

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mary Earle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:40 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: CASSIDY/GRAHAM BILL

Vote No on Cassidy/Graham Health Care Bill. This is the reason I gave to Senator Portman:

Senator Portman:

No deal is worth the lives of Ohio citizens. Rumor abounds that you would trade a block grant for a yes vote on the Cassidy/ Graham bill. Let's hope there's nothing Mitch McConnell (or your donors) has offered that would entice you to compromise your integrity. You have stated that you like giving the states "greater flexibility" and you have published a list of the \$125,000 grants you have gotten for some Ohio communities. These grants (and we don't know how they may be used or renewed) are not sufficient. The National Addiction Center reports the cost of addiction treatment: a 60-90 day inpatient treatment, \$12,000-\$60,000; outpatient 3 month treatment \$5,000-\$10,000; methadone for 1 year \$4700 (Vivitrol, and Suboxone are much higher). Block grants do not expand or contract based on disease incidence or new treatment options; they do not address associated health problems such as Hepatitis C, diabetes, or endocarditis. The block grants in the Cassidy/Graham bill will benefit those states that opted out of expanded Medicaid, not Ohio.

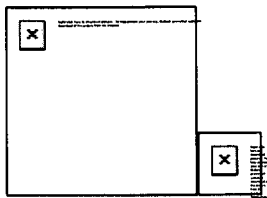
Expanded Medicaid since 2014 is responsible for 500,000 Ohioans getting substance abuse treatment. In 2016 47% of the 112,000 persons seeking treatment were addicted to opioids. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services says that Expanded Medicaid is needed for both immediate treatment and ongoing treatment -- people just don't recover in 30-90 days.

As vital as expanded Medicaid is to treatment, Ohio still falls short in providing addiction treatment. Private insurance often denies services, or has high co pays. Ohio has been slow to enforce parity. Treatment capacity is lacking. The Surgeon General reported in 2016 that only 10% of persons with addictions receive treatment, 40% receive substance abuse and mental illness treatment. In Ohio 87% of persons seeking treatment had no access because of overcrowded facilities. Providers are reluctant to train for addiction specialties when there is no assurance of a sustained program.

I believe this is truly your thirty- pieces -of- silver moment. A No vote buys you integrity and the knowledge that you are saving lives.

Not only is this Senator Portman's thirty-pieces-of-silver moment, it is the moment for all of Congress.
Libby Earle

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Meghan Mead <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

I am a concerned citizen and am horrified and baffled by the latest GOP effort to repeal the ACA and replace it with a short-sighted, convoluted and experimental plan. The Graham-Cassidy plan has received little analysis and is uniformly opposed by every major national healthcare provider group for good reason. Even under the best case scenario, it would likely leave millions with no coverage or inadequate coverage, and fail to protect our nation's most vulnerable citizens, like the elderly, infants and children, and the disabled. I strongly support a bi-partisan effort to improve the ACA and work to strengthen healthcare access and delivery, as well as exploring cost saving measures.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Meghan Mead
[REDACTED], New Mexico

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kirsten Hoaby [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I work a full-time job at a nonprofit where I see families dealing with healthcare every day. Even for someone with a stable job, finding money in the budget for healthcare is tough, and I can't imagine what it must be like for people with serious illnesses that require many hospital visits and surgeries. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Hoaby

[REDACTED], MN

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Deborah Peterson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:43 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

> To whom it may concern,

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> My husband and I completely rely on affordable access to quality

> healthcare, and believe everyone should have that ability. I therefore OPPOSE the Graham-Cassidy bill and urge everyone to do the same. Despite being an active runner and healthy eater, I developed colon cancer at the early age of 43. It's hereditary in my case and I was only caught through early screening. I had surgery which removed my colon but I'm still at a much higher risk, and need regular monitoring and screenings.

> The belief that good habits, or money, should determine who gets healthcare is absurd. And punishing states that tried to do their best for their constituents, the ENTIRE purpose of your elected position is even more absurd.

> I oppose any attempt to undermine my right to healthcare and I oppose Graham-Cassidy.

> Very sincerely,

> Deborah Peterson

> [REDACTED], CA

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> Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Mariella Bisson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:41 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: this bill must not pass!

Are you trying to kill us all?
The most vulnerable people in the country need your help.
Employed, middle class home owners need your help.
Women need insurance and health care.
You cannot turn us into a nation of helpless sick and starving serfs.
THIS IS STILL AMERICA.
THIS IS STILL OUR COUNTRY.

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Mariella Bisson

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Monya Baker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:55 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing: Maintain the ACA

Dear committee,

People I love depend on Medicaid and would be unable to function without it. Block grants threaten the stability of our already fragile health care system. Congress should improve the ACA, not repeal it. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Monya Baker

[REDACTED], California

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Terry Papillon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:41 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Bill

I am opposed to this bill, both for its lack of concern for the weakest among us and for the inability to examine it thoroughly. There have been no hearings, the OMB budget statement about it. It is simply too important of an issue (1/6 of the total budget) to treat this quickly and secretly.

Terry Papillon
[REDACTED] TN

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Molly McKenzie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public Testimony on Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Both my husband and I have pre-existing conditions that would potentially leave us out of the healthcare market were the ACA to be repealed. On top of that, my strong family history of breast cancer means that at a relatively young age, I need routine proactive screenings to ensure I stay healthy - something that the ACA provides.

