine and doctor's visits. I will be hurt by this. My family will be hurt by this. Mass numbers of hard working Americans and their children will be hurt by this bill financially and that will have large ramifications for America.

We, the American public, the people that elected you, the people that pay your salary, your bosses, are watching what you do. Many of us are watching for more than just catchy sound bites and rhetoric. We want you to return to regular working order, we want you to be effective, we want you to do your job even when it is difficult. We elected you based on more than political promises. We elected you because we thought you were the right person to do the very difficult job of making effective policy. If this proves to not be the case we would gladly elect someone to replace you.

Daniel Martinez
Murray, UT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Linda McReynolds [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:52 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

Dear Committee:

I beg you to VOTE NO for this cruel bill.

We citizens deserve better. We are all frightened, especially those of us with preexisting conditions. There is no definition in this bill for "affordable" care. Many of us fear financial destruction should we become seriously ill.

Please, please do the morally right thing and vote NO!

Respectfully,

Linda McReynolds

[REDACTED]
Park City, Utah 84068
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Christy Kobe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senators,

Please vote no on the Graham-Cassidy bill. This matters to me personally because I have pre-existing conditions. Prior to the Affordable Care Act, my monthly premiums for individual health insurance (since insurance was not provided/offered through my employer) was hundreds of dollars more per month. The insurance company's justification for these premium rates was stated as being due to pre-existing conditions one of which they cited was a sinus infection. Who has never had a sinus infection at some time in their life?! I was also diagnosed with depression over 15 years ago and somehow this justifies them charging me more than 3 or 4 times what I was originally quoted for premiums, though I've never been hospitalized for depression or anything of the sort. The decisions you make to repeal the Affordable Care Act will negatively affect tens of millions of real people as well as their loved ones, their employers, and their communities. My America takes care of our own---all of our own. Please oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84124

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Thanks! Christy

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kelly Olsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment Graham-Cassidy Bill

Senator Hatch,

My husband & I live in Logan, Utah. We run a small business that pays a living wage to our three additional employees. We have worked hard and we feel that we are patriotic Americans (our daughter is a Major in the Army; she flies Blackhawk helicopters).

Please do not support the Graham-Cassidy bill. We understand that the ACA needs improvement (my premium & deductible are pretty steep because of my age)..

Please work across the aisle, in an open process, with a CBO score for legislation that truly makes healthcare affordable for Americans.

Our country is a great nation. Let's truly make America better by taking care of our citizens. No American citizen should have to file for bankruptcy or die because they became sick.

Thank you,

Todd & Kelly Olsen

[REDACTED]
Logan UT 84321

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:59 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy Graham Comment

Please vote no on the Cassidy Graham bill. The ACA should be reformed, not repealed. I think you should vote no because of the drastic cuts to Medicaid, reduced assistance to Americans who can't afford health insurance, and jeopardizing of coverage for pre-existing conditions. As Maya Angelou said "If it is true that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, isn't it also true a society is only as healthy as its sickest citizen and only as wealthy as its most deprived?" We need to get better at caring for the vulnerable among us.

Thank you,
Karina Brown
Logan, Utah
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: chiemilin . [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy-Graham Healthcare Bill

To Whom it may Concern:

I would like to make a statement to be considered for the SFC hearing regarding the Cassidy-Graham Healthcare Bill, taking place on Monday, September 25, 2017.

There are roughly 300 million Americans, and this newest version of the "Repeal and Replace the ACA" is attempting to disrupt insurance coverage for almost ten percent of the population. Some estimates show as many as 32 million people will lose coverage over ten years. My issue is not only that this bill would un insure millions of Americans, but it seeks to "defund" Planned Parenthood, just like the previous bills attempted. Let's discuss why this is problematic, not just for me, but for everyone.

Almost 3 million women and men rely on Planned Parenthood for health services each year in the U.S. alone, and cannot seek out the same services elsewhere. Some turn to PP because they feel safer than in the office of a General Practitioner, who are not always supportive of lifestyles and relationships that are not hetero-normative. Some turn to PP because they are minors, and cannot seeks services through their primary physician for fear of consequences if their parents found out they had been sexually active. But most of all, people turn to PP for economic reasons. They either don't have insurance, or have insurance and still cannot afford their healthcare. I am one of these 3 million people. I did not have health insurance until recently, and even when I did, I found myself turning to PP as a healthcare resource. I have received discounted birth control, several health screenings, and a cancer biopsy from Planned Parenthood this year alone. I have paid less than \$300 out of pocket, and even that felt like a small financial burden. I would not have been able to afford any of this care without Planned Parenthood, and by extension the Medicaid dollars that help subsidize their costs.

The Cassidy-Graham bill seeks to freeze all Medicaid payments to Planned Parenthood for one year, and presumably, the idea is to revoke that funding indefinitely. Now, women around the world will never understand the GOP's obsession with defunding Planned Parenthood, since conservatives claim to be Pro-Life, but are so clearly not Pro-Woman, Pro-Healthy Pregnancies, or Pro-Family Planning. For the millionth time: the way to reduce abortions is to make birth control easily available AND affordable. If you need more evidence of this, please refer to the excellent resources on the Planned Parenthood website. Here's one of many great fact sheets:

https://www.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer_public/80/e9/80e9b56e-c0d6-4579-8a20-1973e02218a0/bc_factsheet_may2015_updated_1.pdf

Despite all the information in the world available to members of the GOP, they continue to base policy off of moral platitudes rather than evidence-based research and real-life data. Moreover, they insist that these 3 million men and women will be able to simply access healthcare through the same channels as the rest of the public, which is demonstrably false. Planned Parenthood has provided research explaining why other doctors offices and hospitals will not simply be able to absorb the patient load. The services provided would overwhelm existing medical professionals and would still need to be covered by Medicaid payments found elsewhere. According to data from 2015 "fifty-six percent (56%) of Planned Parenthood health centers are in health professional shortage areas, rural or medically underserved areas. Planned Parenthood health centers provide primary and preventive health care to many who otherwise would have nowhere to turn for family planning

care," and "seventy-five percent of Planned Parenthood patients have incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), and at least 60 percent of Planned Parenthood patients access care through the Medicaid program and/or the Title X family planning program." (This information can also be found at <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/newsroom/fact-sheets-reports>).

As it stands, over half of all births in the United States are paid for by Medicaid dollars. Zero federal dollars are spent on abortion services. In my state of Utah, Planned Parenthood does not even provide abortions. But the clinics that I have relied on will be at risk for closing their doors because of the continuously repeated falsehood that funding Planned Parenthood is the same as funding abortions. Nobody's tax dollars are being used to terminate pregnancies anywhere in this country, and yet the GOP will still claim this to be true. The right to choose was established in 1973 by the Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade. And yet every day since then it has been a fight to keep our access to safe and affordable care from clinics like Planned Parenthood. If women do not have easy and affordable access to contraception, unintended pregnancies will increase, which will then increase the need for both maternity and infant care, as well as abortion services for those who choose to safely and legally end their unintended pregnancies. If those services are not covered by the Cassidy-Graham healthcare bill, women will die. Infants will die. Families will suffer.

The United States already has the highest maternal mortality rate in the developed world, which should be alarming to everyone. We are the richest nation in the world, and yet we cannot provide affordable options for women to plan and carry a healthy pregnancy to term, which leads to thousands of preventable deaths each year, many of which are adolescent girls. The concept that girls and women should just keep their legs shut is both unreasonable and damaging to the cause for women's equality. Women should feel unequivocally safe and supported when accessing contraceptive care, especially because so many of us have needed it after an unwanted sexual encounter. Girls and women all over the world are forced to carry their rapist's child to term because they cannot access abortion services. The U.S. should be leading the world in maternal care, which absolutely must include safe and affordable abortion services. Instead, our leaders have fought tirelessly to diminish the access we have, by campaigning on pseudo-science falsehoods and claiming the moral high ground. If the GOP continues to take the stance of "Pro-Life" then they must also commit to providing safe and affordable contraceptive care. Healthcare is a human right, and not a good, although it appears there aren't any Republicans who believe this.

The road to universal healthcare will be long and difficult, but most of us believe that is the best direction for this country to move in. (Roughly 60% of us, according to Pew Research.) In the meantime, the obvious solution is to work in a bipartisan way to make the Affordable Care Act more effective and cost-efficient for all Americans. Healthcare is complicated, literally every person on the planet realized this before Donald Trump did, and yet there is a long list of Democrats and a handful of Republicans willing to work together to fix the complex issues within the ACA. Just because something is hard, does not mean it should be avoided. It is our obligation as citizens of a free nation to protect the less fortunate, and help our communities to grow in the healthiest ways possible. This can be achieved if Senators would listen to the people they represent, rather than the corporations that lobby them, or the strong-arms of the party who have no interest in making a better healthcare system but only desire wealth and capitalism.

If Senators are unwilling to listen to their constituents on healthcare, the least they could do would be to listen to the leading experts in the field. Almost every medical association or foundation in the country stands opposed to this bill, as they have the last attempts, under the basis that it violates the primary rule in medicine: First, do no harm. When the leading industry experts tell you this bill will cause harm, you need to listen. You, meaning each and every Senator that will vote on this bill. Ask yourself who this will help, and who it will hurt. Please take in to account people other than yourself and your own family, who are covered by Government healthcare. Please think of the millions of Americans who have pre-existing conditions and the undue stress this bill causes us. We shouldn't have to continuously call our representatives and beg for healthcare, which is to say we are literally begging for our lives. Going forward, please stop making attempts to legislate reproductive rights

without including women in the conversation. Please stop having any discussions about healthcare without equal representation from women. Please refrain from using your own knowledge and judgment when the expertise of medical professionals is available to you. This affects way too many people to not be taken extremely seriously, and the consequences if this bill passes will be dire. Thousands of preventable deaths will leave blood on your hands. Please consider this as you move to a vote on the Cassidy-Graham healthcare bill, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chiemi Maloy
Salt Lake City, UT resident

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Alicia Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opinion

Hello,

As far as I'm concerned this bill is a train wreck. What Americans need is Medicare for all. There is just no other reasonable option. Please do not allow this bill to pass.

[REDACTED]
Alicia Anderson
Office Manager

[REDACTED]
Sandy, UT 84070
[REDACTED]

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Vard McGuire [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 2:26 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

I'm a constituent of Sens. Hatch and Lee who lives in Salt Lake City. I'm writing today to ask that you vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill, or any other bill that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, cut Medicaid funding, and leave millions of people with no health insurance.

Instead, I encourage you to work in a bi-partisan manner to provide access to affordable and accessible health and long term services.

Again, please vote NO on the proposed Graham-Cassidy health care bill.

-Vard

Vard McGuire
[REDACTED]
Salt Lake City, UT 84106
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Bailey, Ellen [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 2:24 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No to Graham-Cassidy Bill

Senator Hatch,

My name is Ellen Bailey, I live in Salt Lake City, Utah and I am one of your constituents. I know that you are running for re-election and hopefully realize that the privilege of representing the State of Utah requires that you are in touch with those who vote for you. However, after listening to your comments and following your voting in our behalf, I question your sense of connection and loyalty to those who you represent. In the interest of the state of Utah you should **vote NO to the Graham-Cassidy bill**, or any other bills that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, cut Medicaid funding, and leave millions of people with no health insurance. Instead, you should be working along side Senator McCain and other Republicans that you supposedly adhere to the same conservative standards of and recognize that many Americans will be directly affecting in a negative way if you vote yes. In a bipartisan manner please help to provide access to affordable, accessible health and long term services for ALL people. I am a special education teacher and know that my students will be negatively affected by the cuts proposed by the current proposed cuts to Medicaid funding. For a man who is now recognized as having an income that is in the upper class, I hope you have not lost touch with the other two classes (middle and low income) that seem to be the target of the Senate's new proposals. Although you may not directly relate to the middle and lower class's struggles, it is your duty to protect ALL Americans rights and well being under the laws of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. It's time to reconnect with your constituents if you are counting on their votes in the upcoming reelection.

Sincerely,

Ellen Bailey
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Erin Acker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. My little brother, my mom, and I all suffer from chronic migraines compounded by mental health problems, which means we all have pre-existing conditions. Without affordable healthcare, my mom's retirement savings would be devastated, and my brother and I would struggle significantly as we start our careers: he as a dairy farmer, me as an educator. With affordable healthcare, my brother and I can continue to invest in our growing country's future, and we can rest easy knowing our mom can afford her healthcare. Please vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy Bill to continue protecting families like ours.

Sincerely,

Erin Acker
Salt Lake City, Utah

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Debra Martin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:26 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Trumpcare (Graham Cassidy amendment)

Why is the Senate abandoning all its normal procedures (public comment, debate, amendments) in their effort to repeal the ACA? You've had nine months to come up with something better than the ACA, and an end of the fiscal year time crunch is no reason to throw procedure out the door. Besides, it is very evident to all of us that you are only attempting to wipe out the legacy of the first black president - and for what reason? Because you are all racists (speaking only about the Republican membership of the Senate)? Because you want to hurt and kill those of your constituents who will be affected by this awful bill? Why don't you all join the partisan effort to fix the things that are wrong with the ACA instead? I, myself, will work tirelessly to defeat each and every Senator who votes for this bill in future elections, and I can assure you that I am not alone. Just so you know, I am a registered Republican and I have voted in every election since I was 18 - 41 years ago. Also, I am not even affected by this issue as I am a retired federal employee and enjoy the same health care benefits that you all do. However, I strongly disapprove of this bill - you will be sending people into bankruptcy to pay for their health care and for some, this will be a death sentence. What you are trying to do is simply not right.

Debbie Martin

Registered Voter (and I did NOT vote for the idiot who is illegitimately in office right now - and you all should be ashamed of yourself for supporting him!)

Utah

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Laura Hellewell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:49 PM
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.

Last year my husband was basically given 30 days notice by his job to find a new job. He got a new job but it was with a very small company that didn't offer any benefits. I was 7 months pregnant at the time and I could not have any lapses in insurance because I was seeing the doctor every week by then. I have a history of miscarriage so I was seeing a high risk doctor at the time and needed to continue to go to my appointments. We also obviously needed coverage for when the baby would come in December. I called private insurances like Select Health to see if we qualified for special enrollment, and because technically my husband had "voluntarily" changed jobs we did not qualify. The ONLY place we could get insurance was through the market place because they count any job change for special enrollment. Now about 1 year later, my husband has graduated from his Masters Program and took a new job with a bigger company that offers benefits. Unfortunately, they just sent the packet over for us to choose a family plan and it is \$1,600 a month. We simply cannot afford that. Once again, the only way we will be able to have insurance is through the marketplace. We make enough money that we don't even need the subsidies. We just need a plan that doesn't cost more than our house payment every month! We are hard working people and we have a right to affordable quality healthcare.

From what I understand, the protections against excluding or jacking up prices for people with pre-existing conditions are not included in this bill. Apparently, being a woman trying to have a family gives me multiple pre-existing conditions. My miscarriages in the past plus the emergency C-section I had to have last year to deliver my baby all could count as pre-existing conditions. I didn't CHOOSE a c-section. When it's a "choice" between delivering your baby safely or letting your baby and possibly yourself die in labor, it's not a choice.

Some people abuse their bodies by gaining too much weight and getting heart disease, or smoking, or drinking too much, or doing drugs. And maybe those people have to pay more for health insurance. But giving birth to a baby? Really? I shouldn't be punished for that. Just like a baby born with a genetic disorder shouldn't be punished for having a bad heart and needing affordable and quality care. I do not trust each state to correctly define what a "pre-existing" condition is. And I certainly do not trust Insurance Companies to be fair either.

This is just my experience. I have countless friends and family that also need the ACA protections. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Laura Jane Price Hellewell
Woods Cross, Utah

Laura Price Hellewell

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

Finance Committee,

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Chip Henneman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Layton, Utah 84040

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Greg Hughes [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:12 PM
To: gchcomments
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Greg Hughes
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Park City, Utah 84098

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mark Persons <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:28 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Mark Persons
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

West Valley City, Utah 84128

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: David Williamson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

A flat tire does not justify buying a new car. fix the current health care program program and move on. Also quit giving away billions of dollars to those who dont really need it. 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.

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David Williamson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hooper, Utah 84315

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

Finance Committee,

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tony osusky
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

moab, Utah 84532

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: n burns [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:34 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

Please reject Graham-Cassidy.

Not only are cuts to Medicaid unacceptable, as are increased prices, but future sunset provisions seem a scam to disguise deficit increases.

And health care remains a mess for everyone-

The Senate and the Senate Finance Committee must reject Graham-Cassidy.

thank you-

n burns

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
park city, Utah 84098

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Les Hudelson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Les Hudelson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

St. George, Utah, Utah 84770

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Spencer Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No No No! to Graham Cassidy.

This is absurd! How does this improve anything? From what I have read this would be horrible for my family's health care reality. Please please do not support this current Graham-Cassidy legislative abomination. The ACA mostly works well for us, we just need to tweak and improve on what we have now, not another ill-conceived repeal and remove effort which no longer protects my family.

Thank you,
Spencer Decker
Salt Lake City, UT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:53 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senator Blumenthal and the Senate Finance Committee,

The Graham-Cassidy bill is being sprung on America and rushed to a vote without being properly debated and vetted. Please do not support the Graham-Cassidy bill and commit to working with all members of Congress for meaningful amendments to the Affordable Care Act.

We have a very messy complex task ahead of us if we want real health care reform. Here is my concern with the Graham-Cassidy Bill. In my humble opinion, it just kicks the can down the road to the "Magical" States, and gives away meaningful protection (like pre-existing conditions and coverage caps) the ACA created for people who are having to purchase Health Insurance without a huge corporation negotiating for them. To quote Jonathan Chait in a recent Daily Intelligencer article, "What evidence is there that the "efficiency" of state government will allow much smaller amounts of money to finance greater amounts of coverage? There is none. The actual reality is that, presented with funding shortfalls to Medicaid, states simply do things like restrict eligibility for disable children, end substance-abuse treatment and hospice care, and so on. There is no magicking away this problem." *

I keep hearing those who support it say that Obamacare is in a death spiral. Are their problems? Absolutely, but I think these problems are being over exaggerated by those who have resisted the ACA from the very start. How can anything succeed if some members of the team keep sabotaging it? In my view, if we want real health care reform we need some comprehensive, serious, bi-partisan strategies. I believe the ACA was a step in that direction. President Obama went with reform that was the blue print of one of the GOP's favored sons, Mitt Romney. Why did most members of the GOP try and obstruct the implementation of the "Affordable Care Act" E.V.E.R.Y S.T.E.P. of the way? It saddens me to think that some of our leaders care more about winning than they do about making sound solutions for every single American

Why, in eight years has no one but maybe Sen. Rand Paul and Sen. Mike Lee, addressed the part the Employee Health Insurance system plays in our national health care crisis? This system was a fluke that developed after WWII. We are the only nation in the world that ties affordable health care to employment. And many GOP members of Congress keep vilifying the millions of people in America, who are outside that Employee Health Insurance Market as if our messy, kluged together system is somehow their fault; shaming them for the fact that they need some government subsidies to be able to afford coverage at all. (remember Rep. Jason Chaffetz comment that people should forgo getting an iPhone to save up for their insurance premiums?) NO ONE is being honest with the American people about the HUGE tax subsidy for employer-sponsored coverage. These companies and their employees are getting a government handout too by not having to pay taxes on this compensation.

Employee Health Insurance, Individual Health Insurance, the Pharmaceutical Industry, Medicaid, Medicare, Special Interest Lobbyists, Health care providers, pre-existing conditions, Hospitals, Insurance companies, the Federal deficit: My point is that we have a very messy complex task ahead of us. I think we need all skin in the game and a transparent process for meaningful health care reform.

I am urging all Senators to vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy Bill.

Respectfully,

Pamela Thomas

[REDACTED]
Sandy, UT 84094
[REDACTED]

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<http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2017/09/republicans-are-abdicating-their-governing-responsibility.html>

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ann Scarborough [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:27 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: My family's experiences with health care

Hello,

As I listen to the health care debates I never hear anyone lift up how difficult it is to move from one state to another with these health care exchanges being managed by individual states. For us, it was a nightmare, trying to maintain coverage while we moved from Minnesota to Utah. My husband had lost his job and we needed to move closer to our daughter and grandchildren. I had been self-employed. Neither my husband or I had medical benefits through jobs because we were in transition. A national healthcare plan helps citizens in these situations! My husband and I are both college graduates; my husband has been an executive vice-president, yet we were deceived by a company that sold us health insurance during the most risky time of our move-while we were moving our belongings cross-country. We needed catastrophic coverage in case of an accident, yet we learned one month later that we had NO COVERAGE during our move. There was a one month delay that they neglected to inform us about. We were livid! How many people are taken advantage of? We were very cautious, skeptical, and well-educated and yet we were fraudulently sold a product that did not serve us!!

We need a federal plan to protect our citizens, especially during moves. We need to have equal coverage for all! Personally, I am in favor of expanding a successful program, Medicare, and that is how I will be voting.

Thank you,
Ann Scarborough
Utah System of Higher Education

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Deborah Fields <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: the Graham-Cassidy bill

To Whom It May Concern,

My family and I rely on affordable healthcare and the broader policies that support healthcare in the United States. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

I have managed, with support from my parents and happenstance of living in states that have supported individual health policies, to maintain healthcare throughout my entire life. This was very important to me because of my history of asthma. Can you imagine the expenses if I had not happened to live in WA or MN while working in retail or as an intern at a church? I would not have been able to maintain healthcare and would have been subject to the "pre-existing conditions" issue with healthcare. I'm grateful that those states at the times I lived there allowed people to buy individual policies.

My husband's case is more severe. He works to support many government projects but was without health care for some time during his college years because of lack of familial support for health care and his own minimal finances as a student. Given that he has terminal kidney problems, this was a big deal. Medicare helped support his kidney transplant, and gratefully he has good health care now through his work.

These are the instances of my husband and I, and although I have written only briefly about them, it is one reason why we are passionate about supporting quality healthcare in our country. We believe that a good healthcare system is important to supporting innovation and a high quality workforce as well as a safer and more financially solvent society.

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

Thank you for your time,
Deborah A. Fields

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[REDACTED]

Kids DIY Media Project

Research Scientist, Educational Consultant, and Yoga Teacher

Temporary Assistant Professor
Instructional Technologies & Learning Sciences
College of Education and Human Services
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Diana Platts [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:48 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Proposed Graham-Cassidy-Heller Legislation

Saying you are keeping a campaign promise to repeal the ACA by means of your proposed legislation is at best ingenuous if not an outright lie.

This is not to say I'm advocating for repeal-&-replace because I'm not. Portions of the ACA most definitely need to be repaired, but that doesn't mean throw it to the individual states to figure out what you are afraid to tackle.

The Republicans in the Senate and the House need to take a deep breath and remember what it means to govern a country of diverse peoples and viewpoints. Lying about what legislation will do for short-term political gain is simply unacceptable.

Please listen to the experts and stakeholders and reevaluate your position. Remove this harmful proposal from further consideration.

Sincerely,
Diana J Platts
Salt Lake City, UT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Eleanor Kramer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have pre-existing conditions. Without insurance coverage, my medication and treatment would become too expensive for me to continue their use. Almost everyone in my family would be impacted by this as well and each person in my family would suffer. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill.

Please take me and my family into consideration.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Kramer

Provo, Utah

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Andrew Harding [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:00 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Andrew Harding
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

South Salt Lake , Utah 84119

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa Rampton Halverson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No on Cassidy-Graham

I would like to express my **opposition to the Cassidy-Graham insurance reform bill**. As the daughter and sister of physicians, I am concerned that this does not ensure adequate guardrails to make sure that the money is spent ensuring healthcare access for the vulnerable members of a state's population. While state-controlled healthcare has many substantial advantages, a plan like Cassidy-Graham would indisputably bring great harm to many of society's weakest members, due to its lack of coverage requirements; states would be able to choose to allow insurers to charge substantially more to sick or elderly citizens, or to sell them plans that don't cover their pre-existing conditions. The social contract means that we take care of each other.

As someone who has a disability (deafness) and pre-existing conditions, including an autoimmunity which has devastated my hearing, I rely heavily on health insurance. Over the past month, after my "good" ear nose-dived, I have been treated by amazing medical practitioners using hyperbaric oxygen treatments, which has restored some, though not all, of the hearing and perhaps avoided the need for a second cochlear implant. I could never continue to contribute -- adjunct at Brigham Young University and online for George Mason University, finish my PhD, raise my children, serve in my church, assist in Mormon Women for Ethical Government -- if my health was not maintained by the solid insurance coverage I receive. We are fortunate, as my husband works for BYU. But he dreams of one day focusing on entrepreneurial dreams -- something I have to temper because I worry that I would be priced out of any privately purchased health care plans. Don't limit the American dream. Don't leave those of us with pre-existing conditions to flail. Don't reduce my potential by creating a health care nightmare for those of us with disabilities.

You know that **this bill does not follow good practices**. It has been written behind closed doors, not sent to Senate committee hearings, and not scored by the CBO. As a member of and leader in Mormon Women for Ethical Government, know that many of our members see such practices as poor governing, and we will not support your reelection if you choose to move forward in this manner.

Please stop attempts to pass a bill this way, and **sit down for bipartisan, hard work**.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lisa Rampton Halverson
[REDACTED]

Springville, UT 84663

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Brooke Minas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: 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...

I suffer from migraines and I have since I was 16 (I am now 50). Before the ACA, my husband and I were both sole practitioners and we could only afford the monthly premiums on a catastrophic plan with a \$10,000 deductible but it wouldn't cover anything having to do with my migraines. If I was at a well care visit and mentioned my migraines, that voided the cost of that visit going into my deductible it also voided the discounted rate negotiated by my provider.

My husband has spent the last year battling cancer. He is currently cancer free but tests have shown that he has a genetically caused syndrome which increases his chance of multiple cancers as well as a possible recurrence. He will need to have annual colonoscopies and bi-annual endoscopies in order to screen and catch early any possible anomalies. Luckily my husband is now with a small business that provides a health care policy. We pay \$1500 a month for our premiums but without it we would be homeless and bankrupt. How does ANYONE without insurance afford cancer?

My son suffers from occasional asthma and eczema. Other than topical medicine and maybe one inhaler a year, there is not much cost involved at this time.

Unfortunately, all three of my family members suffer from "pre-existing conditions" without the clause in the ACA prohibiting companies from covering us, we would never be able to get health insurance.

The biggest complaint from people about the ACA is that their insurance premiums kept going up and up or their company is opting out.

Why are we allowing for-profit businesses to dictate what our laws will be and not be? The ACA needs to be repaired, not repealed. The ACA needs to require that all companies participate and that there be a cap on how much they can charge for premiums. If the for-profit businesses providing insurance, pharmaceuticals and "health" care want to lower the cost of operation, maybe they need to spend more energy helping people be healthier and well. The idea of a single-payer health care system in the US is a pipe dream that is not sustainable with the monster of the health care lobby that exists today but we can come up with a compromise. This should be a right, not a privilege.

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

Sincerely, Brooke Minas

Salt Lake City Utah

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Susan Keyes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Affordable Care Act

Dear Committee Members,

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As I cancer survivor, I would have been unable to obtain health insurance without the ACA. The ACA allowed our son to obtain health insurance while he worked as a freelance contractor. Block grants to states will not be in the best interests of our citizens, or our country. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Susan Keyes

Park City, Utah

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Diane Warsoff [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:29 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Against Graham Cassidy Bill

I am a constituent of Sen. Hatch, as well as a small business owner whose key employee has a significant pre-existing condition. The provisions of the above bill would do great harm to many people, particularly those with low incomes. Utah already has not provided sufficient funding for all the working poor who need Medicare.

The potential of this proposed bill to allow states to limit insurance to those with pre-existing conditions, as well as not requiring wellness care for pregnant women and children does not FIX what is wrong with ACA, but rather makes it worse.

It is time for Senators on both sides of the aisle to work together to develop a plan that will HELP PEOPLE (not just rich ones with tax credits) in this country. It is a crime that the US is the only first-world country that does not ensure that all its citizens have access to quality healthcare.

Senator Hatch helped to develop CHIP with Sen. Kennedy - we need to see the same kind of leadership today.

Thank you,
Diane Hartz Warsoff

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Diane Hartz Warsoff
[REDACTED]
Salt Lake City, UT 84108
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Paul Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy

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Paul Price
Washington, Utah

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: BRIAN FELTOVICH [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 3:57 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care reform

I would like to add my comments regarding the Graham-Cassidy bill.

One of the most important aspects of any healthcare bill is how it deals with pre-existing conditions and how it deals with Medicaid expansion.

Graham-Cassidy is weak on both fronts.

My wife is a cancer survivor and is only 52 years old. If she were to apply for insurance she would end up shunted into a high-risk pool and our insurance bills would be astronomical. The entire premise of health insurance is that everyone pays a little knowing that some day they'll need help. We will all eventually get sick and die. We and our families will need insurance to pay our medical bills and avoid bankruptcy.

The states that took Medicaid expansion money would, under the GC bill, have their future funding reapportioned to states that refused the federal aid. This pool would then begin to shrink over the next ten years. How will states pay for insurance ten years from now? This is such a shortsighted response to our financial problems.

Please support all American citizens and send a clear message that Graham-Cassidy is an expensive mistake.

Thank you,

Brian

Brian Feltovich
Park City, Utah

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Linda Hansen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 3:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: EPragley@nacdd.org
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Testimony

As advocates for people with disabilities we are extremely concerned about the Graham-Cassidy bill. Here are our major concerns:

1. If preexisting condition coverage is determined by individual states, this will end coverage for many in the disability community. Graham-Cassidy allows any insurance policy subsidized by the state's block grant to charge premiums that are completely unaffordable for those with preexisting conditions. Since a developmental disability is a preexisting condition - how are these people going to be able to get coverage? It discriminates against people with developmental disabilities.
2. ACA services through Medicaid allow people to receive services in their own homes and in their own communities. The Graham-Cassidy bill pushes more people toward institutional settings instead of letting them be part of their communities like everyone else. Medicaid's structure encourages less institutional care and more community care. Graham - Cassidy does the opposite. It forces states to maintain a certain number of beds and the states have an incentive to fill those beds. This may also cause a conflict in the law since under Olmstead, the law obligates providers to integrate services for people with disabilities to the greatest extent possible.
3. Graham-Cassidy will cause huge cuts in healthcare by imposing caps. States will have no choice but to cut coverage and services as the funding shrinks. This affects the lives and health of people with developmental disabilities.

[REDACTED]
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Troy Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: This Utahn Does NOT want Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I'm pleading with you, kill the Graham-Cassidy bill. The country desperately needs bi-partisan solutions to healthcare -- not political posturing. You are rushing this effort to without a CBO score, without national consensus, and without consideration for the millions of people whose lives will be in jeopardy if they lose access to their health insurance.

Put people over politics. Kill this bill.

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Working for a fair and just Utah,

Troy Williams
Executive Director
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gaya Covington <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: DO NOT REPEAL THE ACA

Importance: High

Senators,

I beg of you not to repeal the ACA, but improve and strengthen it!!

I had cancer when I was 18 years old. I am now 65. Unfortunatley, until the ACA was passed, my cancer was still considered a pre-existing condition, and reason to reject me for health insurance coverage!! Even after 47 years of being cancer free!!

My sister has chronic back pain due to a trampoline injury when she was a teenager. She was unable to qualify for health insurance because that is considered a pre-existing condition!

As Americans, I feel it is important that we ALL have access to affordable healthcare, just like all of you are provided with at our expense!!

Please do the honorable thing, and reject this selfish bill!!

I guarantee you that the majority of us will be determining how we vote in the 2018 elections on how you Senators handle the issue of healthcare!!!

Sincerely,

Gaya Covington

[REDACTED]
Salt Lake City, Utah 84123

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Brian Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Brian Murphy
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Salt Lake City, Utah 84105

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Denise DeBarre-Harmon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:02 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No on Graham Cassidy

I am from Wyoming where we have some of the highest healthcare costs in the country due to a smaller, older population. I live close enough to Utah to get better quality, cheaper care there, but most people in this state aren't so lucky. People in Wyoming cannot afford to pay higher premiums based on their health problems. We are luckily pretty healthy, but my neighbors include a young family with Type 1 diabetes in a parent and a rare autoimmune disease in a child. Another neighbor has MS. This bill will hurt them. Wyoming children will be hurt by cuts in Medicaid. Do not support this cruel bill. The only people who like this bill are the Koch brothers and Republicans who want the Kochs to finance their campaigns. This bill is immoral. It will disrupt the insurance market and damage the economy due to the fact that healthcare is 1/6 of our economy. Find a bipartisan fix.

Denise Harmon
Evanston, WY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Todd Reynolds [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Comments

Good morning, Senators.

I have two stories to share.

First, because this country had "free market" insurance prior to the ACA, we could not afford maternity coverage for my wife when I went back to school to work on a PhD. However, as the ACA became law, we could finally afford maternity coverage, which allowed us to have our second child, who is truly a direct result of the ACA. What you seemingly don't understand in your Senate chambers, since you will not have open hearings with experts, is that not mandating coverage, and not protecting essential health benefits, will drive people out of the market, ensuring that only those who "need" it buy in, which will raise costs for everyone. We were careful, and planned. We both have PhDs, and we wanted to have a second child. However, an immoral and unethical "free market" system prevented us from doing it, despite saving up money to pay for costs.

Which brings me to my second point.

Our first child was born 10 weeks early - pre-ACA. My wife was covered through my job at the time, and we were told exactly how much to save to cover our side of the costs of the delivery. For a normal delivery. However, my wife went into labor 2 weeks early, and spent 2 weeks in the hospital. Then, when our daughter was born, she had to remain in the NICU for 6 weeks. After that, even though she was remarkably healthy for someone born when she was, we had to see specialists, and therapists, and doctors - and we are still seeing them. I bring her up for two reasons. First, you don't need insurance until you need it. And then, it's too late. My wife followed all the guidelines for pregnant women, completed all of her prenatal checks, and did everything the doctors told her to do. And, she was healthy. Until she wasn't. Eliminating the mandate assumes that those who are not sick will never get sick, and that when they do, they can just buy in. I've even heard Senators complain that the "well" shouldn't pay for the "sick." That's not how insurance of any kind works, which is something you would know if you actually had open hearings.

Second, and more importantly, under your new bill, my daughter could be classified as having pre-existing conditions, which means she could either be denied coverage, or have to pay significantly more for that coverage. She is 7. She has done nothing wrong, nor have her parents, and you want to punish us, to bankrupt us. I've heard the lie that pre-existing conditions will be covered, but you know they won't. You wrote the law. You are sentencing my daughter to bankruptcy or death with this bill.

You need to listen to the AMA, to health experts, to people like me who actually know what happens when you need to use that health insurance to save a child's life.

And, you need empathy. And care for your fellow citizens.

Please, for my daughter's sake, vote no on this inhumane bill.

Todd Reynolds, Ph.D.

[REDACTED]
Cheyenne, WY 82009
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jana Early [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 12:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: 4th Generation Wyomingite, fighting for my child's healthcare to be preserved in the so-called "Equality State".

Dear Senators,

My name is Jana Early. I am a 4th generation Wyomingite, married to a 5th generation Wyomingite. We are writing today to express our outrage at the cessation of bipartisan talks to protect and preserve the Affordable Care Act as well as our horrific opposition to the latest repeal and replace effort, Graham-Cassidy-Heller.

We choose to live and work in Wyoming. We have made Wyoming our home for generations and have raised two children into adulthood, with another child starting kindergarten this year. We are lawful, decent, hardworking people who both value education and blue-collar experience in our communities. I have two grown sons in their 20s. My oldest son is a civil engineer, graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2015, married and living in Sheridan with his wife who is also a graduate of U of WY, and is now an elementary school teacher. My younger son is finishing his degree in business administration at University of Wyoming, and is engaged to the love of his life, who is also a student at U of WY, completing her degree in elementary education. I am incredibly proud of the young adults that I have raised, as they have chose to stay and work in Wyoming, in spite of our dire state budget shortfalls, tone-deaf Members of Congress, and a state legislature that has clung to failed policies of boom and bust economic cycles. We are trying to find reasons to stay in Wyoming as both workers and community members. However, our Senators Barrasso and Enzi have made it clear that they are willing to yet again push us off a cliff and sell us down a river by supporting a devastating repeal of the ACA. Barrasso and Enzi have hid from their constituents but not their donors and refuse to face public feedback on their immoral support of repealing the ACA. I am ashamed and embarrassed that they are the face of Wyoming's federal government, and because I am yet again fighting for the life and care of my family, I am writing this committee.

Today, I am writing with grave opposition to Graham-Cassidy-Heller. I object to this bill in every way humanly possible because I have a son who is a Type 1 diabetic. There is no cure for type 1 diabetes. He will need healthcare and medication for all the days of his life. Without healthcare and medication, he will die. It's as simple as that. My son is in his final year in college and his healthcare coverage provided through my employment is possible because of the ACA. Without this coverage, he would face dropping out of school to work to only be able to afford his insulin which, without insurance, would cost him approximately \$700 per month. He's done everything his country has expected of him as a young adult. Because he is a diabetic, he never had the opportunity to enlist in the military. He has instead chose the next best option as a young American and Wyomingite. He's a successful student who will become a degree holder in the next year. If Graham-Cassidy were allowed to become law, my son faces the possibility that he would become uninsurable when he enters the workforce on his own. He faces the idea that preexisting condition exclusions or lifetime limits on his care could become a reality in the next few months. All the hard work of attending school would become a real obstacle of affording the full cost of both his doctor's visits and his medication. Repeal would needlessly devastate his future and would make the possibility of having children who also could end up being diabetic out of the questions. I cannot fathom what kind of cold, black-hearted person that can sleep at night knowing that they are needlessly destroying the hopes and dreams of America's youth. I am appalled to be represented by 2 members of Congress who gleefully wring their hands in anticipation of killing people's hopes to stay alive.

I am begging this committee to hear our stories and our prayers. I am imploring Congress to say NO to repeal and replace and say HELL NO to Graham-Cassidy-Heller!

Thank you,

Jana Early

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Naomi Baresel [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Naomi Baresel

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: KEN Larsen <[REDACTED]>
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KEN Larsen
[REDACTED]
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Fort Pierre, South Dakota 57532

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James Vipond
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Milbank, South Dakota 57252

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Melissa Pinion [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:45 PM
To: gchcomments
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It's absolutely obscene and cruel that anyone would vote for anything that would harm Americans, let alone benefit yet another business or corporation. Is this the country of the United Businesses and Corporations of America or is this the United States of America, by the PEOPLE of the PEOPLE and for the PEOPLE?

Melissa Pinion
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57106

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Thea Geotas [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:14 PM
To: gchcomments
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Thea Geotas
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Rapid City, South Dakota, South Dakota 57702

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: James Zeman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:28 AM
To: gchcomments
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James Zeman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Deadwood, South Dakota 57732

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Karen Cayer [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am against the Graham-Cassidy bill and demand this joke of a Republican house work across party lines and fix our health care system to represent all Americans. Not the 1% or Russia.

Karen Cayer
[REDACTED]

Dansville, MI
48819

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: David W. Body <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:35 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose 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.

David W. Body
Polk City, Iowa

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Brooke Evans <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Hearing, 9/25

Dear Senate Committee on Finance,

I am writing because my family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare and I wanted to let you know of my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. I suffer from the pre-existing condition of asthma. Due to my current coverage I am able to take medication to keep this condition in control at an affordable cost, allowing me to enjoy some things that people take for granted like exercising and laughing at a good joke without causing a coughing fit. I hope that this bill will not go to a vote and instead I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Brooke DiGiovanni Evans

[REDACTED]
Charlestown, MA 02129

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marri Lemaire [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy is a horrible bill

To the Finance Committee Members

From: Marri Lemaire, RN

I am currently going through treatment for breast cancer. I now have a pre-existing condition. If you pass Graham Cassidy, my state can choose whether or not they can charge me more for health insurance than someone who's never been sick.

This is a bad bill. It will be bad for your constituents. Please vote no.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ian Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:41 PM
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Ian Smith
Oakland, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jennifer Riegner [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

Please vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill will cause millions of Americans to lose their healthcare coverage. It does not provide protections for pre-existing conditions or mandate coverage for essential health benefits.

The personal financial ruin and bankruptcies caused by this bill will have severe repercussions on our entire economy. Citizens who are bankrupted by medical hardships will not be able to spend on consumer goods. People who are currently able to work because they have insurance that pays for treatment of existing conditions will not be able to maintain their health, and therefore maintain their employment and participation in the economy. People who are unable to work cannot pay taxes, and instead may require public assistance.

This bill will be harmful, not only to individual citizens, but to the economy as a whole. This bill must NOT pass. Vote NO on this bill.

Thank you.

Jennifer Riegner
[REDACTED]

Newark DE 19711

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ann Haugland [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: healthcare

I'm one of the lucky ones-- a terrific plan through my employer (a state plan). But i never forget-- and I never let my family forget- that we ARE lucky. And luck shouldn't be determining factor for healthcare. Let's join the rest of the developed world

My income isn't higher--I would be happy, eager, even, to pay taxes to support care for all.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Katie Wilcox [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: 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 millions to lose their health coverage while destroying Medicaid and harming some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, seniors, and people with disabilities or preexisting conditions.

Please consider how your actions would affect you and your families if you were not working for the federal government.

Warmly,
Katie Wilcox
Kuna, Idaho

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Peter Casanave <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Father in law on Medicaid saved the government money

My late father in law died in his own apartment when he was almost 101. He was on Medicaid and Medicare coordinated in New York State in the FIDA program. Medicaid saved taxpayer money because it kept him out of a much more expensive nursing home. Instead he got a home health aide, coordinated medical coverage, occasional brief hospitalization, and brief counseling services for his grieving widow. His ninety plus year old wife got the dignity of something to do, but her efforts towards caring for her husband saved the taxpayer considerable money if he had been in a nursing home.

Without the ACA and its Medicaid expansion as used by New York State, he would have succumbed to the dementia that only took full hold at around his hundredth birthday. As a retired social worker and neighbor he enriched the lives of various networks of family, friends, and acquaintances. This World War II Army veteran was given dignity that would have been robbed from him without these provisions of the ACA.

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy because it will ultimately be wasteful of resources and will take away the dignity and care of citizens like my in laws.

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Peter Albert Casanave
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Janet Limke [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: graham cassidy

The Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal and replace the ACA will do nothing to stem steep increases in the cost of health insurance for those who will be able to afford it. **Please Do not pass** the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janet Limke

[REDACTED]

Norwood MA 02062

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Monica Walker [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:56 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

Good morning

I am writing asking that you vote NO on this bill. I am a voter who has a senior parent. This bill is cruel and will not cover people with pre-existing conditions. This bill kicks 32 million people off insured rolls. It will negatively impact 1/6 of the economy. This is not America. I strongly urge you to vote no on this cruel and inhumane bill.

Thank you

Monica Walker

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kristin Pratt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I am aghast that the Republican party is planning on pushing through a vote on the Graham-Cassidy health care bill before the CBO report can be performed and without giving this bill due process in terms of holding real hearings in front of all the proper committees that have to deal with health care in this country.

This is a bill that will severely harm most Americans and is not in the best interests of your constituents. Capping Medicaid, Removing the tax credits, individual & employee mandate and eliminating the protections for essential health benefits, limiting protections for price restrictions on older Americans---everything that is in this bill is worse than the previous bills proposed this summer. This is not something that the American people want, and this is something that the entire medical field has come down hard against.

This is not the solution for this country. Since your hearing is the only one we're likely to get on this, please do everything you can to really examine this bill and how it will affect our nation.

Congress spent more a year debating ACA---your committee held 53 meetings in an eight-day markup (longest markup for your committee in more than 20 years), considering 130 amendments and holding 79 roll-call votes before the Senate held 44 hearings and public events on the ACA before passing it. What will you give Graham-Cassidy?

Any GOP proposal needs to be as rigorously debated, with both parties and insurance companies and medical professionals giving their input and insight into creating a better bill. The rush to pass a repeal & replace with something like Graham-Cassidy is horrific and will only harm the American people.

Do your due diligence with this bill and any other that comes along. Give us the changes we need, the policy that will improve the system, not harm it.

Thanks,

Kristin Pratt
Lexington, Ky.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Barbara XXX [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy travesty of justice

The Graham-Cassidy repeal/replace ACA bill is a travesty of justice. It means that the working poor will have no recourse to affordable healthcare. My state of Alabama is one of many states which will immediately grant insurers the right to deny coverage to those with pre-existing conditions and to allow exorbitant increase of premiums to those who become sick while insured and to the elderly. Alabama is one of many states which will allow insurers to reinstate caps on annual and lifetime benefits thereby resulting in thousands of bankruptcies because of horrendous medical expenses, just as happened before the ACA.

The GOP has had 7 years to formulate a decent, workable replacement of the ACA, if that is what Congress deems to be necessary. Or, heaven forbid, they could have tried working with Democrats to fix what is wrong with the ACA. Instead, the GOP has wasted valuable time putting forth bill after bill after bill trying to repeal the ACA. Knowing President Obama would veto it. The citizens were watching.

Congress has lost sight of its primary purpose; to serve the people who elected each member. The Graham-Cassidy bill would throw tens of thousands of people out of the healthcare market, would destabilize the market which remains and bankrupt thousands of families just when they are at their most fragile; when coping with a sick loved one.

Micah 6:8 What does your Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your Lord.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Claire Plunkett <Pla [REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:40 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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Too many lives are at stake. Let's try to improve the system already in place or step up and give every American the benefits that Congress receives. You all work for us and Mr. Toomey it appears that your goal is to kill us all. I am not sure how you profit from that but it appears to be your goal since you never vote for anything that benefits your constituents.

Claire Plunkett

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Linda Patterson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:40 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy Graham

I am vehemently against this horrible deathcare bill! It will cost millions of lives & so many jobs! No human being is too expensive to live!

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marion Holmberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Statement submitted to:

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

Monday, September 25, 2017

10:00 AM, 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

From:

Marion Holmberg

[REDACTED]

Waukesha, WI 53186

Dear Senators,

I have already mailed my written testimony to you, but wanted to take this opportunity by email to expand on it. My name is Marion Holmberg and I live in Waukesha. I am the mother of three young adults with intellectual disabilities, my daughter Meara is 21, my son John is 18 and my daughter Lia is 16. Like all young adults, they strive for independence and full inclusion in the community. Like all parents, I want to see my children strike out on their own, have good jobs and contribute to society. In order to fulfill these goals, my family needs a little more help than most. For my children independence means having the right kind of help and supports that enable them to work and live safely.

Medicaid programs such as the Wisconsin IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-direct), Forward Health and Children's Long Term Supports are a lifeline for our family. Not just do they help with ongoing medical and behavioral health needs, but they also provide the means for my children to work and live in the community. Currently my daughter Meara is employed part time at one of the local school districts. She works in the kitchen doing dishes. She needs a job coach to make sure that she is able to do her job correctly; job coaching is funded through Medicaid. In the afternoons, Meara volunteers at a variety of places accompanied by her supportive homecare worker. Her supportive homecare worker is paid through Medicaid. Although she still lives at home, her dream is to eventually live in an apartment by herself. For this she will need extra help to stay safe and healthy. Again those are the types of supports that are funded through Medicaid.

Without Medicaid, no job, no volunteer opportunities, no support for independence. Without Medicaid, no employment for the job coach, the supportive homecare worker, the respite providers and on and on. Without Medicaid, my husband and I become the sole caregivers. No Medicaid, no opportunity, no independence, no support for families.

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal will have a devastating impact on people with disabilities, who rely on Medicaid for their very lives. Without adequate (and cost effective) care in the community, many will be left with no alternative but some type of costly institutional setting. I worry about the future for my

children, myself and my friends who rely on these programs. Peoples' lives are at stake here! That seems a high price to pay for a hollow political victory.

Issues as complex as Medicaid and healthcare need careful study and bipartisan collaboration. The American people depend on you to do the right thing. My family depends on you to do the right thing!

I beg you from the bottom of my heart:

- Please oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill and do not vote to move this bill out of the Finance committee
- Please oppose ANY cuts to Medicaid.
- Please work in a bipartisan fashion to increase access to affordable, accessible health care and long term services and supports

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Marion Holmberg

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Alexis Bruton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:32 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 would imperil the lives of millions of people especially women like me who support families and communities; destroy the financial lives of millions of working people and young people trying to start businesses or finish college. All to give millionaires and billionaires another tax cut from the money I pay in taxes. This is a cruel inhuman and evil bill. Do not vote for it

Alexis Bruton

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:32 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: VOTE NO or ABANDON GRAHAM CASSIDY

Hello –

I do not believe this bill is in the best interest of the USA, especially for those with pre-existing conditions and serious health issues. No one voted for any Senator to hurt America. Please express to all the senators that we all want the ACA fixed! However, this is the worst of all the “tries” so far and needs to be abandoned!

Thank you!

Elizabeth King

[REDACTED]

Bellevue, WA 98006

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy ACA Repeal Bill

Dear Senators:

I have never felt more compelled to write an e-mail to express my abject disgust about a piece of legislation. Senator Cassidy and Senator Johnson have appeared on several morning television programs and have misled the American people about the provisions of this amendment, and I feel nothing but derision for their deception. Senator Cassidy is a physician, as is my husband, and he took the Hippocratic oath of "first do no harm."

- 1) there are no protections for pre-existing conditions or essential health benefits, if each state can apply for waivers which Secretary Price can grant as he flies around the country in tax-payer-paid chartered jets,
- 2) there is no CBO score, so how can any senator responsibly vote if he or she does not know the impact on coverage,
- 3) Senator Graham said he would not vote yes on any bill that provided for carve outs for states, yet Alaska and Montana have such carve outs (see page 95) in this iteration,
- 4) whenever the Republican Party wants to "save money", it is invariably at the expense of the most vulnerable populations: the elderly in nursing homes, the poor, the disabled, children,
- 5) rather than worrying about donor money and tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, perhaps you should think about your constituents. Senator Grassley said there were 10 reasons to not vote for the bill. However, one reason he would vote for it was to fulfill a campaign promise. Is that really good enough? People will suffer and people will die for a political and self-serving decision.