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

Sincerely,
Molly McKenzie
[REDACTED], Illinois

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Nicole Scherm <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:29 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy hearing

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I am able to renew my drug prescription every month because I am able to buy healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I think we need to have a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Nicole S

[REDACTED], CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Katrina Liesener <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:29 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

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

Sincerely, Katrina Liesener

[REDACTED] Minnesota

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:29 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: SAVE OBAMACARE!!

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It was a long hard road to get Obamacare enacted and to protect millions of Americans with pre-existing conditions and to provide coverage for folks who could not afford any medical insurance at all. Health care is a Human Right, not a privilege for the wealthy. So far no one has come up with a better plan!!

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, NOT repeal it. How about listening to what the American people want and need for a change?!! DO NOT REPEAL OBAMACARE!

Lela and Rob Damico

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NY 10598

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Amy Horning <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:42 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Society relies on quality, affordable healthcare for everyone. Because of this, **I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill**. You never know when you're going to need healthcare or have a medical crisis and we should all take care of each other instead of being selfish and refusing to pay for others. I have many family and friends with pre-existing conditions and who rely on medicare and medicaid. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. This is literally life and death for so many people, and you should not play with people's lives just to repeal something flawed for political reasons.

Sincerely,

Amy Horning

[REDACTED] MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Susan Kahn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

Please, please, please - do not repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Instead, demonstrate your statesmanship and reach across the aisle to undertake a bipartisan Congressional effort to IMPROVE the ACA. This is what the majority of the American people want - please listen to us.

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare ... and want to continue to have access and be able to afford our care when we become ill. Please do not take it away - just FIX it. Many other civilized countries have figured out how to provide this to their citizens ... surely we can do as well in the USA with the ingenuity and resources we have here. There is a famous proverb - "if you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." Congress needs to pull together to generate the good ideas and great solutions that will help us "go far" as a nation!

Susan Kahn
[REDACTED] Minnesota

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Vanderwicken [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:56 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

Please do not repeal the Affordable Care Act. My family members, who live in different states, depend on it despite high premiums and deductibles. If it left to the states to ensure health care is available, we will have a worse struggle than we do now to keep going. Please improve the ACA, don't get rid of it.

Sincerely,

Sarah Vanderwicken

[REDACTED] Illinois

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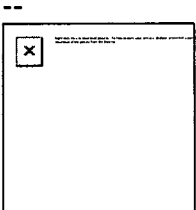
From: Lily Jones <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:52 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Greetings,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I run my own business creating educational activity sets for kids and am the primary breadwinner in my family. Without affordable health insurance, I would not be able to afford to run my own business. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Lily Jones

[REDACTED], CA



Lily Jones

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Leora Skolkin-Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:52 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: please fight the Graham-Cassidy bill

I am writing to add my voice to the many who don't want to see the Graham/Cassidy bill pass. Please don't allow such a horrendous thing.

Sincerely,

Leora Skolkin-Smith

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Deborah Garber <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:42 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Don't repeal ACA

Dear ladies and gentlemen:

Members of my family rely on the quality, affordable healthcare made possible by the Affordable Care Act. Because of this, I vehemently oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Like millions of other Americans, I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Deborah Garber

Petaluma, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Prisca Gloor [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:53 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: No to Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello,

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband had a stroke and without healthcare, he would be dead or live as a vegetable. My father-in-law could get care in a nursing home through Medical. Without Medical, we would not have been able to care for him. My children and I visit the doctor and I am grateful that I have health insurance through my work. I pay a lot for it though, and it would be great if it were cheaper (single payer healthcare) and not more expensive, as it would be through this new proposal.

I definitely also don't appreciate it how secretly and quickly and without information and discussions they want to pull it through, so that 400 individuals, the top 1%, get a tax break.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Prisca Gloor

[REDACTED] CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: E Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:53 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Quality, Affordable Healthcare

My family and most of America relies on quality, affordable healthcare.

Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. You don't need to hear my story...

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

Sincerely,
emiller
San Mateo, CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Dawn O Braithwaite <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:00 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Cassidy-Graham

I implore Senators of both parties to vote against the Cassidy-Graham health care legislation. I respectfully stress that it is irresponsible to vote without following rules of order and without a full CBO analysis.

It would be a tremendous burden to states to have to develop their own health care systems. Here in my state, and many others, we are already facing significant budget shortfalls. At least 30 states will lose funds under this bill. All national Medicaid directors are against this legislation, many governors, and insurance companies. Millions of Americans will be affected, especially those with pre-existing conditions. This devastating legislation will hurt people who are ill and elderly—the most vulnerable Americans.

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Vanessa Ballesteros <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy Bill

To Whom It May Concern:

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

We have always been law-abiding, tax-paying and hard working citizens. We work hard to contribute positively to society and earn a decent living. But these in the past few years, several unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances have resulted in several illnesses and tough financial times. Fortunately, we are coming out okay the other end because of Medicare, Medical and the ability to get affordable health insurance.

Our story is just one of millions in this country, which is why I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Ballesteros
[REDACTED], CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Randy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Healthcare

PLEASE do not support this bill. Doctors, nurses, insurers, other healthcare providers, anyone who has read the bill....ALL are unanimous in their fear that this bill is NOT the solution to our country's healthcare dilemma and will actually cause many more problems than it would solve. PLEASE do not put the American people and the economy of our nation at risk. Fix ACA, or work on single payer, perhaps enlisting help from nations where it is successful. Thank you

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sarah Stanley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Health care

Sent from my iPad. The current health care plan you are proposing terrifies me. The threat it poses to those who have to have Medicaid to live. Disabled children would be unable to go to school to grow up and get a job and live independently as my brother who had cerebral palsy was able to do instead of