First, let me make it more personal. I was diagnosed, at age 49, with early stage breast cancer in 2007. I was covered under my husband's employer-provided health care, which was good coverage. Nonetheless, after surgery and a grueling 37-day course of radiation therapy, my out-of-pocket expenses were over \$5000. Had the ACA been in place, my out-of-pocket expenses would have been negligible. Under your terrible bill, I would not be able to afford coverage due to this pre-existing condition, if I could get coverage at all (I have multiple pre-existing conditions). My husband and I have become quite frugal with our spending, despite a sizable emergency savings fund in anticipation of such cruel legislation. Kind of works against your Party's desire to stoke consumer spending.

Second, let me contrast this with the experience of a person without insurance prior to the ACA. My manicurist, age 50s, in 2004 broke her ankle. She went to her local ER for treatment, where she was placed in a splint. Because she had no insurance, she was sent to the county ER, where she waited nearly 48 hours to be seen. Had she had the ACA, she would have had surgery at the first hospital.

Lastly, let me add one more example of working with poor and vulnerable people prior to the ACA. I did volunteer work at a suicide prevention hotline, the oldest hotline in the nation. Each day I worked, I heard from callers with a range of problems, leaving many of them in a state of distress or suicidal crisis. In the years prior to ACA, it was almost impossible for those without insurance to obtain mental health services in a timely fashion. Other than going to an emergency room, which as you know is an expensive alternative, there were few choices for people whose problems were also financial. Mental health treatment, especially for people with substance abuse issues, is an essential health benefit of the ACA, one that Secretary Price can waive, as he flies around the country in a tax-payer-funded chartered jet, if a state requests.

The Senate should return to regular order, of which Senator McCain spoke and wrote so eloquently and passionately. (all Americans should have the same health care and insurance as Senator McCain has). A bipartisan bill will stand the test of time and provide a win-win situation for both parties and ultimately the American people.

With as much respect as I can muster at the moment,

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: virginia ludvik [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA Hearing September 25, 2017

Hello,

I am a citizen of this country for 71 years. By voting for the Graham - Cassidy healthcare bill you are destroying millions of lives and accelerating thousands, if not millions, of deaths. While you will remain covered, along with your family, your extended family and friends will suffer. Those without means to cover expensive medical bills will suffer. Do not vote for this plan. It is not who we are. It does not represent us as a People. There are other ways to make changes and/or redesign healthcare that does not include all of the cuts this bill proposes. How is it possible other countries have figured this out? I believe we are capable of doing this. It may be hard work and it may involve sacrifices from all sides, but healthcare should not be political and should not favor those with the means, or those who will profit. That is what the rest of the economy is for.

Please vote NO. Stand up for the majority of this country. Do not send people to emergency rooms where costs will skyrocket and hospitals will close unable to afford the emergency care. Don't let me, a taxpaying citizen dedicated to giving back to my fellow Americans, die because I could never afford another pacemaker. Vote no. Find another way to make changes to the ACA.

Thanks for your consideration,

Virginia

Virginia Ludvik
10205 Chapala Pl NE
Albuquerque, Nm, 87111
Home: 505 332 9011
Cell: 505 239 6483

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kindra Coates <k[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

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.

Firstly, I ask Congress not to hold a vote on this bill that will affect 1/6 of the American economy without a CBO score. How can you vote on proposed legislation without fully understanding how it will impact the lives of Americans?

Secondly, I am very concerned about language in the bill that allows states to loosen protections for pre-existing conditions. My family will be directly affected by this provision, I and my parents are diabetic and I have an uncle who is in remission from brain cancer. Should either of these medical conditions change we will not be able to afford the extra costs associated with them. In fact, our efforts to stay well will no doubt bankrupt us.

Thirdly, I am a woman and deeply disturbed that the bill devastates reproductive health care and family planning.

Fourthly, I am distressed that monies to Medicaid will be reduced so drastically, making costs for seniors and the disabled to skyrocket.

From what I read, this bill does not bring healthcare to more Americans--in fact, it is predicted that upwards of 30 million will lose their existing coverage. And, like before the ACA, people will have to chose between eating and getting healthcare. People will die.

In conclusion, I find this proposed bill to be heartless and mean. It really is just a way for the GOP to pay for tax cuts. Rather than helping our fellow man, it is a bill that will hurt the most vulnerable in our population.

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill. Instead, please return to regular order. Let's work on improving the existing law with bipartisan committees, and a vote that requires all of Congress to work together for a solution.

Thank you.

Kindra Coates

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: John DeFrank <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Audrey DeFrank; Barbara Antinoro; Bob Fuhrman; cindy rakow; Dan DeFrank; defrank@activemotif.com; fabfuhr5@aol.com; Frank Kuhn; Gene Fuhrman; kdefrank@yahoo.com; Mark Sweeney; Neetz Fuhrman; Patti Glosser Rudick; Sandy Paul; Stephen Fuhrman; Thomas Uhrich; Tom DeAngelis
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Sen. Blumenthal,

Please cease progress on the Graham Cassidy health care bill. In future efforts to provide health care to American citizens, please place foremost in your minds the general health and welfare of all citizens ahead of the profit motive of the healthcare industry. Please think about helping all people instead of finding ways to exclude some. In other words, please provide the same coverage for all citizens that Congressmen and their families enjoy.

Sincerely,

John DeFrank

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth Spinnato <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:30 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

Dear Sirs and Ma'ams,

I am writing you about the proposed Graham/Cassidy bill to repeal and replace the ACA. You must see this bill is not a good bill.

My first reason for opposing this bill is the fact there has been no time to get an actually CBO score to show how this bill would affect our economy. How can you legitimately vote on a without know exactly how it will effect the lives of all Americans, and how it will effect the American economy. Voting on this bill would be morally incompetent.

My next reason for being against, and truly concerned about this bill is the language related to pre-existing conditions. My family would be directly effected by this because each of us suffer from pre-existing conditions. Including heart disease, ADHD, OCD, and Graves disease. My husband is a hard working man who pays large amounts of money already just to keep us insured. If my state allows insurance companies to charge us more for our pre-existing conditions we will not be able to afford healthcare. We already live paycheck to paycheck. Not once have we asked our state to support us. But if this bill goes through, we will end up homeless just to pay for healthcare.

Thirdly, I am extremely concerned with the cuts to Medicaid. Seniors and the disabled depend on this. Their costs would skyrocket. Even long term care facilities will be effected. My mother has dementia, and is living in a long term care facility to keep her safe. If she loses Medicaid she will be placed out on the streets. Would you want that for your mother's???

Fourth, this bill is showing to take healthcare away from more than 30 million people. Can you imagine, your neighbors, family, or friends losing their healthcare?? I am seriously concerned about my community.

In conclusion, this bill in my opinion is heartless and mean. It does not show any compassion for the American people. This bill shows me that certain senators only care about lining their pockets. This bill in my opinion is about their greed, and not about the American people. Instead of helping the American people this bill hurts the most vulnerable.

Please do not pass the Graham/Cassidy bill. Please return to normal order, and work in a bipartisan way to create the best healthcare plan for everyone. A bill that can be respect. A bill that the American heart society, the American lung society, and AARP just to name a few would stand by. Lets create a bill that all of congress can stand by!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Spinnato

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Julie Alexander <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GCH Comment

Senate Finance Committee,

As a person with a disability who values Medicaid and its ability to provide funding for personal care so that individuals with disabilities do not have to live in more costly institutions and nursing homes I am not in favor of the Graham Cassidy Bill. Individuals with disabilities who have proper supports in the community that are mainly provided by funding through Medicaid will be hurt if this bill passes. Also individuals who are on Medicaid and get supportive care through Medicaid are able to work and contribute to our economy. If Medicaid is cut through the Graham Cassidy Bill these individuals will not be able to be contributing citizens and will be institutionalized and warehoused again. Also since Medicaid is one of the main funding sources for nursing homes and healthcare centers these institutions will be significantly affected by Medicaid and people will just be homeless. As a person of faith I do not see that the greatest country in the world needs to treat its citizens so poorly and has no compassion. I believe that there is a role for the United States Government to provide for its citizens.

Thank you for considering my input.

Julie Alexander
[REDACTED]
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nancy Houston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA repeal effort

To whom it may concern, I am strongly opposed to a partisan health care bill. I don't object to states having more leeway to tailor the ACA to their own needs but any changes to it need to be bipartisan in nature. It should not be repealed simply for the sake of repeal.

Protections for preexisting conditions need to be kept in place. Anyone at any age can go from being healthy to having a pre-existing condition in a heartbeat. I know this because it happened to my son during his last year of college. He started experiencing weird, debilitating symptoms that caused him to lose at least one job. After a couple years he was finally diagnosed with an extremely rare, incurable autoimmune disease. Once he started receiving treatment through the ACA's CA Cares marketplace, he was able to be employed and become a productive, tax paying member of society.

Again, please do NOT pass the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill!

Thank you, Nancy Houston
Cranston, RI

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Cortney Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 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 I do not believe that it will provide for the most people to be covered by health insurance. I believe it will hurt the health of our nation physically and emotionally and that it will shift spending from prevention to the more expensive corrective care when issues arise.

Cortney Murphy

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jill Scarboro [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:31 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 does not provide adequate protection for preexisting conditions, hurts women and children specifically (by allowing maternity coverage and prenatal care to be cut), and cuts future funding for Medicaid. It specifically hurts Pennsylvania because it is one of the states that took expanded Medicaid coverage. This is bad for Pennsylvania, and the country.

Jill Scarboro

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Pam Lorenc <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy health care bill

Hello, I live in the NY 12047 zip code area, and I want my senators to do everything they can to slow down/stop this bill. I have a chronic autoimmune condition, and need the essential health benefits and donut-hole coverage for medications to live as normal a life as possible. Without these protections, I will become uninsurable due to my pre-existing condition and will not be able to afford coverage. Please fight hard! Thank you!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Katheryn Meadows [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy plan

It is appalling the Graham-Cassidy Plan does not prevent insurance companies from charging more for preexisting conditions or from instituting a lifetime cap. I urge you to consider the opinions of experts including the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association ("This bill harms our most vulnerable patients"), the American Public Health Association ("Graham-Cassidy would devastate the Medicaid program, increase out-of-pocket costs, and weaken or eliminate protections for people living with preexisting conditions"), the National Institute for Reproductive Health ("the Graham-Cassidy bill preys on under-served communities ... a clear and present danger"), and Federation of American Hospitals ("It could disrupt access to health care for millions of the more than 70 million Americans") and do not allow this bill in its present form to pass the Senate.

Every member of my family has some form of preexisting condition. From asthma to allergies, from depression to epilepsy. These are well controlled with proper care and medications, without insurance coverage these costs could leave us bankrupt and we are middle class now.

Thank You,
Katheryn Meadows

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: David Jacobs [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy-Graham Bill

Dear Senators:

I wish all Members of Congress the best of health. But health is not property like an automobile. You can't maintain your health with a tuneup and a bank account. Pre-existing conditions are not exchangeable. Families cannot be traded in. Diseases are not options. Disease spreads, accidents at work and home limit our happiness and productivity, and all of us are in peril. Cancer affects everyone of us.

Weaken Medicaid and the regulated exchanges and the harm done will not be mitigated by tax cuts for the rich.

Sincerely,

David Jacobs
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lynda Rubin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: VOTE NO Graham-Cassidy bill

Graham-Cassidy is simply an end run around decency. You are there to govern FOR THE INTERESTS of the people, not yourselves (a party win) and your rich donor class (who we know have given you your marching orders)

This bill has consequences and it's all for working and middle class families, women, elderly and children who will have no or insufficient health coverage in their darkest, most neediest hours.

This is your "Let them eat cake" moment. Shuffling the blame to the States with block grants when you know up front that equitable health care will lose, will not work. YOU WILL OWN IT.

Those who vote for Graham-Cassidy are leading the US down the path of have and have-nots, rich and poor, like in a banana republic. You may like chuckling with the big boys in the chambers. But you'll have to go outside sometime and see what you've wrought.

It won't be pretty. And if you thought the shouts and abuse from the town halls when you went after Skinny Repeal and lost was bad, just wait until the uprising against your party and you personally should you pass Graham-Cassidy.

Save yourselves and US. Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy!

Lynda Rubin
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ryan_Lisa Shea <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Heller

This bill will hurt our family. Our son has Type 1 Diabetes. He requires daily medical care to live. T1D is life threatening and life long. My son's body attacks him. We fight every day to keep him alive and to try to stave off the major side effects of high blood sugar.

My son deserves the protections that ACA provides. He deserves a government that protects him not one that sells him down the river for "campaign promises" or party politics or Koch brothers' campaign dollars.

My son has private insurance through our work, but this bill will still impact him and our family.

It is time for the elected officials to do what is right and vote NO on Graham Cassidy.

Sincerely,
Lisa Shea

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: richard kassirer [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:28 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO on Graham-Cassidy health bill!!!

Hello,

Please DO NOT pass the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is NOT sufficient in any way for the American people.

Please please let's return to regular order and come up with a health care plan that will cover ALL Americans.

Thank you
Rich Kassirer
Leverett, Massachusetts

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Trudy Craney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:28 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: mbracediversity@aol.com; lcraneyobx@gmail.com; sararobertsondesign@gmail.com; allanf@lmca.net; tedvaneckhldgs@gmail.com
Subject: GRAHAM CASSIDY BILL

TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Graham-Cassidy bill shortchanges those that need healthcare the most in the richest nation in the world. Do not approve this bill.

Respectfully,

Trudy Craney

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Candace J Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:28 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

The vote on the Graham-Cassidy bill for changes to the ACA needs to wait until much more information is available for the public. How can proposed legislation be voted on without fully understanding how it will impact the lives of Americans?

For starters, Congress should hold the vote until a CBO score is available. This legislation will affect 1/6 of the US economy. A CBO score is vital.

As I understand it with information currently available on the bill:

(1) States will be allowed to loosen protections for pre-existing conditions. My family and my extended family will be directly impacted by this provision. Efforts to keep myself well would destroy all I've worked for over the past 50 years and bankrupt me. My extended family isn't as fortunate. They don't have resources. For them, being unable to afford care is a death sentence.

(2) Monies to Medicaid will be drastically reduced, making costs for the disabled and seniors to skyrocket. These are some of our most vulnerable citizens.

(3) Life-time limits are another devastating change. Catastrophic events cannot be controlled. For the most part, diseases cannot be controlled. We cannot choose to not get cancer, or lupus, or ALS, or MS, or dementia, or thousands of other diseases. Capping will literally kill people.

(4) Many states do not have the infrastructure or budget to institute health care for residents within the time allowed by the bill. Does the bill provide for the extra cost of this? Will people be left in limbo, and uninsured?

It's predicted that 32 million people will lose healthcare. It will force people to choose between providing food for their families or getting healthcare. This bill is heartless and mean. People will die.

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill. Return to regular order. Work on improving the existing law with bipartisan committees.

Sincerely,

Candace Carter
Aiken, SC

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Bob Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:28 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

As an advocate and professional who has served in the field of developmental disabilities and autism since 1973, I urge a rejection of the Graham Cassidy Bill that will devastate services to a population that once was locked in state institutions and has now become deserving members of our communities. The devastation of this proposed bill, that has not be discussed or analyzed by the health care community or the Congressional Budget Office, is dangerous and harmful to many Americans that you have an obligation to serve and protect. I join with thousands of other across this country including Governor Baker, in strongly opposing an effort to rush this bill through without consideration of its impact.

Please put politics aside and do what is best for your country.

Thanks
Bob

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Bob Harris
President
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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dean Martucci <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: scheduling (Feinstein); scheduling@harris.senate.gov
Subject: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, September 25, 2017

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

I am writing to express my dismay that petty political interest has become more important than the health and welfare of tens of millions of Americans. I strongly urge opposition to the Cassidy-Graham-Heller-Johnson Amendment to H.R. 1628, the 'American Health Care Act of 2017.'

As retirees, my wife and I rely on the ACA marketplace for our insurance. Members of our family rely on Medicaid and/or have conditions that would now be considered pre-existing conditions. This proposal will increase premiums and out-of-pocket costs, erode key protections for tens of millions of Americans and does nothing to stabilize the insurance market now or in the long term.

When the proposed block grant expires in 2026, only 9 years from now, I will be 72 years old. What will be my options then - run for a Senate seat so my family can share in your excellent health care coverage?

Fix ACA, vote NO on AHCA.

Sincerely,
Dean Martucci

[REDACTED]
San Mateo, CA 94402

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mel Beatty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

This bill is callous. It's heartless. It's cruel. Americans deserve better than to be sacrificed at the altar of a "win" for the GOP who have shown themselves incapable of governing despite having both houses and the White House. It's hard to believe that citizens have had to beg the government for their lives three times this year.

Stop this terrible bill and find a bi-partisan solution to fix the ACA. Like adults.

Melinda Beatty

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jan Montgomery <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:51 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Senate Finance Committee,

I am appalled by the Graham-Cassidy bill!

I believe that all Americans should have the opportunity to have affordable healthcare! I am also concerned about women's healthcare. Who would have thought that in 2017 that we'd need to defend a woman's right to insurance coverage for all medical needs. Also, pre-existing conditions should not be an issue. They should be covered.

No bill that effects so many Americans should be pushed through without complete review and bipartisan support.

Please, please stand up for Americans and help defeat this awful bill! Put country before party!

Thank you,

Jan Montgomery

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Susan Wexler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:20 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No

It is appalling the Graham-Kennedy Plan does not prevent insurance companies from charging more for pre-existing conditions or from instituting a lifetime cap. I urge you to consider the opinions of experts including the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association (“This bill harms our most vulnerable patients”), the American Public Health Association (“Graham-Cassidy would devastate the Medicaid program, increase out-of-pocket costs, and weaken or eliminate protections for people living with pre-existing conditions”), the National Institute for Reproductive Health (“the Graham-Cassidy bill preys on underserved communities ... a clear and present danger”), and Federation of American Hospitals (“It could disrupt access to health care for millions of the more than 70 million Americans”) and do not allow this bill in its present form to pass the Senate.

Thank you,

Susan Cohen

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: John Heckman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:51 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 becauseit will make it impossible to get affordable healthcare for preexisting conditions, it will affect Medicaid benefits for veterans. To be brutally honest it will kill people that would be survivors with affordable Heath care such as the ACA provides. Your no vote will show us how little you care for people's lives and more about the power high you get in your position Sen Toomey. Bob Casey is for the people and will be reelected, as for you and Rep Barleta, have a place in hell. This isn't about politics it's about people's lives. I would ask you to vote against this bill, but it is so important to millions of people that must demand that you vote for life and vote no for this bill.

John Heckman

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: dianne krikler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Paul Krikler
Cc: gchcomments
Subject: Re: Healthcare Bill

I am asking you Vote NO on it as well.

> On Sep 21, 2017, at 9:31 PM, paul@krikler.com wrote:

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> I am totally against this repeal and replace bill. I think it will hurt Americans. I ask you to vote it down.

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> _____

> Paul Krikler
> Krikler Consulting

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> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]
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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Leslie Hammond <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:52 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Noooooo to graham cassidy

I am 67 -am blessed to be on medicare after years of individual policies I was grateful with Obamacare when i finally stopped worrying about pre existing conditions -have you lost your minds? Do not go backwards !

I was the 4th women member of the nyse --i too was in an elite group and clueless about those around me who were not in the 5% -open your eyes! There is so much fear, and anxiety over this new bill -health care is a basic right -you have it don't you ?

Work together and stop being so spiteful ! We need leadership -not egos and greed !

Blessings, leslie

Ps -my best day was the day i quit the nyse -my world opened up a thousandfold! Try to expand your limited vision-you will be amazed !

Sent from my fun iphone -sorry for the brevity!
Leslie Hammond
Winner of 2016 Five star Connecticut magazine award -thanks all !
Owner/Broker
Hammond Realty llc
[REDACTED]
Hartford, Ct 06105
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kara Kapp [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:52 AM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Correspondence (Duckworth)
Subject: CORRECTED: Graham-Cassidy Hearing Testimony

Graham-Cassidy Hearing
Monday, September 25, 2017

Dear Honorable Senators,

My name is Kara Kapp. I am a woman. A 33-year-old woman. I am also a constituent. Your constituent.

As I understand this bill, it would permit states to allow insurers to discriminate against those with **pre-existing conditions**. As we know, pre-existing conditions have been defined in the past to include such conditions as, among others, having been **raped** or **sexually assaulted**, or having had a **c-section**. Even being diagnosed with and treated for **postpartum depression** could place a woman a risk of being discriminated against. These conditions all have one thing in common--they disproportionately (if not exclusively) impact **women**. Simply put, this is nothing more and nothing less than blatant **gender discrimination**. And as a woman, a 33-year-old woman who has many friends and loved ones who have experienced at least one of the above conditions--though I have not yet experienced any myself--I am outraged. Outraged.

There is nothing kind-hearted or freedom-loving about allowing states the freedom to **make women less free**.

This leads me to wonder--how many of the Honorable Senators who will read this believe that they arrived on this Earth by a stork delivery service? Statistically speaking, roughly 30% of you who so proudly claim that states should be free to **permit insurers to discriminate wholesale against women** arrived on this Earth by the miracle of a c-section. Yet you would proudly vote to let your own mothers be discriminated against in the name of "states rights". How is that fair or honorable?

And before I get off my soap box, I will pose just one more question that I ask that every Senator voting on this bill try to answer in good conscience before casting their votes: if this Amendment becomes law of the land and states can make being a sexual assault or rape victim, or even one who suffers from postpartum depression, a pre-existing condition, how many more victims will choose to **suffer in silence** out of a fear of otherwise risking higher insurance costs? How many more **rapists will never be caught** because their victims **fear being taxed by insurers for reporting these heinous crimes**? If you can answer these questions in good conscience, then you know what you must do. You must vote against this immoral bill that **perverts** the sacred and honorable notion of **freedom** as a cloak for **permitting discrimination**. There is no honor in that.

I thank you for considering my testimony. I plead that you vote against this immoral bill.

Warmly,
Kara Kapp

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: SAMIE SPIKER [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:52 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham Cassidy.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

*I am writing to protest this terrible new healthcare bill. This bill will cause much harm to many of my family members and myself. My husband a good, kind, hardworking man has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and he is also a Diabetic. I have a sick Grandchild. This bill will ruin us financially! This bill is cruel and I know for a fact the state I live in can't afford to take on Healthcare, they can't afford to fix roads. I am begging for myself and my loved ones! All Major Medical Associations have come out against this bill. We deserve better. This will devastate Millions of People! I am tired from fighting, I am sick from worry! Thank God I am Not Alone! Make what we have better. Help the sick get better. Be Better, if we get this horrible bill they too should get what we do! Thank You.
Shauna M Spiker.*

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa Collins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:53 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 I have a pre-existing condition. I am disappointed in the fact that my Republican senator is blindly accepting whatever McConnell puts forth for MY healthcare. Not his...

Lisa Collins

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ray Conner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Please oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill as proposed next Monday.

Health care legislation is complex, and requires deliberate, bi-partisan work to ensure legislation that truly meets the needs of a broad spectrum of citizens. It is clear that all US citizens want affordable, accessible health care. You have the power to craft a system that works -- better than the ACA and better than what came before it. Gutting the extant ACA in a slash and burn style is not a reasonable way to address the concerns that Americans have with the current framework.

I want to share my personal story re: health insurance:

I have only been offered comprehensive health care by one employer in over 15 years working in the non-profit sector. Tight budgets forced positions to be half- and three-quarter time (paid), low hourly wages, or subcontractor status. Because I couldn't afford it, I never went to a doctor unless I feared something was terribly wrong. A couple years ago, my husband was offered health insurance through his employer (finally!), and when we were divorced, I was able to continue on his plan, but it cost \$16,000/year without the employer supplement. I am a 35 year old, healthy woman with no previous conditions. That was astronomical, and 2/3 of my salary last year (I was in school full time).

Thank goodness for the ACA! I was able to enroll in a subsidized plan with a reasonable deductible and affordable monthly payments. Because I had insurance, I decided to see an OBGYN for a standard check up (preventative care), and ended up having some issues that I was able to manage through a couple somewhat costly medical procedures. I am now fine. Would I have waited a couple years to see an OBGYN, these medical issues could have become life-threatening diseases, and could have cost me my life savings (which I hope will be more by then), or my life.

Whatever we do to make the ACA more comprehensive, more accessible, more affordable...it must absolutely afford life- and cost-saving preventative care services. It must cover folks with current medical conditions who would suffer or die without regular, sometimes costly, care, and it must serve everybody...From the wealthiest to the poorest of our citizenry.

It's a monumental task, but if done well, it can be done affordably with the wellness and happiness of our citizenry at the fore.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Michelle A. Conner
Concord, NH

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Louise Keogh Weed <[REDACTED]@m>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:53 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comment on Graham Cassidy Bill

I am a graduate of Harvard School of Public Health with deep roots in equitable access to healthcare. I have dedicated my career to working with FQHCs and other organizations that are dedicated to serving those who otherwise would not have access. I have witnessed first hand the impact of the ACA, that originated in Massachusetts as a compromise between Democrats and Republicans to better service citizens. Not only is the Graham Cassidy bill cruel, it misunderstands the fundamentals of insurance and essentially guarantees that insurance companies get caught in the death spiral.

When I think about my experience with the ACA, I first think about my mother-in-law, who is a three time cancer survivor and relies on the ACA to be able to purchase health insurance.

For me, I am a young healthy person who has been paying into health insurance for over ten years. Recently, I've needed unexpected & expensive treatments, and it's all been covered. That's how insurance should & does work.

Louise Keogh Weed
Cambridge, MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gay Davidson-Zielske <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:54 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy

Dear Sirs and Madams: I am adamantly opposed to this disastrous and heartless bill. Dems and Repubs working together to fix the ACA can do much better.

Sincerely,
Gay Davidson-Zielske
[REDACTED]
Madison, WI. 53703

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Julie Noreen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:54 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Re: Comment about my healthcare situation and pre existing clause and new health care ideas to save money

One point I think I need to clarify. When my Insurance denies all pre existing I would be forced to stop working even if i could. The crohns medication costs 8000.00/month. U would be forced to stop it i would not go that far in debt. I had cobra eu out while unable to work I stopped all medication 6 weeks later I had a bowel perforation on Easter. I was forced to have surgery and I was automatically applied for state health. That amounts to 250.00 per month and unable to gross 600.00 per month. either way I am on the streets I don't care about healthcare then. It is hard enough to be sick and make it I life if you want to keep us from being treated for chronic illness then please let us choose assisted suicide a humane way to go

On Sep 21, 2017 9:43 PM, "Julie Noreen" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I am in my early 40s have had multiple surgeries and many set backs in life due to a chronic illness that I have never had a remission from but will not kill me either going back to 9 medical drops in college. I have done my best to get educated and have a career I have never had anything else. I know I cost a lot of money and I know healthcare will get worse and worse for me. I am coming to a point in life that I cannot work anymore and really don't see much point in being around to be sick and broke/homeless. I realize things will get worse and I just ask that as you make your cuts have mercy on people like me. Allow us to have access to assisted suicide for those who would rather that then stop working and suffer more due to loss of healthcare on top of it. It can't cost that much and would save a lot of money would be cheaper than any other gov. Programs. There comes a point when quality of life isn't there anymore and if I can no longer work I would choose this choice. Please consider making that an option for those of us who would chose it. You could have us prescreened for depression or competency. As far as I am concerned when I can no longer work and support myself there isn't anything to look forward to and if I will suffer without healthcare that is a much kinder option. Please consider it should be a choice/option for competent adults like myself that have poor quality of life with no options to get better. Age only makes it worse.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jenny Delarosa [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:54 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Good morning,

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is disgusting that the representatives of the American people would even consider passing legislation in such a rushed manner. This bill decides the fate of millions of Americans, and the Senate seems to indicate that it cannot be bothered to analyze the bill's contents.

Senator Alexander was working on a bipartisan solution; this is what the American people want. This is what each of you know is right for our country. The fact that you might set that aside for your own partisan gain is abhorrent.

Please work together with all parties, take your time, and pass a bill that guarantees that all Americans can afford the health coverage they need and no insurance company can charge a person more because of preexisting conditions or gender-related needs.

Please, please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marjorie Glazer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:55 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Must be Voted Down

This is unconscionable. You must not go further. You are harming Americans.

Be human, be responsible, not political and work across the aisle to make the ACA work for everyone.

Defeat Graham Cassidy.

Marjorie Glazer
[REDACTED]
Boston, MA 02199

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sue Bentz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:55 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposition to GC

Sent from my iPad

As one of the 4 million Americans diagnosed with skin cancer this year, I have a pre-existing condition. My husband is taking retirement at age 58 due to his health. We still have a child in high school. It is difficult to see other people like us, who should be concentrating on wellness, instead worrying about our Senators jamming a badly written bill down our throats.

The Healthcare bill has little to do with healthcare. It is opposed by experts in health care and health insurance. Apparently it has been written for the sole purpose of a political without expert input, CBO score or public hearings. It is a very partisan bill which is wrong for the unity of the nation. And I do not trust my state handling block grants; we have bad bad history.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Judy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:56 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GC Bill

Please do not allow this "political, partisan cancer" to continue to consume the American people with the repeal and replace bill. Enough is enough! Stop further stressing us out, we live it everyday as we have not received any financial raises to assist us in years, so we struggle daily.

The People in the US need and deserve affordable, comprehensive health care and this bill is just another attempt at making money for friends of congress in the Health Care Business with no regard for the negative effect on millions.

Please, help us!

Judith Higgins

Kensington, MD 20895

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elisa Veguilla <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:36 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Sirs,

Can you guarantee affordable healthcare for people with pre-existing conditions? As someone married to someone with high blood pressure I am worried that as we age our insurance will become unaffordable. The ACA gave us some hope, but this bill allows states to claim exemptions. Do you really think that in a case of economic turmoil h/c services will not be affected.

In this nation where special interests are in the pockets of politicians, regular people like us don't have a chance. You can vote for a bill to spend \$700B on military, but there is no money for healthcare, are we not better than that. It looks like our Congress is not.

My thanks,

Elisa Veguilla

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:35 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Shame on you

I cannot believe you GOP scumbags. None of you will be personally affected by this dastardly act of removing crucial health benefits from so many of your fellow Americans. Who do you work for? It is certainly not the working family!

I have a lovely young foster daughter who was diagnosed with Lupus several years ago. Without the Affordable Care Act, she will never have medical insurance again. Can you look her in the eye and tell her she is not worthy?

And when we Americans complain to you about what you are doing, you have the audacity to LIE to us and call US stupid???

There is a special place in hell reserved for you. I hope you enjoy hot weather.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Alexa Ladd <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:35 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy (Opposed)

Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to implore you to return to regular order and to take *no vote* on any healthcare bill before that time. The American People deserve a CBO score on any healthcare bill that is being voted on and we need our representatives in government to carefully construct, debate, and explore both the benefits and consequences of any bill that impacts this many Americans and such a large part of our National Budget. I understand that many Republican Senators make a promise to the American people to “repeal and replace” the ACA but this is not an appropriate way to operate. It feels like you are trying to ram this bill through prior to the end of September. Rushing a hastily constructed bill through because you are trying to keep a promise, but failed to do the proper work and planning ahead of time, is a disservice to the millions of people whose lives this will affect. Please do not put this bill forward for a vote. Return to regular order with the new promise to Americans that you will work diligently, across the aisle, to craft a healthcare solution that works for the people you were elected to represent.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this and for your continued work for the American People.

Sincerely,

Alexa Ladd

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Stacy Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:35 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

I am writing to you today to urge the Senate to vote DOWN the current version of Trumpcare. I strongly feel that a bipartisan effort to improve the current ACA is the only approach that will ensure the Americans have access to healthcare. I am disappointed, once again, that this Congress is determined to put fellow Americans at risk, whether financial (due to unaffordable premiums and caps) or physical (due to lack of health care).

I was a business manager...a numbers person. From a finance perspective, it is imperative that we have a healthy, productive population. Healthy people make better employees, better parents and better citizens. It makes zero sense, from a long-term financial perspective, to limit access to healthcare. We pay more in the long run when we deny care through lower productivity, reduced lifespans, chronic and unchecked diseases, and other social issues.

Rather than voting and moving forward with the Graham-Cassidy bill, move forward with the bipartisan efforts that we have seen with Collins, Alexander and others.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concern.

Stacy E Smith
Washington, Illinois

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Greg Baynham [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:34 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Stop graham Cassidy

This is a terrible bill that will kick people off of insurance and allow insurers to charge more for pre-existing conditions.

Stop this bill now!

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carol Papas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:34 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 it is a thinly veiled vehicle to destroy medicaid. Once medicaid is dead, rich people can receive a tax cut. Immoral. Depressing. Unsurprising. PS- Will congress be protected from their rates going up for pre-existing conditions?

Carol Papas

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Erin Scott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:34 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Opposing the new healthcare bill.

Please please don't let this new health care bill pass. My family depends on our current system.

Sincerely,
Erin Scott
Berkeley, California 94707

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Diane Andrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:34 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: She's still alive

in 2012, our daughter Abby had finished her undergrad and moved 3 hours north to Chicago to work on her masters in early childhood. She got a job nannying, and took evening classes. She was just making enough to live in a crummy apartment, pay her undergrad loans, and we were able to keep her on our healthcare plan.

Background on Abby -

Abby has been an amazing athlete her entire life. At age 10, she won the state swim meet in 50m breast stroke, and as a high school volleyball player, got her name on the IHSA record lists. Healthy and strong would be the first words people use to describe her.

In the winter, she got a skin infection from a scrape. She got antibiotics at the Doc in a Box, and kept working. Unfortunately, the bacteria was stronger than the drugs, and she finally dragged herself on a Wednesday night to the emergency room in her neighborhood. I've never gotten the full story, but after several hours waiting in the ER, she was finally seen. The doctor took a quick look at her, and she was immediately taken to surgery for a complete cleanout and massive amounts of the strongest antibiotics they could pump into her.

She was so sure it wasn't a big deal on top of being feverish, she didn't even call us to let us know she was going to the ER. She called us Thursday morning to tell us what happened. They kept her an additional night, only allowing her to leave once I'd come to pick her up, and that she would have someone to watch over her at home.

The nurse said that if Abby hadn't come in, if she'd waited another day, well...and then she sighed, and the look on her face said it all. It was that bad.

I know my Abby, and her strength and pride. She didn't want to have to be on my health insurance, but had accepted it as a just in case. After all, what 20-something thinks they'll get sick?

So when she got sick, she fought it, not wanting to spend the money. But finally, she gave in. If she hadn't had healthcare from us, she would never have gone to the hospital, just would have tried to tough it out.

But thankfully, with Obamacare, she did go to the hospital. And that, sirs, means she's still alive.

Do not accept this bill, do not vote for it. This is not how you want to be remembered.

Sincerely,
Diane Dexter Andrick

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anastacia Leach <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:34 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Cassidy-Graham health care bill

I am appalled by the rush to push through a health care just to repeal Obamacare. I will work tirelessly against re-election for anyone who supports this bill which hurts people with pre-existing conditions, women having babies, and poor people. For once, do the right thing for the American people, and leave your egos behind for a change.

Anastacia Leach

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: one.eric.johnson@gmail.com on behalf of Eric Johnson
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:34 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Re: Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

Dear Senators,

My stomach turns every time I read about this latest bill. Everything I read about the bill, from various sources, suggests that it is a horrible bill that will:

- totally disrupt health care markets, and therefore increase rates for just about everyone
- leave millions of people with insurance that covers less, or with no insurance whatsoever
- leave anyone with a preexisting question with huge uncertainty about whether they get covered, or just take away their coverage
- take away the guarantee of specific kinds of coverage
- decrease funding for people on Medicaid and Medicare. And since there's no magic in this world, that will lead to fewer people covered.
- punish those states that expanded Medicaid, and (slightly) reward states that did not
- after a ten year window, completely decimates funding.

About the only possible redeeming quality of the bill seems to be related to the idea of devolving some power to the states. Theoretically, states can experiment and do better. However, that's not a good enough reason to disrupt the lives of millions, by itself. And there's no reason to expect that states will be able to successfully do that with *less* money than they have now, especially since this bill introduces uncertainty that will also drive costs up.

The Senators in favor of this bill that I've seen talking about it have all demonstrated that they don't know what is in the bill, or that they're OK with lying to the American public. Either they haven't done their job to actually understand the legislation in front of them, or much worse. Either way, I'm appalled to think that my tax dollars go to pay for the salaries of people who aren't even bothering to do their job, or are purposefully lying to everyone.

Please vote against the Graham-Cassidy Health Care bill.

Eric

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy/Graham have outdone themselves in the Bad Bill Department

Sens. Cassidy and Graham have outdone themselves in the Bad Bill Department. An astonishing number of healthcare organizations and others have come out against this bill:

AARP
American Academy of Family Physicians
American College of Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Osteopathic Association
American Psychiatric Association

ALS Association

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American Diabetes Association

American Heart Association

American Lung Association

Arthritis Foundation

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Family Voices

JDRF

Lutheran Services in America

March of Dimes

National Health Council

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

National Organization for Rare Diseases

Volunteers of America

WomenHeart

And many more organizations oppose the bill, including many of the health insurance companies themselves. (I believe AHIP predicted its passage would help promote single-payer health insurance in the near future.)

The American Medical Association says the bill violates the "first do no harm" oath of medical doctors (SEN. CASSIDY--looking at you here). This bill is not about healthcare. One of my Senators, Pat Roberts, actually said out loud that the bill is about keeping GOP control of Congress and "the gavel" in 2018.

If Congress enacts this bill, my healthcare options will plummet. Why? By allowing my state to let companies charge an age tax and to waive ACA's protections for those of us with pre-existing conditions, I will probably no longer be able to afford any health insurance coverage.

Prior to ACA, I was priced out of the market by the health insurance industry, and my state's so-called alternative option, the state risk pool, was even more expensive than my UNAFFORDABLE coverage option from BCBS. I'm in Kansas. Our state is already reeling from a lack of financial funding due to Gov. Brownback's misguided destruction of sensible tax policy. *In Kansas there will be very little state monies available to compensate for lack of federal funding. Any so-called alternative option for those with pre-existing conditions, a state risk pool, will be massively underfunded in our current financial crisis.*

I'm not even going to bother to list all the ways it harms everyday Americans by jettisoning ACA's financial protections on medical costs and comprehensive essential health benefits for consumers because, in fact, this bill was never about healthcare at all.

In the real life of everyday Americans--as opposed to that of whatever reality these Senators choose to envision--this bill will affect negatively millions of Americans by *reducing affordable healthcare options*. This bill will affect 1/6 of our economy. This bill is of major importance to the entire country and yet it was produced in a shoddy legislative fashion and is being promoted in a dishonest and unethical, partisan fashion as primarily being "better than Obamacare." An actual reason given in public to reporters by Republicans for supporting this bill: we promised to repeal Obamacare and this bill does that, period. Never mind that this bill does ONLY that and provides NOTHING as an alternative, thereby *depriving probably 25 million plus of their current healthcare coverage*.

As an American I am disappointed and appalled by this bill: you have failed to make any attempt to improve the rates of uninsured Americans or to improve in any meaningful way the healthcare options available for your constituents.

Sens. Graham and Cassidy, are you in Congress to help Americans and produce decent legislation or just to promote your own party's political interests and to safe-guard your own political futures? I think all Americans now know the answer to that question.

Sen. Alexander and Sen. Murray were attempting to produce responsible and bi-partisan legislation. In the interest of party politics, Sen. McConnell shelved those attempts in order to pursue passage of this horrific bill.

Please go back to regular Senate order and productive legislative work and do your job properly.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carter Nakamoto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham - Cassidy

Don't enact this bill! Every American, regardless of where they live or how much money they have, deserves access to health care. Health and, by extension, life, is a right.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Amy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy health care bill

Dear Senators,

Having read the provisions of this proposed bill, I strongly and unconditionally urge you to reject it.

While some claim that people with pre-existing conditions will be covered, it is clear that, by leaving such coverage up to the states, such a guarantee is false. I can tell you this will profoundly affect the ability of every member of my family to get health insurance. I have mild asthma, brought on by environmental factors beyond my control. My relatives have (or have had) psoriatic arthritis, and auto-immune disease, heart disease, kidney cancer, gout, high blood pressure, diabetes...even pregnancy might be considered a pre-existing condition, making health insurance unavailable or too expensive for many people!

In addition, all analysis indicates this bill will cause as many as 32 million people, many of them elders and disabled people on Medicaid, to lose their insurance. People with Alzheimer's disease will not be able to afford care in nursing homes. My friend with multiple sclerosis will not be able to afford the medical care that allows her to live independently, or the nursing home that she would have to be in if she could not continue to care for herself.

It may be that your families will be ok with the provisions of this law, but I assure you that millions of your constituents and fellow citizens will be in great trouble. Please reject such damaging legislation.

Amy Gazin-Schwartz
South Deerfield, MA

Sent from Xfinity Connect Mobile App

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Beth Medley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please keep Graham-Cassidy from passing

I am writing to urge you all to do whatever is in your power to prevent the Graham-Cassidy health care plan from passing. To even call this a health care plan is laughable. If it is put into effect, millions of people will lose their access to health care. Millions of people will die from conditions that are preventable and treatable, simply because they've been priced out of the market for health care services. Millions of seniors who rely on Medicaid to pay their nursing home fees will find themselves without the means to pay for the care they need. None of this is acceptable.

The people who elected you to your senate posts are relying on you to represent their interests, not the interests of political parties or campaign donors. Please, don't make a choice that will cause people to die just because they can't afford to live. Do whatever you can do to ensure this bill does not pass.

Thank you.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dawn Kroh [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy will hurt Americans

I am a 58 year old female business owner, wife, mother and white woman from Indiana. Passing Graham Cassidy would hurt my business (we provide stipends for our employees to get insurance on the exchange, my daughter, my son, my healthcare, and many, many many other Hoosiers. We need ACA to be fixed not repealed and replaced with a system that punishes those most in need. Insurance and Medical organizations all opposed as well because it does not pass the "do no harm " test. The legislation proposed is horrible and does not even merit a vote.

Dawn Kroh
[REDACTED]
Indianapolis In. 46278

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jeff Owens <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017, 8:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Save the AHCA

Senate Committee on Finance
Attn. Editorial and Document Section
Rm. SD-219
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-6200

Senator Orrin Hatch - GOP Chairman
Senator Ron Wyden - Ranking Democrat

To the committee and its members

My statement will be brief. The Affordable Health Care Act is the common thread through which the majority of this nation has managed to stave off the insolvency of its own short-sighted vision of its own medical care. Repealing it is a mistake, a death sentence for many of us who are chronically sick, have a pre-existing medical condition, or like every single one of us, will become sick in the days or years yet to come.

Save the AHCA
The lives of every registered voter in this nation are literally in your hands

Respectfully

Jeff Owens
Greenwood, Indiana

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Thomas Loker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

You should be ashamed to be so hell bent on getting rid of Obamacare all ultimately to give tax cuts to the top 400 wealthiest families in America. All for campaign donations... all for your corruption.

You cling to power by gerrymandering districts and doing everything in your power to take away the right of Americans to vote.

The lives and well being of Americans pales in comparison with your hatred for the accomplishments of a black president and your servitude to the top 1% of America.

Shame on you.

Sincerely,
Tom

Tom Loker, Pennsylvania.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rob Lindauer [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please do not go forward with Graham-Cassidy

I believe this legislation will toss many Americans to the wolves, especially in its handling of (revocation of / much higher fees for) preexisting conditions.

Please pursue a bipartisan approach to fixing the problems with ACA and improving access to healthcare instead.

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Rob Lindauer, West Hartford, CT

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Susie Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

This bill will allow states to strip away protections regarding pre-existing conditions, if they choose to do so. Florida will choose to do so because it refused to expand Medicaid. We are a large state, and it will hurt many, many people here. We are also a retirement state, and raising premiums on seniors is just wrong.

This bill is a cruel disaster designed to kill the poor, the elderly and the disabled. Stop it. Stop it now, or Americans will remember the TOP as the party of hate and death forever.

I am 56 with a pre-existing condition. All my grown children have a pre-existing condition. You will condemn us all to living without AFFORDABLE quality care, and we all have good jobs.

Let us keep ACA, and let Congress have this trumpcare bill, without taxpayer subsidies. You use it and pay for it yourself, if you think it's so great. Otherwise, stop the bill and fix the ACA.

Susie Ross

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marie Lewis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:40 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

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I have a daughter that has a mental illness, autism, and selective mutism. We need her medical assistance in addition to our private insurance. I myself am a chronic migraine/cluster disorder person who has fibromyalgia and every day I deal with challenging health conditions.

Our medical insurance is over \$1800 per month for our family, then we need to pay our co payments. We are just average Americans just getting by. The government is hurting us

Marie Lewis

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gale Lederle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:39 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

This bill is worse than the first one voted down. With bipartisan improvements, the ACA can work for all of us. Graham-Cassidy works only for people who don't need it in the first place. GC's only benefit is the fact that it will be the end of the Republican party.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathryn Roy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: please don't rush through a healthcare bill to win political points

It is unconscionable to pass a bill without true consideration and public comment - especially before the impact is assessed impartially.

The worst is dropping the funds for opioid care while you claim to view it as an American crisis.

Do you realize 3 dozen children are in kentucky hospitals with opioid addictions?

If you are serious about healthcare, change the patent laws that allow drug price gouging.
Stop trying to take care away from the poor and elderly.

Lexington MA
Kathryn Roy
Managing Partner
Precision Thinking

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:37 PM
To: gchcomments; [REDACTED]

Dear Good People;

I implore all of you good people to vote AGAINST the Graham-Cassidy Bill.

Thank you very much in advance for voting against the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Respectfully yours,

Alex Stavis

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kate Bullard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do not support Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,
I strongly opoesd the Graham-Cassidy proposal. It is a threat to the health of all Americans and a threat to our economy from unpaid bills, decreased wealth and consumer spending and from bankrupcies causes by healthcare bills.

Katherine Bullard

Kat

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: christy thomas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments for SFC hearing on Graham-Cassidy

Hello.

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a young adult, I had to turn down a wonderful job offer that included no healthcare and instead stayed at my job that included healthcare. The fact that an affordable healthcare option didn't exist at that time altered my entire career path in a majorly negative way. I wish the ACA had existed then--it would have changed my professional life forever. We need to protect and improve the ACA to allow people the freedom to change jobs and pursue entrepreneurial dreams and take professional risks--all things that make this country great and potentially improves the economy.

I am also STRONGLY OPPOSED to Graham-Cassidy because I have a young relative with an undiagnosed genetic disorder. I fear that without the ACA in place, she will not be able to get the care she needs in her life because her preexisting condition will make it unaffordable. People with all sorts of health crises will not be cared for, will suffer, and some will die unnecessarily.

I am also STRONGLY OPPOSED to Graham-Cassidy because of the flawed political process, without a CBO score. Please legislate a solution to our healthcare challenges by working across the aisle and pass real legislation that does not rely on rushing it through the budget reconciliation process.

Americans need Medicaid, healthcare subsidies, and guarantees that their premiums will not skyrocket if they get sick. Because everyone gets sick sometime.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Sincerely,

Christy Thomas

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carleen Bell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:45 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: New Health Care Proposal

I am writing to you because I cannot believe this proposed health care law is actually being put up for a vote. This law strips away all the safety given by the ACA. I heard that some senators are voting for it because they told their constituents they would repeal the ACA so the substance of the new law doesn't matter. That is the most ignorant thing I have ever heard! It's hard to wake up every day and see how you are destroying our country one ridiculous law at a time.

DO NOT vote for this law; fix what needs to be fixed with the ACA, rename it, whatever you need to do to save face with your constituents. But don't make me, and millions of others, have one more thing I need to worry about when I have done NOTHING to deserve the illness I now have.

Carleen Bell
Granby, CT

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Scott Williams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:45 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Please don't allow Graham-Cassidy to become law.

Please stop operating in secrecy, too -- trying to pass a bill before OMB economic analysis can be undertaken is very dumb.

Rather, please fix the small issues needing attention with the ACA. We need Congress helping persons and households, not corporations all the time.

Thank you,
Scott Williams

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathleen McCabe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:45 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO to Graham Cassidy

Hi,
I'm writing as mother of two young children, one of whom is a happy, thriving Kindergartner with asthma. I'm also a public health professional who, for more than a decade, has worked in communities across this country to implement evidence-based strategies to improve community health. Access to affordable healthcare is an essential part of creating communities where people thrive, economically and civically. Without access to quality doctors, affordable medications, and clean air, children like my son, all over this country needlessly miss schools days because they can't breathe; their parents miss work, and our communities suffer. The ACA has provided access to needs preventive care and stabilizing medications to millions who otherwise wouldn't have received it. Don't take that away. I beg you, for the sake of all Americans and for my son Jack, save the ACA and say no to Graham Cassidy.

Kathleen McCabe
Newton, Massachusetts

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Brenda Lee Rogers [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:45 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

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.

Firstly, I ask Congress not to hold a vote on this bill that will affect 1/6 of the American economy without a CBO score. How can you vote on proposed legislation without fully understanding how it will impact the lives of Americans?

Secondly, I am very concerned about language in the bill that allows states to loosen protections for pre-existing conditions. My family will be directly affected by this provision, as my husband is in remission from stage 4 cancer. We will not be able to afford the extra costs being predicted for his care, and will be effectively priced out of healthcare. In fact, our efforts to keep him well, will no doubt bankrupt us.

Thirdly, I am distressed that monies to Medicaid will be reduced so drastically, making costs for seniors and the disabled to skyrocket.

From what I read, this bill does not bring healthcare to more Americans - in fact, it is predicted that upwards of 30 million will lose their existing coverage. And, like before the ACA, people will have to choose between eating and getting healthcare. People will die.

In conclusion, I find this proposed bill to be heartless and mean. It really is just a way for the GOP to pay for tax cuts. Rather than helping our fellow man, it is a bill that will hurt the most vulnerable in our population.

Please do not pass the Graham/ Cassidy bill. Instead, please return to regular order. Let's work on improving the existing law with bipartisan committees, and a vote that requires all of Congress to work together for a solution.

Thank you.

Brenda Rogers
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sherry Bellamy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:44 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Stop Graham Cassidy

Attempting to pass a bill of this magnitude and with such sweeping and disastrous changes without a full Congressional Budget Office analysis is an outrage.

This bill, if enacted, will devastate American families, yet the Leader is trying to hide the true measure of harm from the American people. This should be illegal! The committee needs to step up and say no to these maneuvers.

Please stop trying to destroy our healthcare system. For Congress to radically restructure one-sixth of the economy without even knowing the financial impact is completely inconsistent with the supposed Republican commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Graham Cassidy cannot be passed into law without a full and thorough CBO analysis. The Leader may think he can hide the truth for now, but the impact of this law will be revealed. And the people of America will not accept this charade.

Yours truly,
Sherry Bellamy
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carmen Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Pre-existing conditions

Please do not take away this benefit. Our premiums came down on ACA. We saved \$5000.00/yr. The insurance pools are very expensive with slim benefit options. Most people do not get individual insurance so they haven't a clue that premiums increased every year prior to ACA, as well. Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield averaged 25 to 35% increase per year.

I ask you to please put aside party and look at making ACA better not abolish it. Doctor friends have said they are seeing patients more than ever because coverage has been available. How can you look constituents with pre-existing conditions in the eye and tell them they don't count?

Truly,
Carmen Martin

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sharon Becker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please vote NO

This bill would be devastating for my family and millions of other people throughout the country. To ram it through congress without any hearings is contrary to the principals of a functioning democracy.

Please vote NO.

Sharon Becker

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Pam Thomas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:42 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
....
I do not agree to giving States options to disallow health care that should be available to everyone. That is just a sneaky way of allowing States to take the blame for eliminating coverage....blame that lies squarely on the shoulders of those,attempting to pass this bill.

Pam Thomas

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carol Snyder [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Why would anyone consider a repeal?

Today I talked with a 47 year old woman who is raising a family and owns her own small business. She is a vibrant productive person who has no health insurance because she has been unable to afford it and to provide for her children. She is exhibiting health concerns that should be checked out by a qualified medical provider. How can we call ourselves a Christian nation when we fail to provide for our citizens' basic needs?

Do not Repeal/Replace. Fix it!

The wealthy in our country can well afford to pay more for the privileged life that they live so that we can take care of one another in sickness and in health.

Retired RN, Trustee and Conservator, Carol L Snyder

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sharyn Fountain <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Bill

Do not make cuts to Medicaid or destabilize the market this will have a detrimental impact on healthcare driving hospitals and physicians out of practice

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Diane Swaim <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Reject the Graham/Cassidy bill

The contents of this bill will devastate millions of Americans who will either lose health insurance coverage or be priced out of the market for their pre-existing conditions. How can any Senator vote to deny Americans of the most basic care that they themselves enjoy as elected members of Congress. This bill is an abomination. Abandon it.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Deb Early <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: My thoughts on healthcare

I am not in favor of the GOP healthcare plan. Despite the rhetoric, the fact remains it has not been investigated, and what we know is that it isn't much different than the other two attempts.

What I want you to do is fix ACA and start putting universal health care into place. We are 55 and 56 and can no longer afford \$18,000 a year for insurance. I want you to start regulating drug and health care costs. This is why insurance is so high.

I pay 18,000 a year for 2 people and can't afford to use my insurance. A hospital stay will cost me \$600 a day. I can't afford to put what I need into my 401K. Another problem awaits for us in our golden years. I'm not alone. The next storm is brewing!

We all deserve health care, just like you. No one deserves to die or suffer because they can't afford co-pays or insurance. No one!

Have a great day, Debra Early

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anna Jackson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do not Kill me, my family, my friends, or my fellow citizens. Do not Repeal the ACA.

Hello, I am a healthcare professional, and I am staunchly against appealing the ACA because it will hurt me and the ones that I love. It will make insurance unaffordable for us and will send us to an early grave. I have disabled people in my family who depend on Medicaid. I have a aunt who is a vet who depends on Medicaid who is a cancer survivor. I have friends and family who have insurance for the first time because of the ACA, and will lose it if the Medicaid expansion is removed and the protections and provisions that the ACA afforded them will be gutted. I have elderly people in my family who will not be able to afford insurance anymore if the GOP does this.

Shame on you, GOP

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jackie Chang [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Jc bill

This is a joke! Do not do this to the American people!!! This bill MUST be defeated!

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Danielle Morcom <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

I urge you to vote as if your child needs a new kidney. As if your mother has cancer. As if you have Type I diabetes. As if pregnancy isn't a condition.

Obamacare works. If the name upsets you, change the name. Not the law.

If you truly call yourself pro-life, then remember that life continues ex utero.

Stand for morality. Stand for compassion. Stand for humanity.

Put people over politics. Put people over your job. Put people over yourself..

Sincerely,
Danielle Morcom

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gwen Arnold [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:18 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 I am a human being who believes that health care is a human right.

I also am concerned because I have a rare genetic joint disorder called Ehler's Danlos that causes chronic pain, fatigue, subluxations and dislocations, joint instability, GI problems, sleep problems, and other issues. I got this disorder from my mother, who has it. My mother also has multiple sclerosis, a debilitating disease of the nervous system that causes, among other things, mobility problems, cognitive issues, fatigue, pain, blindness, loss of coordination, and more.

One of my earliest memories was my mother worrying about health care because her insurance company was dropping her because of her extensive medical issues. She and I already pay extensively for assistance devices, medication, physical therapy, cognitive therapy, chiropractic care, and other treatment. Our conditions are going to get worse. And this legislation will make all of these treatments far more expensive, to the point that they may be financially inaccessible.

My family is reasonably well off. My mother and I will probably survive if this cruel and immoral bill passes, though we will certainly be financially and physically hurt by it. Many Americans are not so fortunate. They will no longer be able to pay for medical care that they desperately need. Some of them will die. And if you allow this legislation to move forward, their pain, suffering, and death are on your shoulders and your conscience.

I hope that you think about what you would do if your mother or your daughter had Ehler's Danlos, or multiple sclerosis, or one of any number of illnesses whose medical treatment an advanced, developed democracy can and should support -- and then make the moral choice.

Sincerely,
Gwen Arnold

Gwen Arnold

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Leslie Collier <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am sickened by the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because it is horrible, so horrible all all groups and individuals involved in healthcare have come out against it. Doctors hate it--
<http://www.businessinsider.com/graham-cassidy-bill-doctors-insurance-groups-2017-9>
The Insurance industry hates it--
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucejapsen/2017/09/20/blue-cross-plans-come-out-against-graham-cassidy-trumpcare-bill/#6b8432df1c08>
Governors hate it--
<http://www.businessinsider.com/graham-cassidy-health-bill-governors-bill-walker-alaska-2017-9>
Everyone who will have to work with it-- <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/9/21/16340066/health-group-statements-graham-cassidy-bill>
<http://newsroom.heart.org/news/sixteen-patient-and-provider-groups-oppose-grahamcassidy-bill>
Americans do not want you to do this--
<http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/330361-poll-majority-of-americans-want-to-keep-fix-obamacare>
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-healthcare-poll/exclusive-majority-of-americans-want-congress-to-move-on-from-healthcare-reform-reuters-ipsos-poll-idUSKBN1AEORY>
We want you to fix the ACA.
Ending the mandate will cause markets to fail and Americans to pay much more for policies.

Leslie Collier

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From:

Sent:

To:

[REDACTED]
Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:18 PM

gchcomments

Hi,

I am afraid for my husband's life. He has extensive pre-existing conditions and it took the ACA to get him good coverage that improved his quality of life 100%. If we lose his ACA plan, and (best case) my employer based insurance agrees to take him on, it looks likely we will not be able to afford our house payment.

The CBO has been telling you, ACA is working. More people are covered and many, like my husband, can work and contribute to the economy better now that their health is improved. Others are still sick but now don't have to fear bankruptcy from outrageous medical bills. The cost of repealing will be astronomical to taxpayers, not to mention the transparent cruelty of telling people they deserve to die broke and in pain if they don't have a big enough pile of money lying around.

Why are congressional republicans so hellbent on keeping the USA the only world power that lacks affordable medical care for its citizens? Can we join the 21st century now?

Jax

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth Sheehan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:18 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 becauseI am 60 years old and purchasing my own insurance. I am so worried that I will not be able to afford insurance. I loved going to the exchange and being able to get insurance without someone investigating my health status and charging me based on that. Please work on a bipartisan way to fix what is wrong with health insurance premiums.

Elizabeth Sheehan

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patrick Baldwin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

Please block this disastrous bill. We can't pull healthcare coverage from 30 million people and gut pre-existing condition protections. We just can't. Please do what's right.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jennifer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health "care"

I oppose the Graham/Cassidy proposal. It is cruel, unjust, and harms the people who need it most. This is so far from what Americans need as health care, you should be ashamed of yourselves for even suggesting it.

Jennifer Coats
Hopkins, MN

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth Davis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

Please NO repeal and replace of ACA. Vote your conscience not your wallet. Koch brothers will forgive you!! The people will not.

Elizabeth Davis
Sharon, MA

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Joann Dowling <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: @Grahamcassidy

We do not approve Graham Cassidy health care program

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: C C [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GC comments

Passage of this bill will lead to less coverage by those with insurance, more people unable to get coverage, tragic outcomes for too many citizens, more state vs. state rancor and does nothing to heal the partisan divide. The senate should follow regular order, get full CBO score, and listen to the vast majority of medical organizations before voting for this bill. Please work on bipartisan solutions to improve healthcare solutions for all Americans.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Yahoo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

We read the papers and we see the shady deals you're cutting to take away healthcare all to give yourselves and other millionaires a tax cut. Bribing Alaska and other states is shameless, disgusting and un American. You will be held accountable if you repeal ACA. Stop being puppets of the Koch brothers and put Americans first for once.

Sent from my iPhone
Please excuse any typos.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Grace Di Clemente [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Stop the madness

Stop with this madness! Political affiliation has nothing to do with medical benefits!

Let's have some courage and integrity!

Sincerely
Mary Grace Di Clemente

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Barb Dill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

Protect our healthcare by spending the money to fully support the ACA.

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: This is awful

You guys just don't learn do you? EVERY MAJOR HEALTH ORGANIZATION OPPOSES THIS GARBAGE BILL.

I have an aunt, a mother, and several friends who had been priced out of or denied insurance because of pre existing conditions. Those protections are in place and so many are alive because of them.

You would see these undone?

Every last one of you sicken me to my core.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rob <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: My healthcare story

I'm a type 1 diabetic. Through no fault of my own other than making a silly decisions that lead me to this disease. I was 27, in college and working out just about every day. I was eating a sugar free diet because I knew the disease was in my family but didn't think I'd ever get it. I thought my 350 lbs younger brother would get it before the healthy guy did. I was in college and it was 2007, I had no insurance too. So when I started getting thirsty all the time and peeing every 5 minutes and losing more than 55 lbs in a short amount of time. I knew something was wrong. I was scared to go to the doctors because the bill would be too high for someone on a limited budget. I left in the middle of the class I was in after being convinced by a few friends. So there I sitting in the waiting room and a nurse came in for a flu shot. He then turned to me and asked my symptoms, I told him and let him know it's happened for a month or so. Right before he went in, he mentioned to the nurse to check my blood sugars. When I was admitted, he was so on the money, my blood sugar was in the 800 range. I was now a T1 diabetic. They also wouldn't let me leave till it was at a normal range. That took 8 hours. When I was in the normal range they told me to go eat and the doctor that had seen me wanted to do a follow up the next day to go over my new life. I informed him of my situation, without insurance and he said to not worry. He gets samples of long term basal stuff all the time and would help me out there. That Walmart sold an over the counter insulin and needles. The cost was adding up fast. Never got easier once I graduated. Still without insurance, the first job I got that I was able to sign up for the insurance, they dropped me once they realized I had a "pre-existing condition". So the meds I was prescribed, I couldn't afford. Even in 2009 the cost of the meds was \$300 for my bolus dosages and \$500 for the long term basal. Then there was the test strips, meters, and needles. I learned to cut corners where I thought I could even when the advice of my seldom seen doctors said otherwise. To this day I still use the same needles over and over again. I never clean the areas I inject myself with. Even when I found a permanent job with decent insurance it wasn't until after the ACA went into affect that I found some semblance of peace. Although the prices of the meds kept changing all the time and the companies internal mandates continued to wreak havoc on mine. One month I had a free script for a med for one year and halfway through it they changed which brand I could be covered for, which wasn't the one I had the free script for. I also go through a lot of meds in the month. If I don't have enough they want to charge me full price for the meds I need to survive. My job changed contractors and the my insurance changed but wouldn't go into effect for 2 months. I had to use the over the counter meds again and ration my overnight stuff while also giving up the monitors I had used to help identify my lows. Because I overuse my meds I kept dropping into the low range, which for a diabetic is deadly. I had more than a few mornings being woken up by the paramedics. Refusing to go to the hospital every time cause of no insurance. I don't even want to think what that would be like if you privatized the medics and firefighters. Some things should just be the citizens burden. Anyway, 3 days before I was to get my new insurance, I was walking to my car, driving to work like normal and then woke up 20 miles from my house in a car accident. I had blacked out even after I had eaten a meal, taken my meds (maybe too much), and enjoyed my regular routine. My wife (fiancee at the time) was beside herself and angry at my new employers cause we had had a long back and forth about insurance with them about being penalized for not being covered for those 2 months and other things. After a few weeks they told my manager that I needed to watch my tone and it's been tough getting any word back from them since then. I was without a car for 2 months after that and the medical bill I have still hasn't been paid off since April. This is my story and there are many more like this about my healthcare. I've skated along for so long and feel like I'm only treading water with this disease. I'd rather be on auto pilot but every time DC makes a move it seems like it'll just wreck my life even more than this disease ever will.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kirsten Havens <k[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO GRAHAM CASSIDY

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to this "healthcare" bill, which is being rammed through the Senate in a completely unethical manner. We are business owners who rely on our ACA insurance and the tax credits to afford insurance for our three children. In addition, I am a NICU nurse with painful memories of the days before the Medicaid expansion in my home state of IL, the endless fundraisers for six month olds who had hit their lifetime maximum and would need years of care, and the panicked families who lost homes and businesses to pay for their children's care.

I am intensely offended by this effort to repeal the ACA at all costs, regardless of the effect on actual human lives. I am very aware that Republican support is tied to Koch brothers funding and I find that despicable.

If this bill passes it will undermine the integrity of the entire legislative body of the United States of America. I urge you, do not do this.

Kirsten Havens

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Constance McKee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: STRONGLY URGE vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern:

In the past 24 hours, it has become clear that physicians are against Graham-Cassidy, insurers are against Graham-Cassidy, families with children who are afflicted with genetic diseases through no fault of their own are against Graham-Cassidy, the Michael J. Fox Foundation is asking for its 70,000-strong email list to weigh in against Graham-Cassidy, and I and my biotech CEO colleagues are against Graham-Cassidy.

This bill flies against conservative principles of redistribution of wealth (it redistributes billions to red states, away from blue states) and economics of employment. As a small business owner who is considering relocating to Nevada, the Trump Administration's policies are jacking up premiums, negating any positive tax effect for such a relocation.

Graham-Cassidy does **not** provide protections against pre-existing conditions like stress and age - and who, pray, is not subject to these factors?

Perhaps you believe that the American people are incapable of evaluating and identifying correct information. Perhaps you believe the American people believe your falsehoods. Most - not all - of us are capable of critical thought and can discern fact from fiction.

I left the Republican Party after the government shutdown in 1992. With this appalling set of policies, you are not making the case that I should vote ever again for a Republican-controlled legislature.

Constance

Constance McKee

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Woodside, CA 94062
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Judy Glantzman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: please do not repeal Obamacare

Please keep the Affordable Care Act in place. Judy Glantzman

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Alan Mitchell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:19 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to vote against the Graham-Cassidy bill.

It is a travesty on the substance and on the process. In supporting it, you make a mockery of the American democratic system.

You want to recompose the health care system with a bill that has barely been proofread, much less vetted by competent policy experts.

Please stop adding one more misery to my life, and try and do something positive for the country.

Richard Alan Mitchell

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rose Pacheco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy healthcare bill.

Senators:

With all due respect, I urge you to listen to your constituents and the majority of the nation in regards to your proposed healthcare bill and remove it until a fair comprehensive bill can be worked out encompassing all people and not just those that can better afford it. Do not leave out our senior population, do not leave out the children or women. Mostly everyone today has a preexisting condition...why should they be left out or forced to pay more for their health insurance?

Senators, even though I believe I know the answer, I ask: why in lieu of fixing the existing healthcare system, are Republicans so intent on repeal?

Please reconsider. If it must be that a new healthcare is to be put in place, make it something everyone can be proud of not just a few.

Thank you for your attention.

R. Pacheco
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kristine Durocher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:21 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Please no no no!

What happens to preexisting conditions?

How are you going to prevent coverage costs from spiraling away from any hope of affordability?

Think of your children and grandchildren and send this proposal back to the drafting table Thank you

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Juli Kurtzman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:33 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare bill

Hello-

Please do not vote for the healthcare bill that Lindsay Graham is sponsoring. I have a type 1 diabetic child and a husband who was in all ways extremely healthy but who had a heart attack at 44 years of age. People like us will be wiped out even though we are very comfortable financially. Even with the ACA, we spent over \$50,000 last year on healthcare because we have to buy SOLO plans. Relax the rules governing preexisting conditions, and we will probably have to move out of the country. And we are the lucky ones! Healthcare is not affordable without insurance for anyone except people who have perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars.

My husband's bill for his heart attack, where he has on the CCU for 36 hours, was \$128,000. Five years later when he had chest pains, twelve hours of care was \$67,000. My son who was hospitalized for acute Diabetic Ketoacidosis in the ICU was over \$200,000. Without affordable, comprehensive insurance, those bills alone would've been devastating! My son's humalog (insulin) costs \$2,200/3 months. Our healthcare system is tough already. But if you take the safety of the ACA away, you will devastate millions of families, rich and poor.

Thank you,
Juli Kurtzman
New Canaan, CT
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Deb Bergner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:33 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Repeal of ACA

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I am adamantly opposed to the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. This law provides the ability for many Americans to have healthcare. Every Medicaid director from ALL 50 states have come out against this. Every patient group opposes this bill. Every provider group opposes this bill.

Please do the right thing and do not advance this bill to the Senate floor.

Thank you,
Deb Bergner
South Kingstown RI 02879

"If you want to go fast, go alone; If you want to go far, go together." African Proverb

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Appelhans [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:34 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GCH Bill

Hello, I'm writing to submit a statement on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson healthcare bill.

The last eight months of stop-and-go healthcare repeal has been complete madness. This bill is toxic. It removes requirements that insurance companies cover pre-existing conditions and allows premiums to increase as a result; meanwhile, funding from the federal government shrinks over time and shifts the financial burden to the states. I'm also VERY critical of the way that it moves money away from Democratic states and toward Republican states – that is not fair, any way you shake it. There has been no formal debate, no CBO score, and no input from across the aisle.

I am fortunate enough to not have a chronic illness or anything that would qualify as a pre-existing condition – yet. I maintain a healthy diet, I don't smoke, and I exercise regularly...all the things that doctors advise to prevent illness. However, I know that illness can come unexpectedly. I have heard too many stories of perfectly healthy people being suddenly diagnosed with cancer to rest easy. My mother has an auto-immune condition, and I fear that one day I will discover that has been passed to me. My husband is a recovering alcoholic – although he has not drank in seven years, and also maintains a healthy lifestyle, he may have underlying liver damage or other conditions that may manifest themselves later in life. We are both in our early 30s and simply do not know what health conditions are in store for us as we get older.

As a result of Obamacare, I have noticed a positive affect on our insurance costs. My husband and I both get our insurance from our employers, but there is a lot less red tape than there used to be in navigating insurance coverage. I now pay a simple copay when I go for regular checkups, and I am more confident that the insurance companies are not jerking us around.

My birth control under Obamacare is free – I have had both an IUD and a Nexplanon implant over the past several years, both free of charge. If my husband and I decide to have kids, I am happy that my NORMAL PREGNANCY WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION. Republicans should be ashamed of themselves for including NORMAL pregnancy in their list of things that could potentially raise the cost of insurance. This is a clear attack on women's healthcare and frankly, I am tired of old white men trying to squeeze more money out of my body simply because it is female. Particularly when their erectile dysfunction medication is covered. The hypocrisy is so blatant, it's disgusting.

I do NOT want to go back to the days when insurance companies can screw me around for providing decent coverage. I want an affordable plan that covers preventative care, doesn't penalize for pre-existing conditions, and doesn't increase exponentially in cost each year. I also do NOT want to encourage the use of Health Savings Accounts - they are shit and everyone hates them. It is just a way for insurance companies to shift costs to the individual. Every time a company I work for pushes these plans, it is an indicator to me that they are cheap and don't care about their workers. I don't want to work for companies like that.

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson bill is not my idea of a "healthcare" plan. It is a political maneuver for Republicans, not an actual solution to healthcare problems. I STRONGLY encourage Senators to vote against it.

Thank you,

Sarah Appelhans
Albany, NY Resident

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kandace Kohr <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:33 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: PLEASE VOTE NO to TrumpCare AKA A DISASTER

My name is Kandace Kohr. Without the help of ObamaCare, my 87-year-old grandmother wouldn't be able to remember my name or my face. She's struggling with dementia, on top of having a moderate stroke last year, but thanks to the capabilities of Medicaid and Medicare, she is able to get the care she needs.

Today she still has trouble remembering things, but I thank God EVERY DAY that she is still with us physically. This disastrous Republican healthcare replacement would be detrimental to more than 30 million Americans, including myself, who suffers from a handful of the pre-existing conditions aforementioned in the repeal.

Please vote AGAINST this replacement. Please vote AGAINST greed, selfishness and gluttony. Please vote FOR the American citizens who rely on you to be their voice, their platform for change.

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Kandace Kohr

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Karen Publick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:32 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 plan to crush Americans to fund a tax cut for the rich. There is no compassion nor even a well thought out plan here. It will irreparably harm this country and its people. It has been decried as an attack on those with pre existing conditions, those with limited resources and the very medical system itself. This bill is a travesty and any politician supporting it must have a nefarious intent against our country and its people. Healthcare should be a right!

Karen Publick

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Susan Cohen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:32 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. This bill is cruel and regressive. It will leave millions with no access to healthcare and millions more having to pay huge amounts more, if they can even get coverage. With no guarantee of coverage for preexisting conditions and no abolition of lifetime caps, this bill is a death sentence for millions more. It is a much worse bill than any we've had before.

Susan Cohen

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Julie Wilgus <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:32 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 have a devastating impact on the American people. A rush job to dismantle the Affordable Care Act may be a victory for a few senators, but it is completely unacceptable to threaten the welfare of Americans in the process. The majority of Americans desire universal healthcare. It's time our representatives put aside partisanship and listen to the Will of We the People. Do not pass the egregious Graham-Cassidy proposal. Oppose it along with the American people.

Sincerely,
Julie Wilgus

Julie Wilgus

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Eric Chandler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:35 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Comments

This bill, besides decimating Medicaid and uninsuring millions like it's predecessor bills, would also jeopardize folks with pre-existing conditions - anything from cancer to asthma to depression. It would allow insurers to charge people with pre-existing conditions more, effectively making insurance unattainable for many. Not only this, but the bill is rigged to favor red states, not blue, with funds.

Without full CBO scoring, how do you know the effects of this proposal?

The House's priority should be making good policy not good politics.

I urge all Representatives to oppose this bill and go back to the table to craft legislation that improves the health care of Americans. This bill doesn't do that.

Eric Chandler
[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60625

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Genece Hamby <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:36 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

Hello

First, I am writing to ask Congress not to vote on the Graham Cassidy bill that will affect 1/6th of the American economy without a CBO score. Really, how can you vote on a proposed legislation without the knowledge or understanding of how it will impact American lives?

Second, I am deeply concerned about the language used in the bill that allows states to loosen protection for pre-existing conditions. Several of my friends and family members living in rural areas will be directly affected by this provision. They will not be able to handle the extra costs predicted for their care, and will be effectively priced out of healthcare.

As a disabled senior, I am personally distressed that the monies for Medicaid will be reduced so drastically that it will surely make healthcare costs skyrocket.

From everything I've read and heard, the Graham Cassidy bill does not improve American healthcare and more than 30 million will lose their existing coverage. As a result, people could face death without proper care that's been taken away!

Frankly, this bill is heartless, mean and politically motivated. There's nothing about it that represents the HEART of AMERICA!!! I'm just numb thinking that Republican Congress men and women would rather keep an EMPTY promise at the risk of American lives. SHAMEFUL!

To close, please do not pass this horrible bill. Instead, return to regular order and work on improving the existing law through bipartisan committees to get a vote that requires all of Congress to work together for a better solution.

Thank you.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: David Turner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:36 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Improve ACA, don't repeal.

Any bill that so drastically strips protections away from the most vulnerable is morally reprehensible. Kill the bill and stabilize the ACA or, within the next decade, we will have single payer health care. Those who blindly attempt to repeal the ACA without a quality replacement are simply paving the way for a massive backlash. I am 69 years old. I am completely appalled, and I vote.

V/R David Turner

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Judi Reiss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:36 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 not provide equal coverage of all American citizens.

For many of us, we live close to and abutting state lines. What will prevent one state's insurance plans from rejecting claims from another state? What about preexisting conditions? Will a person be forced to move to receive insurance coverage?

If the "states" control is instituted, it would be as if folks in Texas would only support a FEMA type program in Texas and not support help for NJ! Oh yes, this was already a Texas Senator's response for Sandy. But wow, things sure changed with a Harvey

The facts are that we are ONE country. We are "our brothers' keeper." To have 50 different sets of standards is foolish and morally wrong.

Improve the Affordable Care Act. Stop trying to take us backward.

Judi Reiss

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Barabara Sickler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:37 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: "Health" Care Bill

How ironic that your bill is entitled a "HEALTH CARE BILL", when it would deny health care to so many!

My sister Susan worked for over 25 years at a major company while also caring for my elderly parents. She thought she had a good health ins plan, until she sustained a traumatic brain injury in June of 2012. Between June & October she had over 5 major brain surgeries. She went from acute rehab to sub acute rehab. In Dec her health ins was terminated. As her legal guardian, I was advised to apply for Medicaid and she was sent to a nursing home. She passed away within months. She was only 56yrs old.

I have since met so many people, from all walks of life, needing so many different levels of care & support following brain injury. They all rely Medicaid to keep them out of long term care and as functioning members of their communities. What will they do when the funding ends or gets cut back, or their brain injuries are labeled "preexisting conditions and their rates increase to the point of dropping coverage all together?

We need to work together to find a viable solution to health care in this country! We need to investigate the systems in other countries and learn by their example. We need to determine why health care is so expensive in this country. We need to allow Medicare to negotiate pharmaceutical prices. And, we need to do it soon!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Edwin Gragert [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:38 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 of the harmful impact it will have on people here in Pennsylvania. This is particularly so for those with pre-existing conditions who will most likely have to pay much higher premiums--in effect, taking them off of insurance coverage. My wife is a cancer survivor and will definitely be impacted.

Further, many people, particularly those with disabilities and who are elderly, will be knocked off of Medicaid coverage.

I urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy proposal and vote to support real healthcare improvements on a bipartisan basis.

Edwin H Gragert, PhD

Edwin Gragert

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Maureen Rao <maurao@[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:00 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Healthcare

Please, do NOT vote for this horrendous healthcare bill!

By defunding Planned Parenthood, you will force women on Medicaid to go to more expensive doctors, thereby costing the taxpayers more for the same service.

Also, by undercutting women's access to birth control, you are going to damage the economy beyond repair, possibly causing a major economic recession.

Maureen Rao, CT.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Megan Lovett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:38 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am strongly opposed to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because it is yet another poorly thought out attempt to settle a political score, rather than a real solution to solving America's healthcare problems. Block granting to the states is a guarantee that less money will be available to citizens. Millions will lose affordable access to services.

Five years ago, my father lived in a Republican-led state that had not accepted the Medicaid expansion. He lived in pain for many years without health insurance. He struggled finding full time work and he crossed the line in and out of homelessness several times. By the time he was compelled to see a doctor because of intense pain, he discovered he had stage four colon cancer. Colon cancer is highly treatable if caught early, but because my dad was poor, he died less than a year after his diagnosis. My dad could not attend my wedding, will not meet his grandchildren.

I am at a loss at why Republicans are so dedicated to making this story MORE common as opposed to less common. Please take the time to cooperate with your colleagues and write a bill that improves healthcare coverage for Americans. Talk to us about a well-reasoned bill. Be accountable to your constituents. Stop pushing slash and burn plans to fulfill some obstructionist campaign promises.

Megan Lovett

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Cissy Sacks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:38 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 millions of children, pregnant women, and low income families will be affected. This would have an enormous impact on people's health and lives. America needs a healthy population. This bill is unacceptable.

Cissy Sacks

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[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lena Prisco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Repeal ACA bill

Dear members

I am writing to ask you to please release information that accurately details the impact of the Graham-Cassidy bill.

For the following:

The vast majority cannot afford of Americans these drastic healthcare changes, 30 million Americans are at risk.

The rationale for doing this without any empathy for your constituents is inherently undemocratic and not the reason you were VOTED into office.

Because you said you would without any substantive policy discussion or consideration of the costs to provide tax cuts for people who don't need them is a travesty of what America stands for.

Where is your sense of decency and ethics?

Regards,
Lena Prisco, PhD

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Eleanor LaRocca <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

Please take this email as a comment against a bill that will hurt so many American's health coverage. The Medicare directors of all 50 states along with AMA, AARP, and indeed the insurance companies themselves have come out against it.

Regards,
Eleanor LaRocca
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patsy Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:39 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Dear Senators,

I am a lifelong resident of Northwest Georgia. I currently have insurance through the ACA. I have pre-existing conditions and my employer does not offer healthcare benefits.

I am 61 years old and due to medical problems I am not able to move to a new job and able to work full time schedules.

I feel that the Graham-Cassidy bill would be devastating to myself and so many others in our country.

I know the ACA needs fixing, but please allow Senator Alexander and others in the Senate to come up with fixes to the current ACA.

Thank You,
Patsy Smith

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Melissa Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:19 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

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

Before I was able to qualify for Medicaid, My health was suffering and I couldn't figure out why. I became so weak, I had a hard time performing my job which requires me to be on my feet for long hours.

One day while showering before work, I passed out and ended up in the emergency room. I had lost so much blood that I was severely anemic and required 3 blood transfusions. The source of the blood loss was polyps on my uterus, which I also had removed during my hospital visit. I was also diagnosed with polycystic ovarian syndrome and am currently being treated for my condition.

My procedures and overnight stay at the hospital were roughly \$23,000. Thanks to Medicaid, I ended up paying about \$30. The nature of my job means that I do not get paid when I do not work. I missed two weeks of work during this time and didn't have money for groceries, much less medical bills in the amount of \$23,000.

I am beyond blessed to say that after a biopsy, my polyps were not cancerous. I am very fortunate for that but others are not. Had I required further treatment for cancer, I would have died without the assistance of Medicaid.

Thanks to Medicaid expansion, my quality of life has improved dramatically. I now have enough blood in my body and have strength to work. I am able to provide for myself and pay taxes. I fully support myself. I do not have food stamps or government assisted living. I am an independent, tax paying American who needs affordable healthcare so I can continue to be this way.

Please support Americans so we can continue to be healthy and provide for ourselves and our families.

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

Sincerely,

Melissa Harris

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: connie green [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:19 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Bill

I strongly oppose the new proposed health care bill that Republicans are pushing forward. I want the ACA to prevail and give all our citizen equal access to quality medical care.

Connie Green

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Aundrea Carmichael [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:18 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Repeal

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.

Sincerely,

A hard working American family

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rene Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care reform

I just want to say please don't vote for this bill. I am a two time survivor of cervical cancer. This bill would kill me. My son has had asthma since he was 22,he is now 18 and depends on his insurance for his medicine. If this bill passes it would kill him also. Please think about the millions of people that will not have affordable insurance anymore. We are all terrified by this bill. Think of your family members that would be affected by this. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Toni Lewis

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nancy Cann [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:07 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

My family would appreciate bipartisan work to improve the Affordable Care Act. The "need" to repeal and replace it reminds us of the attempt of one-up-manship that was found on elementary playgrounds. The Graham-Cassidy bill omits several important areas...preexisting conditions, Medicaid support, allows insurance companies to set limits on coverage, etc. We are dealing with cancer and the costs are tremendous. Families would be destitute if some of the treatments weren't covered. We need our politicians to be brave and support their constituents. It is so sad that to be elected, the need for financial backing from so many big businesses, lobbyists many times trumps common sense...pun intended. Thank you for your time. Peter and Nancy Cann

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Stephanie Neal [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Healthcare Bill

September 22, 2017

From: Stephanie Hampel-Neal

To: Senate Finance Committee

Regarding: Graham Cassidy Health care bill

For The Record:

I am writing as the parent of a 26 year old man who is suffering from a whole host of illnesses related to stress, and a terrible mental illness called Psychotic Depression.*

It's a depression so severe that you hallucinate voices screaming at you, telling you that you are worthless and should kill yourself, because everyone would be better off without you. It's a depression so deep that you hallucinate horrific scenes of death and destruction, things like watching your family be burned alive in a car while you stand helpless to do anything.

It's a depression so profound that in the time it takes a person with regular Depression to kill themselves, 5 people with Psychotic Depression will have already done so.

He lives at home, he cannot work or attend college. I cannot work, because he cannot be left alone. He had his Psychotic break in November of 2010, and he is still fighting this terrible disease.

He takes sertraline, vyvanse, and bupropion for depression

He takes testosterone shots to correct imbalances

He takes prazosin for nightmares

He takes alprazolam for anxiety and to sleep

He takes topiramate for migraines

He takes hyoscyamine for irritable bowel syndrome

He takes pantoprazole for acid reflux

He takes montelukast for asthma

He takes fexofenadine for allergies

He has a cpap machine with many recurring costs for sleep apnea

FYI Most people with Psychotic Depression would also be taking an antipsychotic of some type, but he has a genetic problem with those drugs. They gave him Metabolic Syndrome** which may end up costing even more money if he develops full blown diabetes.

He sees many doctors: psychiatrist every 2 months, endocrinologist every 3 months, gastroenterologist as needed, spine specialist every 3 months, psychologist weekly, and General Practitioner as needed to manage asthma, allergies, and recurring illness.

We will not be able to afford insurance for him if you allow the Graham Cassidy Bill to pass without laws to protect people with preexisting conditions, or laws that stop insurance companies from setting lifetime caps. Many of his prescriptions have cost \$1000 a piece, per month. No one will be willing to insure him. Basically, the bill is a death sentence for my child.

It cannot be allowed to pass, I do not understand why it's even being considered.

Thank you,
Stephanie Hampel-Neal

*<https://www.healthline.com/health/depression/major-depression-with-psychotic-features#Treatments7>

**<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC48701>

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kari Popovic [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please don't vote for this abomination.

My son is disabled. He's got more pre-existing conditions than most people have toes. His older brother is a great kid. At some point, his older brother will be called upon to look after his younger brother, when my husband and I are gone. Take away protections for pre-existing conditions and we'll be spending the money we are saving for our older son's college on our younger son's healthcare. How is that a good option...FOR ANYONE?

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Geraldine Furuzawa [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Vote no on the Graham Cassidy bill harmful to all Americans.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nevin Barich [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:06 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Writing In Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Good Afternoon,

My name is Nevin Barich, registered Democrat from the state of California, and I'm writing this email in opposition to the proposed Graham-Casiddy Health Care bill.

I would like to list three reasons for my opposition of this legislation:

1) Like recent health care proposals before it, the Graham-Cassidy Bill did not go through "regular order." Now while that's a term that has broad meaning here, I think Sen. John McCain defined it best when he said: "Committees of jurisdiction should mark up legislation with input from all committee members, and send their bill to the floor for debate and amendment. That is the only way we might achieve bipartisan consensus on lasting reform, without with a policy that affects one-fifth of our economy and every single American family will be subject to reversal with every change of administration and congressional majority."

In the case of Graham-Cassidy, "regular order" under this definition did not take place.

2) The Congressional Budget Office will not have time to do a complete analysis of the bill before the Sept. 30 "deadline." There is no valid reason why a bill with such potential ramifications should be voted on before the CBO has completed its full analysis.

3) Multiple reports have cited that up to 32 million Americans may lose their health care coverage under this bill.

When you take in all of these factors, I don't think any American can truthfully say that considering this bill at this time would be of benefit to the American people.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Nevin Barich

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sharon Hafner [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:16 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy and the elderly.

My 97 year old mother with dementia and other medical issues, requires 24/7 care, and would not be able to stay in her nursing home if this bill passed. A private nursing home would cost more than my entire income, but she could sleep on my living room couch. Then, I would have to quit my job to care for her and soon we would both be living on the streets. I hate to think of how many current elderly nursing home residents would face the same abuse and ingratitude. During a past more civil time, protective laws were enacted against elder abuse. Now our own government is trying over, over, and over again to viciously abuse our elders by taking away their healthcare. The effect would not differ much from a verdict to just send them all to the gas chamber!

All the zombie versions of trump's wealthcare would have a worse effect on Americans of all ages than any terrorist attack has ever been. If you want Americans to think of their own government as terrorists, the Graham-Cassidy proposal will do that. The only change to Obamacare should be an improvement, and the only sane and humane improvement would be single payer universal healthcare.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Janet Storts [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:08 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

Please oppose this bill. Everyone deserves health care.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sandy Yahoo [REDACTED] &
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:17 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham - Cassidy bill

I am a professor of the history of medicine who has studied health insurance and disability, among other things. I teach in a medical school in IL. I am also a person with a very costly preexisting condition but my ability to work, educate others, and do research on important topics, is made possible by the ACA. The fact that an insurer cannot charge me more, that my employer must offer health insurance to me, and that I no longer have lifetime caps and have essential health benefits covered has changed my life. My prescription drugs alone run in the tens of thousands a year (75,000/year), plus hospitalizations, tests and doctor's visits. The protections of the ACA all allow me to work and pay taxes and contribute to society.

Not having lifetime caps has allowed me to take a new drug (\$150,000/year) that has improved my health tremendously. But if lifetime caps return, which they will under the Graham Cassidy bill, I will be back in the hospital and my life span will be decreased significantly. This drug has allowed me to stay out of the hospital and thus has reduced overall health costs and has allowed me to work instead of being in the hospital. It has allowed me to be a mother, a scholar, a wife and a friend. Same with my ability to have prescription drug coverage and not be charged higher premiums bc I was born with a genetic illness.

The Graham Cassidy is worse than the earlier GOP bills. Block grants, as the Reagan era showed, do NOT work. They are never enough and create very uneven coverage across states. They do not keep up with inflation. They end up creating deficits and ballooning debt. This bill is discriminatory, both against people with preexisting conditions, older people, people with disabilities and poor people. It will decimate Medicaid which will create a crisis of unreimbursed care and, amidst aging baby boomers, a nursing care crisis. Millions of people with disabilities will suffer and likely end up back in institutions instead of the less costly community care/independent living. States will not be able to handle these financial pressures. They never can. History has shown that again and again.

This bill is not realistic either. States without exchanges will not be able to set up one in two years. Monies from block grants, certainly in my state, will be used to ease our state budget crisis instead of providing health care. Children will go uninsured again and our uninsured rate will balloon as pre-ACA. Personal bankruptcy because of health care costs will return. The ACA was created to relieve our out of control health care costs and our cruel health care system. It has made inroads to that in real ways. Why would we return to an even worse situation? To out of control health care costs and millions uninsured again? To deeper health disparities between citizens than we already have? What country does that?

If this passes, I will not be able to live a productive life. Period. This is no exaggeration. I know hundreds of people for whom this bill will ruin their lives and send bankruptcy rates soaring. Our workforce will suffer bc family members will have to take care of aging parents or ill family members instead of skilled nurses paid by Medicaid.

This is about reducing taxes for the rich and appeasing donors. It is a cruel way to achieve these ends and it is a cruel way to irresponsibly, without regular order, to restructure 1/6 of the American economy. Many people will die. Many hospitals will go under, many companies will go bankrupt and many states will too. Constituents will suffer. The GOP will become the party of cruelty and trickery. It already has in that senators are simply lying to their constituents. Governors, however, have seen through these deceptions. One thing I can say from my historical of Republican and Democratic attempts to change the health care sector, and from other countries' provision of state healthcare, is the acknowledgement that providing quality healthcare to citizens is a way to attain their political loyalty. It is also a way to improve the economy bc it produces healthier workers and families. Outcomes improve. This Graham Cassidy bill

will achieve just the opposite.. Block grants will never achieve these goals. They are not the mechanism to attain overall US economic improvement.

Americans don't care about the promise of repeal. People now understand what the ACA provides and more than a majority want the ACA to be improved, not repealed. This bill is not an improvement but a decimation of the health care sector. It is the worst bill I have actually ever read on health care and I study this and have read every health insurance policy since the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care in the 1930s.

I don't know how I will explain to my medical students that our congress took us not only backwards but to a worse place than before the ACA and did so without any real debate, or a CBO score. A bill that will affect millions, but of course will protect Congressmen. A bill that will create major hardship for millions and death for so many. A bill that is discriminatory and will certainly reduce my life and cause me to be gravely ill without important treatment and medicine bc I won't be able to afford the costs and will reach my lifetime cap quickly, even with employer based insurance.

I plead with you not to pass this bill and instead turn to bipartisan solutions to achieve parity across the US, to improve coverage and outcomes, to help people not create excessive hardship and do what we sent senators to Washington to do: to protect us, not donors, and to improve ours lives.

Sandy Sufian, PhD, MPH

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Wendy and Bob [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Improve/Do not Repeal ACA

Dear Senators,

My family relies on affordable, reliable healthcare. I do ~~not~~ support the Graham-Cassidy bill as I have parents and a child who rely on Medicare. They all have pre-existing conditions; one in particular, they are allergic to bees and require the use of an epi-pen. I encourage you to work together to improve the ACA and not repeal it.

Thank you so much,

Wendy Hughes

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rachel Mosteller [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on GCH

Good evening,

I am a young woman living in New Jersey who has seen first hand the damages of the pre-ACA insurance market and the benefits of the ACA after it was implemented.

At 14 I was diagnosed with depression, while my younger brother was born with Aspergers autism. Both of my parent's children required emergency care at birth and beyond. Without the medication and therapy I was given during my teenage years, it is likely that I would not have lived to adulthood, that I would have taken my own life. My younger brother's autism was detected early enough and my parents were dedicated in getting him the occupational and speech therapy he required that he was able to graduate highschool with his age group. However, this came at a price. My parents paid more than their mortgage each month of my childhood in order to give their children what they needed. In recent years, my parents had to file for bankruptcy in part because of the accrued medical debt of their children, and my mother who is now legally disabled due to a myriad of degenerative health conditions. They lost everything because of the housing market crash and personal illness.

In 2014, I was hospitalized with viral meningitis, something sudden that was no fault of mine. Since then, I have developed many of the same conditions that my mother has suffered from. I am fortunate enough to live in a place with the Medicaid expansion as I have been unable to work much due to my condition and the almost daily doctors appointments to try and make it so I can work again would send me into bankruptcy shockingly quickly. Without this help, I don't know what I would do. Without the protections for people with pre-existing conditions, my entire family would likely be rejected outright or be placed in a high risk pools that would leave us without the help we so desperately need.

Illness is not a character flaw. We didn't get here because we didn't take care of ourselves and we do not deserve to suffer and die because of something we cannot control. This bill would eliminate many of the services and protections that have made it possible for my parents' children to grow into productive citizens and for my mother to live with a sense of relative dignity. I deserve to grow old in dignity, as does my brother. We do not deserve poverty and an early death and neither does anyone else.

This bill is heartless, even more so than its predecessors. The American people deserve better.

Thanks you for your time,
Rachel Mosteller

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Eric Lowry [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:25 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO ON GRAHAM CASSIDY

Fix healthcare you morons. Don't take it away.

Eric Lowry PE
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

gchcomments@finance.senate.gov

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Marjory Bender [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:24 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

Please be responsible and think of the goal of health care for all. Vote responsibly and do not repeal the ACA. Work in a non partisan way to improve it.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: susan jamie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:24 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

Please consult medical and insurance community, find out what's wrong with ACA and FIX IT! Do NOT pass this irresponsible bill!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:24 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care

Hello,
I am not in favor of the GrahamCassidy legislation. #HealthCareForAll

Thank you,
Anita Rodrigues

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Slim Smiley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do not repeal Obamacare!!!

REJECT and VOTE AGAINST the Graham-Cassidy bill!!!!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ted A Meyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: tedameyer
Subject: September 25 U.S. Senate Finance Committee Hearing on Medicaid
Attachments: Letters on Medicaid changes to Senate Finance Committee Hearing on 9-25-2017.docx

Dear Senators,

I have attached my testimony for the U.S. Senate's Finance Committee Hearing to consider the Senator Cassidy and Graham bill to replace the Affordable Care Act.

Thank You for your consideration of my comments,

Ted Meyer

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Cassie Willner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing
Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017
Cassie R. Willner

[REDACTED]
Montpelier, VT [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare that we have purchased through our state exchange called Vermont Health Connect. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Since we aren't able to get health insurance through our jobs, it is important that we continue to have access to this type of health insurance. More importantly, every American deserves access to health care no matter what their income or pre-existing conditions might be. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the Affordable Care Act, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Cassie Willner
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Amy Mabante [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opinion of the impact of this on health care. More specifically my children's health care.

I adopted my 12 year old daughter Ally from foster care in Arizona in 2006. She's had multiple surgeries due to perforated ear drums. Prior to the surgeries her hearing was compromised at a 75% loss of hearing. She is currently still healing from her second surgery. Ally has also been diagnosed with Aspergers, takes 3 medications daily, and visits a psychiatrist weekly to assist with her development. In addition to these, she's highly allergic to nickel and bees, requiring an EpiPen to be on-hand at all times. Because of these pre-existing conditions, it would be impossible for me to afford her monthly medical care and medication without affordable health insurance.

In addition to the situation with my fost/adopt daughter, my 19 year old biological son Riley was born with a heart defect that required open heart surgery at the age of 5 months old. He endured nearly 5 years of multiple hospital visits and treatment from his cardiologist, cardiothoracic surgeon, gastroenterologist, and ENT physicians. He continues to require annual full cardiology exams to make sure he doesn't have any mitral valve complications. Thankfully, he is no longer on heart medication (as of now), but that doesn't mean he might not ever need it in the future. We simply do not know what will happen, if anything at all. Riley is a young adult and would not be able to afford insurance if his pre-existing conditions were rejected.

Our government MUST work together to come up with a plan to FIX the ACA that is already in place. Learn how to communicate with each other to make a plan that is best for ALL Americans. Affordable health care should be a right in our country, not a privilege for the wealthy.

Kindest regards,

Amy Mabante

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lee Anne Spencer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose Graham Cassidy

I am a small business owner who has struggled to provide decent health care for my employees. We currently pay over \$10,000 per month, just to cover 5 employees - and that's with big deductibles and only partial coverage. Obamacare has helped us control costs and continue to offer this benefit. We need you to FIX the ACA, not repeal it! I support the Murray-Alexander effort to work in a bipartisan way to solve this problem.

The Graham Cassidy bill is a horrible step backward. It should be defeated. No state should be allowed to reject pre-existing conditions, re-institute lifetime caps, or deny essential health benefits for any reason. Period.

aloha,
Lee Spencer

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nanci Imburgia [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:20 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy proposal. It is even more disastrous and cruel than the last version. It would:

- 1) Cause at least 32 million Americans to lose health coverage. That's according to the Congressional Budget Office's analysis of a similar proposal. This time around Senate Republicans want to rush a vote before the CBO can complete its review.
- 2) Eliminate protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions. The bill would allow states to scale back essential health benefits and carve out exceptions for insurers to discriminate against sick patients.
- 3) Increase premiums next year by an estimated 20 percent. By nixing the Affordable Care Act's requirement that everyone sign up for coverage, fewer healthy people will enroll and costs will increase.
- 4) Gut funding for Medicaid by \$300 billion, including draconian cuts to programs that provide care for seniors, children, and people with disabilities.
- 5) End funding for Planned Parenthood.

Nanci Imburgia

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Jennifer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:19 PM
To: gchcomments

Planned should be a right for all women and should be funded through all health care programs public or private

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:17 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Our Healthcare

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I am a disabled veteran who served during Operation Desert Storm. I have many pre-existing conditions. I have hard worked all my life, since I was a paperboy at age 13 to 2 jobs to put myself through college in my early 20's. I served My Country honorably in the U.S. Navy. Now, I struggle to get by on Medicare for my life saving medications and extreme chronic pain management, and my husband's coverage is via the ACA. I also help take of my elderly parents who rely on Medicaid and Medicare. Neither can afford huge rate hikes nor funding cuts to either program, neither can I. My Family's health is in Your hands! As our MILLIONS of American families across the nation! This is NOT a partisan issue, its a human rights issue! I fought for My country, now its time for My Country to fight for me! Be a hero to not only Your constituents, but for ALL Americans! say NO to the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill!

Sincerely,

Patrick Beaudry

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nancy P Appelbaum [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill for several reasons. First of all, repealing the ACA will devastate the economy of my struggling small rust-belt city. Even our Republican mayor has said our city would be devastated, because our population is aging and over 50% of our population is poor. Health care providers in this town buy houses in my neighborhood, which is near the Catholic hospital, supporting our property values. We have three hospitals in this metropolitan area and just opened a Pharmacy School. From what I've been reading, it seems that my city is far from unique in this regard; hospitals will lose money, and many will close, if this goes through, with terrible economic impact. Secondly, but no less importantly, I am concerned about the health of people in my community. I have heard local care providers talk about the positive effects of the ACA, including the Medicaid expansion, on their patients, who before getting health insurance avoided seeking medical care until their problems were acute, and even then did not seek care for all their medical problems because of cost. Thirdly, I just lost a very close, long-time friend to cancer. She struggled against it for 7 years, the last of which were covered by the ACA after she could no longer work and live apart from her family. She was as happy as could be under the circumstances during the last couple years of her life, newly wed and living near her parents and paying high ACA premiums out of her savings but getting care that she would not have been able to get without the ACA. Graham-Cassidy, had it been in force, would have bankrupted her family and kept her working at her job when she no longer could work effectively just to prolong the insurance coverage. She was afraid of losing coverage if ACA were to be repealed; in the end she did not last that long. Fourthly, health care is a huge part of not just our local economy but of our national economy, and lawmakers should not rush to pass legislation with such a huge impact without fuller process. One committee meeting is not enough. Fifthly, it is unrealistic to expect states to create entirely new healthcare systems within two years. And lastly: the opioid crisis.

Thank you.

Nancy Appelbaum

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Paul Roszko [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Cc: Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)
Subject: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

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.

Respectfully,

--
Paul J D Roszko, MD, FAEMS
Assistant Professor of Military and Emergency Medicine, Uniformed Services University

Respectfully,

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Paul J D Roszko, MD, FAEMS
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Assistant Professor of Military and Emergency Medicine, Uniformed Services University
Medical Director, Navy Fire & Emergency Services Region Northeast
Emergency Medicine Physician, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
Director, Combat Trauma Research Group

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: donyeer white [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Thank You for Not Cutting Medicaid!

My child has mild Autism, which means treatment at the age of 13, is *only covered medically* through our insurance. His required treatment to be an independent, employable, contributing American citizen and not future living on disability funding, requires *non-medical treatment*. His Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver allows our family to provide treatment such as social and life skills, and independence. There are millions of students like my son, who have promising futures provided parents/guardians can get proper treatment. Cutting Medicaid for them will reactively cause increased disability claims long term, thereby no savings for Medicaid. I am asking the following:

- Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill
- Oppose bills that make cuts to Medicaid
- Work in a bipartisan way to improve access to health care, including autism services and Medicaid

Thank you!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rick Robison [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy

This is simply terrible. Stop this nonsense. Stop playing with people's lives.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Polly Keller [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:37 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please don't do this to millions of us

Dear members of the finance committee,
thank you for your hard work on behalf of the American people. I am a retired teacher with the benefits I need, but I work closely with those who are homeless and hungry and depending on insurance. Please don't accept a bill that hurts so many Americans. Let members of Congress take the time to write a bill that **WORKS!**

Polly K Vanasse
[REDACTED]

Concord, MA [REDACTED]

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Polly Keller Vanasse
[REDACTED] cell

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: James K Hadcroft [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:37 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

James K Hadcroft here. 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.

James K Hadcroft here. I stand with you when you stand for me.

We remember Merrick Garland.

Stand together. Stand strong. Tell the Truth. Fascism is Fascism. Fascists are Fascists. The current administration is fascists in action.

America is a Democracy. Fascism is a betrayal of Democracy. Time to remove the Traitors. Go to the beginning of this paragraph and repeat until it becomes clear.

No appointments or executive orders until Tax Returns and Independent investigation into Russian ties!!!

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: David [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comment on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am asking you to vote down the Graham Cassidy Bill. The Affordable Care Act saved my daughter's life from Stage III Breast Cancer. While in the middle of undergoing treatment, the insurance she had through work stopped covering her treatment. She was able to enroll in the ACA and continue care. She is now approaching her fifth year cancer free. Since her life has positively impacted hundreds working as a lawyer protecting children from abuse rather than recovering from bankruptcy or worse. Not making healthcare affordable will not only impact individual families and loved ones but will hurt the economy and society. The Graham Cassidy Bill will be devastating. I, myself, suffer from on going medical conditions . If this bill passes, it will make it overly difficult and impossibly expensive for me to change health care insurance with an existing condition .

Thank you for listening to my concerns .

Sincerely,

Fr . David Robinson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nicole Schneider [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Dear Republicans

Why do you care more about your rich donors than my daughter and I?

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: John Swanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 PM
To: gchcomments

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.

John Swanson
jnhf@aol.com

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Bonnie Girdi [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

NO, NO, NO on Graham-Cassidy

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carol M [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Act

I am very concerned about the constant Republican efforts to ruin healthcare. I have family members who rely on affordable healthcare. Passage of the Graham - Cassidy Bill would force them and those in similar situations to choose between treating their current medical conditions or putting food on the table.

Before the Affordable Care Act and affordable health insurance, in the not too distant past, my grandmother and grandfather died of untreated cancer because they couldn't afford to see a doctor let alone treatment. They knew they were ill and probably terminal, they suffered in terrible pain without the benefits of medicine or hospitalization. Their story is common.

Passage of the Graham-Cassidy Bill would return many to the historical divide between those rich enough to have a physician and those who cannot afford one. It is rare to find a doctor who will accept eggs for payment.

Furthermore, the consequences of this bill extend beyond the immediate patient. Personally, it would force me into financial devastation as I would, of course, pay the astronomical medical bills for my relatives' medical treatments. This kind of 'Sophie's Choice' predicament is not unique to my family.

Analysts predict within a few years, the Graham-Cassidy bill would effectively eliminate healthcare as the insurance industry would return to punishingly high premiums especially for pre-existing conditions [one of which was being female] or just drop out of the market entirely. Access to healthcare is merely the ability to get it if you can pay for it. Access to healthcare does not provide affordable healthcare. These Republican bills have been, put generously, disingenuous. Analyzed dispassionately, they are cruel.

ObamaCare, aka ACA, has been important for the working poor and the impoverished. In my case, not only for the targeted patients, but for the finances of the extended family.

This bill has side-tracked bipartisan efforts to improve the ACA. It is appalling that Republicans are willing to push this bill through without a full CBO score. It is very surprising they would design a bill without input from the women [even in their own party] and they don't believe in the benefits of healthy debate that would improve a bill. Are we returning to the time that women are removed from decisions and must ask, as Abigail Adams, famously did, to remember the women as the men legislate?

The Graham -Cassidy bill is a harbinger of many things - quality, affordable healthcare is not one of the promises it embodies. The Republican push to pass this bill is a disappointing statement about the party philosophy.

I hope you will do your utmost to stop this latest attack on our healthcare.

Sincerely,

Carol Murota

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rick Sorensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:23 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 cutting Medicaid funding between 15 & 20% and providing that as a block grant to the states is NOT giving them "more flexibility", it is giving them a cut in funding....nothing more.

Charging seniors a massive increase in their cost of healthcare insurance is a death sentence and a recipe for financial ruin.

Talking healthcare insurance away from 34 MILLION Americans in order to give a tax break to the wealthy and corporations is just WRONG....

AARP, American Cancer Society, the AMA and many other professional healthcare groups are against this bill...why is the GOP so set on jamming it thru?

The GOP WILL pay a price in the coming elections.

FIX THE ACA, DON'T DESTROY IT AND AMERICAN'S FUTURES.

Rick Sorensen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Tom Edmondson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:38 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: health care

We need to sit down and take our time with both parties on health care.

This is what most people in our country want. If something is passed just to pass it, they will regret in on election day. The people of this country are getting tired of the the political party's not working together for the good of the people, that's why they were elected. Remember their are more of us then your big rich contributors.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Iris Hofle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care

Please don't throw out ACA.
Just improve on it for the good of all Americans.
Sincerely,
Iris Hofle Williams

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Gail Tennant [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare bill

I do not support the current proposed graham Cassidy healthcare bill

Sent from my iPhone

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Roberta Goodin [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

I do not support this bill. It is not American in the sense of the Declaration of Independence and its promise of equality for all. American-born and immigrant residents deserve the support of the Nation. Do not give in to the oligarchs in control of Congress! Our "Shining City on the Hill" has begun to slide into a dark shadowed place. Stop the slide.
Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Roberta Jalbert [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

Please block passage of this latest "healthcare bill"! It will take care away from millions of Americans-mainly the most needy like children, elderly and those with pre existing issues. People should not die just because Republicans want to dismantle a program that may be flawed but is working. I urge everyone in Congress to step and lead! Fix the problems, don't destroy people's Lives!

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Simone C M [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:40 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Trump's graham-cassidy healthcare repeal

NO to repeal of Obamacare, NO to destroying Medicaid, NO to harming vulnerable citizens, NO to harming myself and my family members who rely on accessible health care.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Chad Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy bill

Hello,

I ask that you please not pass this bill. This bill will do nothing but take away insurance from millions of Americans and raise insurance rates. There is no good reason to pass this bill and many experts have raised their concerns including the American Medical Association and others.

It is your job as our representative to make our lives better. Not pass ill advised legislation like this that obviously is bad for everyone except the super rich. I ask that you do the right thing and not pass this legislation, but get to work on a bipartisan solution that can work better for everyone and fix the issues with the ACA. Which while not perfect is far better than what we had prior to the ACA.

Thank you for listening,

Chad Williams

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Linda Grabner Travis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:25 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.

I am particularly outraged by the thought that big business might once again benefit at the expense of individuals and families. Surely there must be a way to examine this bill more closely, and break it down to only accept parts that actually help American citizens (which is what Trump CLAIMS he wants to do), while rejecting parts that will once again help big business screw us over. Why is it that every time the plate goes around for more money to go into the pot, it stops in front of every individual citizen, but passes right by the corporations that have so much more money than we do? PLEASE MAKE SURE ANY CHANGES TO THE CURRENT HEALTHCARE ACT ARE FAIR ONES THAT BENEFIT THE AVERAGE AMERICAN CITIZEN, NOT JUST BIG BUSINESS.

Linda Grabner Travis
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Patrice LoCicero [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote No on Graham Cassidy healthcare legislation

Dear Madam/Sirs:

I am writing over grave concerns regarding the proposed Graham Cassidy healthcare legislation.

As a mother of a son with disabilities and sister of a woman with a brain tumor and other chronic long term illnesses, I am concerned about how 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.

It 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,

Patrice LoCicero

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Rick Sorensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:24 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy - VOTE NO

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am concerned about the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal currently being pushed through the Senate because cutting Medicaid funding between 15 & 20% and providing that as a block grant to the states is NOT giving them "more flexibility", it is giving them a cut in funding....nothing more.

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Rick Sorensen

[REDACTED]

Thomas Jefferson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: B ROBBIN [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:33 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

I am a married father of four. My wife is an elementary school teacher in the public school system. I manage a auto dealership. We are forced to have two separate health insurance policies. The combination of the two sets of premiums is over \$10,000 a year. My coverage is high-deductible with coinsurance. My wife's is a typical HMO. 2 years ago my wife broke her leg and three pay places and dislocated her knee. Unfortunately for us the injury happened with one month left in her plane year. That caused our out-of-pocket expenses to be more than \$15,000 plus the \$10,000 we already paid and premiums making our health care the most expensive item in our families budget.

My mother delayed life-threatening surgery for 7 months until she turned 65. She hid the fact that she was sick from us for over a year because she knew we already spent so much on my wife's legs reconstructive surgery.

I recently found out that I have an enlarged heart at a routine doctor's visit. I am currently waiting for another month to pass for my plan to renew so I'm not forced to pay two deductibles.

I find it absolutely deplorable that our government with no second thought spends 700 billion dollars on the military but cannot can I break away from the tits of the insurance companies long enough to find a single Universal Health Care option for all of its citizens

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

Finance Committee,

Everyone, but Fox "so called" News viewers, knows that the ONLY reason that republicans want thirty million Americans to go without healthcare, is so the same republicans can give tax breaks to billionaires who don't need the money.

Sheldon Addelson, Steve Wynn, Charles and David Koch all have told the antiAmerican republicans that unless the ACA is repealed, the piggy banks of the billionaires are closed.

Republicans can stop with the "pious baloney" now. We can see through their Cassidy/Graham/TrumpCare plan to loot our Treasury. We read which is a trait lacking in the republican base.

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.

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Mike Kelly
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Linda Ingram [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:37 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Graham-Cassidy is a bill that will have negative repercussions for the US far beyond healthcare. This bill will not only make health insurance completely unaffordable and/or unattainable for millions, it will surely lead to the deaths of thousands of citizens every year. This will have a negative effect on our economy, culture and social structure. The fact that the GOP "promised" a certain segment of their constituency they would repeal the ACA doesn't mean it needs to happen. The ACA has issues, no argument there, but it is time for Congress to work together to fix the problems and develop a system that strengthens our nation as a whole. How can a bill that will kill people and weaken the economy of the US even be considered? As a nation, we look forward to a time when Congress puts aside petty partisanship and works for all Americans, not just a few wealthy individuals and corporations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Linda J. Ingram, PhD

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Emily Hart [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare repeal

Hello,

The repeal bill that is currently before the Senate is horrible for so many reasons. It would be disastrous for so many Americans. I work in healthcare, specifically in a long term care facility where the residents rely heavily on Medicaid. This bill would be disastrous for them, the elderly and vulnerable of our society.

Another group that would be negatively impacted are the American with pre-existing conditions. I had 2 C sections. I am a pre-existing condition. I brought my children into this world. Should my healthcare costs be higher because of it? Even more importantly, it would be detrimental to my son Davy. He is one of the bravest people I know, and he was born with multiple pre-existing conditions.

When he was born in October of 2009, the Affordable Care Act had not gone into effect. He spent the first seven weeks of his life in the NICU at St. Vincent Women's hospital. By the age of 6 months, he had had 5 surgeries. With each explanation of benefits that we received, we saw the total benefits getting closer and closer to the lifetime maximum of benefits on our policy. One of the few things that made us feel better about it at the time was knowing that soon lifetime maximums would be a thing of the past thanks to the Affordable Care Act. We also knew that we wouldn't have to worry about our innocent little boy being denied coverage due to his pre-existing conditions, which were a surprise to us when he was born. We had no family history, a smooth pregnancy and good prenatal Care. Nothing we had done had caused his conditions. He has continued to require surgery and daily care, and always will throughout his entire life. He needs a guarantee that he will be able to purchase health insurance and that his coverage will not be capped. He needs to be able to know that he will not face financial ruin just because he had the misfortune to be born with a condition that has no known cause or prevention. As his parents, we want what is best for him. We have many daily worries related to his condition, but in 2017 in the United States of America, denials of health coverage should not be one of them.

We need to protect American children, like my son, who need health care policies that cover pre-existing conditions and that do not cap coverage at an amount that is all too easily reached by anyone who gets sick. This is a matter that goes beyond politics. It is so much more important than any political party or ideology. For my son and for millions like him, it could mean life or death. Please remember one of the youngest of your constituents as you make this very important decision, Senators.

Thank you.

Emily Hart

Sent from my iPhone

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Donald Dudley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Upcoming hearing on health care

Please reject the Graham-Cassidy bill. Work across the aisle to come up with something that improve health care for millions of Americans. This bill will reduce the number of children, disabled, seniors and the working class who are covered for important health services.

Again please work together . Thank you for your consideration.

Don Dudley

Sent from my iPad

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Ser Anzoategui [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Stop Graham Cassidy Bill

I'm a resident in [REDACTED] I'm urging that this Graham Cassidy Bill be stopped.

Thank you

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: John Thomas Waite [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Please Reject This Bill.

32 million Americans could lose coverage. Pre-existing conditions can't be denied coverage, but at what price? States can let the insurance companies decide! Radical change to Medicaid and diminished funding for every state, 90 SECONDS OF DEBATE???

This bill solves nothing! It creates chaos. People will die.

Reject this bill, please.

John Thomas Waite
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathleen Levalle [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:14 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

Dear Senators,

It is time for you to lead. REALLY lead. You have amazing healthcare for which the vast majority of Americans could never hope. Do NOT sell us out with this horrible legislation. Create a viable bipartisan plan that actually serves our citizens. My husband & I currently have coverage under ACA. Is it fabulous? No. But it is better than the Graham Cassidy 'Plan' and better than nothing. But all Americans deserve better. We deserve access to basic health care. Find a way. Find a way to lead.

sincerely,
Kathleen Levalle

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Chisholm [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:13 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA comments

I would like to ask you to keep ACA as is and work to fix it, not to dismantle it.

My daughter has bipolar disorder and other mental illnesses, including a personality disorder. She was unable to be a contributing member of society before Obamacare. She can now obtain medication along with the therapy she needs to contribute to society. She has steadily held a full-time job for the past 4 years thanks to assistance with healthcare.

She will no longer be able to afford these services if you remove the pre-existing condition or any essential benefit.

The repeal and replace will not only negatively affect my daughter, it will have a domino affect on my family.

I have had to quit a job to keep my daughter safe.

If this bill passes, the best I can hope for is an arrest where the state will then be responsible in order for me to continue to contribute to society.

We are a nation. We need to care for our citizenry.

Thank you,

Mary Chisholm

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Terry Youngblom [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

It is unconscionable that members of the GOP would support the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill when they know and admit it is meaner than previous repeal bills just because they made a campaign promise to repeal Obamacare. I think it is about time that members of congress work together to do the right thing for the American people, not corporate interests. Do the right thing--vote no on the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Liza Scherff-Nesarikar [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care for the nation and other dreams

Dear Committee Members,

I am disappointed with the polarized approach to health care, and the secretive and hurried way that change is being proposed. This is a huge issue that deserves time, care, evaluation, and careful and complete consideration, not closed, back room discussions. I'm also concerned by the influx of huge amounts of donor cash and the expectation by those that donate that money will buy legislators and laws, and even more disturbing, that recipients of the cash flow are more interested in representing the interests of the donors than the people they purport to serve. This is extremely disturbing to witness-- the scrambling of some members of Congress to follow the bidding of donors, even if it makes life worse for those they serve. This country needs to get smart and provide affordable health care for all. When people are able to get health care they need, all of us will be healthier. Preventative and necessary care, given when it is needed, will prevent health problems from escalating and becoming more costly and harder to treat. This country should look forward to a better and more productive future, rather than going backwards.

Thank you for listening,

Sincerely yours,

Liza scherff- Nesarikar

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Liz D [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:24 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care

To whom it may concern,

I'm a cancer survivor, and my survival will have physical, emotional, and monetary costs for the rest of my life. The essential health benefits mandated by the ACA ensured that I had affordable access to the care I needed to get well, but this continued assault on healthcare puts my ability to stay well under attack.

The Republican members of Congress have repeatedly put the American people through the ringer in their attempts at to stick it to an honorable former president, and I ask that they put away their pettiness and come to the table prepared to initiate actual bipartisan repairs to our existing healthcare legislature to ensure the quality healthcare that I was able to receive under ACA's protection be made available to all Americans.

Graham Cassidy does not do this and therefore needs to be put to rest.

Best regards,
Elizabeth

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Janis Savoie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:04 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

I am a register voter in California, and I am opposed to the passage of this bill and would like the current health care system to remain in place.

Janis Savoie

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sandra Fryer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

I am very concerned about and opposed to the new health care bill that is currently before the Senate for the following reasons:

- It unfairly targets states that accepted reimbursement for expanded Medicaid
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- The money distributed to states will not be enough to cover Medicaid needs which covers many people in nursing homes, physically and mentally challenged and developmentally disabled children and adults as well as people who do not have jobs or have low paying jobs that do not offer health care insurance - I have an autistic adult grandson who depends on Medicaid for many of his services.
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- I do not believe that those with pre-existing conditions (a category into which 3 of my four children fit) will be adequately and affordably covered. One of my children just lost his job and has challenging health issues and another who started her own small business has been able to purchase good affordable health care insurance from a reputable company through the Affordable Health Care Program
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- I believe that the lower cost insurance plans to which many senators keep referring will be inferior, have higher co-pays and deductibles and cover far less than the type of plan my daughter (the small business owner with a pre-existing condition) has now because of the Affordable Health Care plan.
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- Those who are pushing the current bill talk about the penalties for not signing up for health care insurance in big dollars rather than the fact that the fine per person is very minimal which is why most people who think they won't need insurance pay it. Then when these same people have a real problem they go to the emergency room which impacts the cost of health care for everyone else.
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- I object to charging higher premiums to adults who are not yet eligible for Medicare being as they get older - most of them have paid for health insurance for years even though they did not use it much and it should be there for them at an affordable rate as they age.
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- Having taken advantage of a health savings account through work, I know it will not be helpful to everyone - firstly you have to be able to afford putting aside the money; secondly the paperwork involved to get the money reimbursed is too complicated for many people. How do we know that the amount they are allowed to put aside or the tax break will be adequate to cover their higher deductibles and co-pays?
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- We have a decent income but it does not increase every year and we do not have enough to take care of our adult children's health care.
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- We cannot take advantage of the tax loopholes that the very wealthy can -but see our paying taxes as the patriotic thing to do to invest in the future of our country and the well being of those who live here. We feel this way in spite of the fact that the members of the house and senate don't have to worry about having good health insurance and their salaries are automatically increased a good % every year - then many vote against it after they have already have the guaranteed increase so they can tell the voters they did so.
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- I know that those of you who look toward their conscience and what is good for the people of this country rather than what will enable the lowering of taxes for the **very** wealthy will in good conscience not support the current bill

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Anna McConaghie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:11 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please do not vote on this bill

Hello-

I am writing because this bill is not a good idea by any means.

It is unacceptable to pass something that only benefits rich people and screws over millions and millions of Americans. Me myself will be seriously hurt by the language regarding pre existing conditions.

I was diagnosed this summer with blood clots in my brain due to hormonal birth control and dehydration. I started taking birth control not for its main cause, but because of hormonal issues that can cause me serious health problems, like losing too much blood and needing a blood transfusion.

Americans should not have to choose between eating and health insurance. This should be a right, not a privilege.

Every organization related to health in the US is opposed to this bill, doesn't that tell you enough?

If you really want to listen to your constituents, do not pass the Graham/Cassidy bill. Work on what we have to improve it bipartisan.

Anna McConaghie

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Isabella Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care repeal

Hello,

I am continually appalled by the callous, irresponsible actions of Lindsey Graham and the rest of the legislators falling all over themselves to rush an irresponsible, spiteful, malevolent bill just for the sake of politics.

Who are these people in the senate, and how is it that they are so out of touch with America? I work with people-families- whose lives will be devastated if they lose their health coverage. I am in good health and depend on staying healthy so I can survive financially. But I am lucky-so many are not. Infants, children, hardworking parents, elderly.

Please someone explain to me how these senators can sleep at night without seeing the faces of the people whose lives they want to ruin.

Is there a bubble inside the walls of Washington that insulate these "public servants" from the people they were elected to serve? Is their greed so rampant and ingrained, are they so indebted to special interests that American families have become a distant abstract? Make America great again? By robbing Americans of basic medical care??

Please give my letter to Senator Graham and his co-horts. I want him to answer to us-middle class America barely making it, struggling to raise our kids, to put food on the table, who go to work, who want to get medical treatment, care.

Tell us to our faces that the politics, lobbyists for big business-pharma, insurance companies- are your master, that you don't care about finding a way to make health care accessible.

Put yourself on the same plan or lack of plan you intend to doom 80% of this country to.

See if you can sleep easy at night and call me in the morning.

Isabella Jones

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Melinda Kroeze [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

I started my business in the middle of the 2008 disaster of an economy and I just turned 50. I can barely afford the healthcare that I have to pay as a sole-proprietor just for me. Half my customers are overseas - I'm exporting services not sending off jobs outsourcing. I don't hide my \$ off shore and I pay a lot of taxes.

Vote no on this disaster Graham-Cassidy. If not I will most likely not be able to afford health insurance with my surgery a year ago (pre existing condition + age). Let's fix the ACA and make healthcare more affordable for all. I've done what I could to be self sufficient and created my own job, I'm looking for a reasonable break not a death sentence should something happen.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Reply to: [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Bob Tapia [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:16 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

This bill is a nightmare.please don't allow it to become law. ✘
Bob Tapia ✘
Branford

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: janice frazier [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:15 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Hello,

These Republican Healthcare bills are the most Un-American pieces of paper in the History of America.

I urge all members of the Senate to Vote No. Vote No on Graham-Cassidy.

Thank You.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Amy Schmitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:15 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Cassidy-Graham

Add my name to the list of Americans who are asking Republicans to vote No on this bill. Let the ACA stand for now and then work on a bipartisan plan (emphasis on bipartisan) to fix what needs to be fixed. Congress do your job! Work for this entire country and listen to your constituents, especially regarding healthcare. Stop worrying about being re-elected!

Amy Schmitz



Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Paul Sutherland [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: ACA

It is ludicrous that any responsible elected representative of US citizens would think it's a good idea to push a bill of this importance through with little or no opportunity for review and debate. I am disillusioned and disgusted. I am also the grandfather of a child born with a condition of uncertain consequence. But you shouldn't have to be in that category to see the cruelty of this bill, and the depravity of the process.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: beth mart [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:18 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Go bill

As a physician with over 30 years of practice I'm imploring you to vote AGAINST this abomination of a healthcare bill and I'm saying healthcare loosely because it doesn't care for anyone.

It restores lifetime caps which are devastating to people with chronic illness.

Pre existing conditions while technically possibly covered the insurance company can charge whatever they want thereby most likely pricing people out of the market. States have the option to opt out as long as adequate plans are available whatever that means. And why mess with Medicaid? Taking billions out of that program will guarantee that people will lose coverage and put their lives at risk. Much of Medicaid dollars goes towards elder care whether keeping them in the home with health aids or covering nursing home care. Are you prepared to have grandma or grandpa come home with you? Children with disabilities also receive a large portion of Medicaid dollars. How can you be so cruel to ration dollars to take care of children? How do you decide whose worthy of coverage and who isn't? Living at less than 200% of the poverty line in order to be eligible for Medicaid isn't easy, it's not that much money . Could you do it? I think not .

Healthcare is a human right not a privilege for a certain segment of the populace.

I don't believe the GOP sees healthcare as a right or you would never put forth such a heartless bill.

I could go on and on but I think you understand my position.

Please put people over partisan politics and vote no. Then fix the ACA. Put the website back up for open enrollment and start advertising for it. Stop sabotaging it so you cause it to fail. Doing things to cause it to implode is reprehensible and you and Tom Price especially should be ashamed. Thank you for your consideration.

Vote no!

Sincerely,

Dr. Beth Martin

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Victoria S [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:20 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Keep the ACA

The "Trumpkill" bill is crap the GOP is trying to serve up to the American people. Where's your decency and humanity? Will you really kill millions so the GOP is funded and Obamacare is repealed because you are all threatened by the brilliance of a black man?! Get over it and become human again. We are all in this together.

Humanely and compassionately,
Victoria Shuts, LMFT

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: GRAHAM-CASSIDY-HELLER-JOHNSON PROPOSAL

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My daughter Lydia Evelyn Berger is 43 years old. As a result of meningitiis at the age of 4 months she is severely intellectually disabled, legally blind, paralyzed on the left side and partially paralyzed on the right. She has the Consolidated Waiver, Medicare, Medicaid and Supplemental Security. She cannot walk, talk and has no completely independent skills. This means she cannot work. Because of the Consolidated Waiver she has staff to take care of her in her home environment and a wonderful program to go to five days a week that takes her out in the community for a variety of activities. Her Individual Support Plan details the cost of every service down to the quarter hour so that every penny is accounted for. This is still less than the cost of putting her in an institution (a model we as parents have been trying to eliminate for the past 40 years). So if you take away the money or even just reduce it, I can see that Lydia will have to move back home with me and my husband who are 69 and 70 respectively. When we take Lydia for one day, feeding her, toileting her, bathing her, etc. we are exhausted. It will mean more medical bills for us; a more rapid decline for us and if we die before Lydia there will be no one left to take care of her except what you determine in the next few weeks.

Will the money that your plan takes away from Medicaid be diverted to build more missiles and weapons of mass destruction to protect us from people in other countries? Who is there to protect disabled Americans from other Americans? Do you plan to spend money to build a wall around the disabled community so you don't have to see the suffering you will cause? I am sorry I have to resort to sarcasm, but being polite just seems to get ignored these days. I don't know how else to get through to you. I have been an advocate for many years and I have seen a multitude of families with life stories like our family. We are all Americans and we count! DO NOT CUT FUNDING FOR MEDICAID OUR LIVES DEPEND UPON IT !

I'm writing to you today to express my opposition to the bill known as the GRAHAM-CASSIDY-HELLER-JOHNSON PROPOSAL that would alter the basic entitlement and funding structure of Medicaid. Medicaid is the primary source of health insurance for low-income children and families, and for persons with disabilities. In addition to critical medical care, it provides, long-term and community-based services that support independent living for adults with disabilities, and vital services for children with disabilities that enable them to grow up with their families.

Efforts such as block granting Medicaid or funding Medicaid on a per capita basis would hurt people who have no alternative means of paying for medication, physical and mental health care, direct support, assistive technology, durable medical equipment, or community living.

Please vote against these proposals and protect Medicaid.

Respectfully,
Lydia Eleanor Berger

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:29 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on Graham Cassidy bill

To Whom It May Concern,

I ask that you oppose this legislation. My husband and I are seniors, on limited income and, at our age, of course we have pre-existing conditions. We simply cannot afford the premium increases that would result.

I am also astonished that you would try to rush through legislation with such wide-ranging consequences, without thoughtful consideration and thorough analysis.

Passing this legislation would be a heartless attack on the most vulnerable American citizens.

Sincerely,

Katherine Haug

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: K. [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:25 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health Care bill

Let's talk about health care....and, by that, let's talk about situations that you probably have never found yourself in and never will (since you as an elected member of congress you will never again go without insurance...and NOT the insurance options you want to "let" the rest of of us have)

1) Imagine that you have dental insurance, but due to the cost of co-pay you still have to make the decision to have a root canal and crown (a root canal ONLY runs about 800-1,000 dollars, crowns can run from 500 to 3,000 dollars) or to have the tooth pulled (runs about 150 to 300 dollars). Remember, the co-pay is usually about 50% of the cost of these services, and let's face it, most people don't have 1,500 dollars just hanging out for a dental emergency, so many on limited incomes pick option two...have the tooth pulled. Really? This is what you want for the people who voted you into office? And, remember, there are those who choose option C...to pull their own tooth out. Take a moment and really think about that.

2) Let's talk about de-funding Planned Parenthood for a year...how many cases of breast cancer will go undetected due to this choice? Do you want to have even one woman who relies on Planned Parenthood for her yearly mammogram to go un-diagnosed with breast cancer? Their lives depend on early detection and yet, this bill wants to take that ability away. The same goes for yearly PAP smears and other routine testing that Planned Parenthood provides, once again, early detection saves lives. Think about your daughters, their friends, their peers, those little girls who are now young women who once came to your house for slumber parties...which one of them do you want to be the one who misses a yearly screening? How about your own friends, their friends and family, the woman who makes your espresso every morning at the coffee stand in the lobby, the girl who babysits your children or grandchildren, the woman outside your office building who is just looking for a safe place to sleep...which one of them do you want to deny the lifesaving services of Planned Parenthood? Pick one...I dare you...

More on Planned Parenthood...yep, the ability to plan when you want to be a parent...once again, who do you want to NOT have access to affordable contraceptives? Your neighbor? How about that college girl/boy who baby sits for you on the weekend and who wants to be responsible, but isn't sure that they want their parents to know they are on birth control. How about that woman who can't afford the co-pay for birth control on her insurance plan, knows that her and her husband are happy with the two children they already have? Which one of these individuals do you want to deny access to these services? And, once these services are no longer available, and there are babies conceived (and born), who and how will they be cared for? Are you going to be standing in line to write personal checks to the parents? Or, perhaps those who vote for this bill, want to adopt all of these children and make sure they are raised in loving homes with lots of extra income....

3) Now, pre-existing conditions...and, let's not even have the argument they are covered...we all know they are not. (Really, I am not having that argument...THEY ARE NOT COVERED!). My mom (who is 85) is recovering from Stage 4 throat cancer and her second round of breast cancer (see above...screening saves lives), Even though she has had great insurance during this battle, her co-pays have been 1,500 dollars, her medications have been way above that, one item she needed cost 350 dollars every week and 1/2 for the length of her treatment which was 8 weeks long, and of course there is transportation costs, and all the

secondary costs such as special clothing and support items that never seem to be added to the total cost of treatment. My mom (obviously) is on a fixed income and because of the ACA, her insurance company cannot raise her premiums, limit her services, or remove her from her plan due to age or health issues/concerns. But, with the proposed bill...they could...she is EXPENSIVE!!!! But, really...who do you want to be told that they don't deserve the best care available? Your elderly aunt who taught elementary school her whole life and now (at the age of 82) lives on her small retirement and social security? Perhaps you are o.k. with her not having the best that medicine can provide...just a thought...

What about me??? I left teaching and have recently started a job teaching for a large non-profit organization...I have had pre-cancerous cysts in my breasts (found during routine mammograms...once again...early detection saves lives), but this does put me in the "pre-existing conditions " category...well, that and being a woman...So, during my career change...should I be denied insurance or have to pay so much that I would have to choose to go without???? Is that fair? And, trust me, I could be your neighbor...so, are you comfortable to deny me medical treatment? Because that is what you would be doing.

My brother was injured in a logging accident 32 years ago. His back was shattered in 4 places due to the accident. Even though he is in constant pain, and the injuries have caused other issues to manifest (such as severe arthritis in his back and hips and loss of feeling and movement in his legs) he has continued to work at his chosen profession (being a logger). Until the ACA came along, he did not have insurance. First of all, because his employer didn't offer it...he didn't have to so why would he???? And, because for my brother to carry insurance on his own-the premium was so high that he couldn't afford it...because of his pre-existing conditions. Conditions that were caused by his work, and conditions that were not being cared for by SSI or any government aid because he feels that he should work a job...but, yet, with this new health care plan he would be punished for working and not filing for disability when he was injured. And, just so you know, the tooth pulling story above is my brother...he pulled his own tooth rather than having to go to the dentist without insurance...he didn't have that much money cash to spend. Really, do you want your brother to go without insurance or to pull his own tooth...I doubt it.

I could go on and on about what this proposed bill will take away, but many of my examples are about people you wouldn't know or probably don't understand their lives...those who need in patient drug rehab, those who are mentally ill, those who are homeless, those who have on-going medical issues that are barriers to employment, those who live in nursing facilities and rely on Medicaid (I could write paragraph upon paragraph about this issue also), but even though these might not be people who you think are in your immediate lives (and I know, you will say, "But I understand them...if you vote for this bill, you don't understand them at all), these are important people. They are the janitor, who cleans your office's, mom. They are the taxi cab driver, who took you to the airport's, daughter. They are the students who sit in my GED class. They are your grandmother's best friends. They are the children of the people who were your peers in Sunday school when you were 10 and you talked about the Golden Rule. They are the invisible to many, but the most important people in the world to a few...and it is they who count. They are the people who put their lives in your hands when you became a public servant...they are the PUBLIC....and, you must remember that you were voted to be the public servant...

Do what is right and do not allow the new proposed health care plan to go ahead and replace the ACA.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sherri Vance [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:31 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: The Graham Cassidy Bill

I was informed that citizens could share opinions about the impact of the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill to this email address. Thank you for listening to citizens on this issue.

I am worried about the impact of the Graham-Cassidy bill for a number of reasons, but I will share two with you.

First, a personal reason. Because the bill would allow states to grant waivers that let insurance companies charge higher premiums to people with pre-existing conditions, I'm fairly certain that my premiums would go up. I live in a "red" state, and my assumption is that in many red states this waiver would be granted. And if it is, why wouldn't an insurance company choose to charge dramatically higher premiums to those with pre-existing conditions? I have a chronic condition and I know I would be paying a lot more for health insurance. Given the healthcare statistics, millions more would be in this same situation.

I also believe this bill will erode some of the important gains made in terms of the overall costs of healthcare. Features of the ACA which are designed to improve outcomes and reduce costs may be eroded in this new Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you for recording my response!

Sherri Vance

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: joan hemm [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:27 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare and I have an ACA plan. 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.

Joan Hemm
Boulder, Colorado

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Robert Schroeder [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:29 AM
To: gchcomments

This is a bad idea. Spend les on military, more on health.

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: C L [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:31 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

The vast majority of the country opposes repeal/replace. Why aren't you doing what the country wants? Or listening to what every major medical organization is saying? Or paying attention to the statements of insurance companies? You're making it sickeningly, painfully, obvious that you're bought. Your legacy will be as the most corrupt, vile, Congress in history. Consider thinking about your constituents? Just a thought...

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Carolyn H. Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:34 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy proposal

Members of the Finance Committee,

Some 10 years ago we were amused, or repelled, by a candidate talking about "death panels." I believe the Graham Cassidy bill will result in just that should the states be given the right to choose what they would cover of the ACA's Essential Healthcare Benefits. Poor states would have to exact harsher cuts, perhaps favoring some people over others. That would be wrong and unequal treatment under the law.

Cuts to Medicaid under this proposal are draconian and untenable. Lifetime caps on expenses, returning to denying treatment for preexisting conditions, hitting up seniors for higher premiums, giving tax cuts to the wealthy are malevolent.

Universal uniform healthcare is a right in 30 other countries. It should be in the USA, too. Insurance companies, health organizations, Governors, veterans, all 50 state Medicaid directors, AND I, reject this cruel, killer of a bill. Shame on the Senate for even considering such rotten treatment of constituents that would affect more than 30 million citizens.

Reject this malevolent bill.

Carolyn Anderson

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Cindy Levine [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Statement on healthcare bill

Senators,

I have never offered a statement into the public record but this topic is so critical that I am doing so now.

I am alarmed at the consideration of this bill and the harm it will cause to so many.

As a parent of a child just diagnosed with a chronic condition I am fearful for his ability to receive the medication he will need throughout his lifetime, particularly as this will now be a "pre-existing condition".

Medical experts across various stakeholder groups all call out its deep flaws.

It is incomprehensible to me that this would be a viable consideration and the Senate would lie to constituents across the country to cover the deep flaws in this bill.

Please do not pass this bill.

Respectfully,

Cindy Levine

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:40 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Heaslthcare

Do not take my healthcare. Do not take my grandson's healthcare. Do not take my neighbor's healthcare. Find it in your heart to realize not everybody in the land of opportunity earns enough to afford healthcare. How do you sleep at night knowing children die because their parents can't afford healthcare and you want to take it away. Why do republicans hate everybody so much in this country??? I once voted for nixon and Reagan. Now I would not vote for anybody with an R in the front of a name. I now am old enough to see how republicans loathe most of the country and maybe you do just want us all to die.

An American citizen by birth, granddaughter of immigrant grandparents,

Debbie Fox

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Billy Bennight [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy Is A NO GO!!!

Hello,

I want to register my dislike of the Graham/Cassidy health bill. I don't think it is in the best interest of the American people and is disingenuous to the betterment of our nation or society. Would you please do other things to help our country besides bringing up healthcare that has been approved by the American people already. You all are ruining my life! SO JUST STOP ALREADY!!!

Best,

Billy Bennight
Photographer/Stylist/Writer

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Extravagant Behavior
Los Angeles Beat

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Martha Lyles [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham/Cassidy

My daughter is married to a contractor. They have 3 small children and spend \$1500.00 on health insurance. They have such a high deductible, in order to keep their monthly premiums that low, that they literally have to pay out of pocket for all of their costs each time the children run a high fever or become ill or get injured in any way. This drives up their medical budget to the point that they are not able to buy a home. When I told her to quit paying the insurance because it is probably less expensive to pay out of pocket, she said they did that last year and got fined.

I know that Congress is exempt from these problems. I am disgusted with you for not getting rid of Obamacare. Get out of controlling healthcare. We want to be free again! I feel as though we are headed to socialistic government control and I will be keeping watch for those who vote for more and more government control. We want freedom. Freedom works!

So do the right thing for the American people or I will be an activist to get rid of you in the next election.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Liz Frale [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:25 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: NO on Graham-Cassidy

My mother-in-law is in her late 80s and there is a part of every year when she goes without her medication because she cannot afford the high prices when her insurance coverage runs out. She does this at great risk to her health. Many medications should not be stopped mid-stream. She stretches as far as possible but doesn't always have the money she needs for medication she requires. Do not allow healthcare programs to be gutted such that my elderly mother-in-law would be reduced to doing without medication that she could otherwise not afford.

No on Graham-Cassidy

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sammy Moskowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:24 PM
To: gchcomments

32 Million Americans could lose coverage, radical change to Medicaid and diminished funding for every state. If you want to keep your campaign pledges start by keeping your pledge not to touch Medicaid benefits. This bill is bad law and bad policy, and it cannot become law. Reject this bill.

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Sammy Moskowitz
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:23 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare bill
Attachments: ACA letter.doc

Attached is my brief letter concerning the pending bill to repeal & replace the ACA.

Thank you

Edith Sullivan

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Reiser, Ira, MD [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:36 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Fwd: The Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: September 22, 2017 at 5:19:34 PM EDT
To: <GCHcomments@finance.senate.gov>
Subject: **The Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill**

As a concerned physician, the republican led Senate and current administration should be ashamed of themselves. Rather than improving healthcare within the United States, the current proposal will only undermine the healthcare for many and will have disastrous consequences for those most at risk. As a physician who primarily serves an indigent population this bill will not improve their care but only increase their morbidity or mortality. I understand that the ACA is not the best solution, but rather than repealing and replacing it - it should improved and not thrown out. I am appalled, as a physician, to know that our country has still be unable to insure its own citizens despite their financial status. It is a sad day when someone may have a devastating illness and in order to get the appropriate care they may need to resort to a go fund me page on social media. Is this what our society has come to? This bill should not be allowed to be passed.

Sent from my iPhone

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Pam Woodard [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:04 PM
To: gchcomments@
Subject: Graham/Cassidy

September 22, 2017

Dear Senators,

Please be advised that millions of Americans would be perfectly ok with the GOP actually telling the truth to the American people even your base.

That truth would be to come out in support of fixing the affordable care act. Explaining to the people that it would be very wasteful to repeal such a program and rush into replacing it just for the sake of political rhetoric that never made much sense to begin with.

Health care for our nation is far too important to treat lightly all for the sake of tax cuts. When our government continues to mislead the American people for purposes that will not benefit all Americans you chip away and erode credibility.

The average American in this country knows all too well our position and the respect we are denied by the government for that position. We are the backbone of this nation, we drive everything the economy, the profits for the rich, we are the work force, without us the 1% would be nothing.

That position demands respect and entitlement, such as healthcare for all, a better share of the profits created not by one CEO but by the millions of workers and consumers who create them.

The American oligarchs who benefit from we the people no longer share their success created by us in a fair and equitable way as it is.

Another giant tax break to make them richer by taking away from healthcare is wrong.

You need to fix the ACA a good program that needs to be made better using what has been learned from its roll out to present.

Hurting millions of Americans to once again appease your donors and contribute more to the ever widening of wealth inequality in this country is ruining the trust of the people of this nation, we no longer trust that our government is actually working for all Americans.

The majority of Americans really do believe healthcare is a right and should not be run to create profits for corporations, where citizens are sorted by how much risk they pose to the bottom line and profits of the wealthy. We believe in a system of wellness based healthcare that primary goal is to use our tax payer dollars for an all in system of care that is not robbed of its taxpayer funds by profiteers.

There are precious few entitlements that the backbone of this nation are entitled to and a not for profit system of healthcare for all is one of them, it is far past time for America to stop profiting from this very important and basic human right.

All of congress should agree on this and start bringing this nation back to a democratic republic from the full blown Oligarchy it has become.

For far too long you have turned the word entitlement into something bad, it is not bad. It is what it is by definition something one is entitled to because they have worked for it and paid into it and should have it, free from the greed of capitalism.

Not everything needs to be based on free market solutions especially the health and wellbeing of a nations people.

In closing this is not socialism it is social responsibility plain and simple.

Sincerely,

Pamela Woodard

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Stan Stansbury [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017, 6:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

My husband and I both rely heavily on quality affordable health care. We are both disabled, reliant on \$3K/month medications and would be utterly un-insurable under the G-C bill. We strongly urge Congress to develop a bipartisan bill to fix the problems of the ACA rather than repeal it.
Alfred B Stansbury
Jaime Ballesteros

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Torchia, James A., M.D., Ph.D. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:10 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: 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.

Sincerely,
James Torchia, M.D., Ph.D.
Harvard Medical School

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From: Beth Sederstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:12 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I Strongly Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm a 38 year-old part-time editor and full-time mom from Valparaiso, Indiana. My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, **I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.**

I have asthma, and I keep it in check with Pulmicort. Without insurance, that little inhaler costs over \$300. Monthly. As a part-time editor and full-time mom, I'm not exactly rolling in dough. In fact, even working basically non-stop, money's *really* tight. Without insurance, I couldn't afford Pulmicort; and without Pulmicort, I can't breathe.

I have a 1 year-old son. My husband and I want to make him a big brother. If his zucchini throwing skills are any indication, he'll be *great* at it. If the Graham-Cassidy bill is passed, and pregnancy is essentially treated as a preexisting condition, we won't be able to afford having another child. Don't let my son's zucchini throwing skills be for naught.

My mother has recurrent Stage IV endometrial cancer that's spread to her chest. Right now, she's residual cancer-free thanks to several rounds of chemo earlier this year. If the Graham-Cassidy bill is passed, she'll be forced into bankruptcy or to hasten her death. That's unconscionable.

I'm well aware that the ACA is flawed, but the solution is to revise it, not repeal it. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to do so. It's Congress's job to represent the American people, and the overwhelming majority of us—including major insurers and physicians—do not want this incredibly flawed; incredibly cruel plan.

Sincerely,
Beth Sederstrom

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Manaker family [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 6:28 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments in Opposition to Graham-Cassidy

1. **Graham-Cassidy has large funding cuts for most states, including Pennsylvania, which will lead to large increases in the uninsured.** The bill would replace federal Medicaid funding with “Market-Based Health Care” block grants that would generally shift federal funds away from states that have expanded Medicaid coverage to states where Republican leaders refused to expand coverage, while providing less federal funds under the current federal spending for Marketplace and Medicaid expansion coverage.
 - Between 2020-2026 the block grant would provide states with \$81.6 billion less in federal funds. The funding would expire in 2027.
 - **During that 6-year period PA would receive \$7 billion less in federal funding.**
 - There is no state matching fund requirement for these federal funds, so the state legislature could decide to dramatically cut state funding for health care coverage for lower-income uninsured.
 - Pennsylvania’s uninsured rate will return to double-digit percentage levels.
2. The bill **allows states great flexibility with the use of the block grant funds**, including the ability to repurpose federal dollars away from coverage to payments to providers or other health care related purposes. State legislatures will face pressure to use funds to address state budget issues.
3. The bill will eliminate the Marketplaces, the premium tax credits and cost-sharing protection, the individual and large employer mandate and **will lead to destabilization of the insurance market, including large premium increases.** This marketplace “chaos” and instability will impact coverage and cost for everyone with commercial health insurance.
4. Although, requiring guarantee issue, the bill **allows states to waive other important consumer protections under the ACA**, including:
 - The essential health benefits
 - Allow insurers to vary premiums based on age, pre-existing conditions, health status, for prenatal care and delivery, or carve out certain treatments or coverage.
 - Medical loss requirements, so that more premium can go to profit and administration, not health care.
5. **Is being put to a vote without a full CBO score**, so we don’t know what this will do to the deficit, loss of coverage or increased premium impact or without the usual congressional legislative process or any attempts at bipartisanship.
6. **Is being pursued despite the strong opposition** of AARP, the health insurance industry, the AMA, American Cancer Society and other key stakeholders.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Catherine Calvert [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill -- oppose

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare that we pay for out of our own pocket as self-employed professionals. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Both my husband and I suffer from Crohn's disease, and would likely lose our health insurance if insurers are allowed to discriminate against those with pre-existing conditions. We are in our 50's and would have few other options.

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

Sincerely, Catherine Calvert

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Christina SAUVAGEAU [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:55 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,
Christina Sauvageau

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Andrea [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I am writing to ask Congress to not hold a vote on the Graham-Cassidy bill. There is no CBO score for it and it will affect one-sixth of the American economy. Premiums will skyrocket for people with pre-existing conditions, making healthcare too expensive for many to afford. I am also deeply concerned about how the bill will change Medicaid and how that will affect people over time. I am deeply disturbed that around 30 million people will lose their existing coverage under this bill.

Please do not pass this bill. Please work on improving the ACA instead.

Sincerely,

Andrea Noe-Whitaker

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Daniel Ari [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:57 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Please save (and fix) the ACA! NO to toxic #GrahamCassidy non-healthcare bill

I'll make this brief:

Stop it.

There's a reason that time and again these draconian, cruel, and cynical attempts to take healthcare away and replace it with something that leaves millions without support or succor have failed. They are evil, wrong, greedy, short-sighted and bad for the U.S.A. They can not stand and will not stand.

Please turn your efforts to bettering health and quality of life for U.S. citizens rather than trying to worsen it.

For God's sake, take a hint: we want ACA. Improve it, modify it, streamline it, advance it. DO NOT TRY AGAIN TO REPEAL IT.

Please: learn.

Daniel Ari

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From: Nick and Joan Olson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:53 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

To whom it may concern,

My family and community relies on quality, affordable healthcare that we can count on. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. So many members of our community count on the ACA's tenets including covering pre-existing conditions as an example. The ACA is not perfect but there is no need to scrap it completely. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. We cannot play politics with our community's health. The uncertainty that repealing the ACA would give to so many families would be a real disservice to this country.

Thank you,
Joan

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Joan and Nick Olson
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From: sandra fargas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 11:52 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Repeal and Replace

Unbelievable that there are so many senators who quickly forget their responsibilities to the people they represent.....has Trump really got you under his thumb....what are you afraid of?
Are your pockets being lined...do the Koch brothers tell you what to do? It is a general consensus that Obamacare can use some improvements....even President Obama has acknowledged that but improving something is not the same as replacing....get out your dictionary and read the difference or even try googling it. Keep in mind you repeal....we the people will replace YOU. We want our government representatives to fulfill their job descriptions. HOPEFULLY YOUR COMPASSION WILL OUT WEIGH YOUR GREED AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT.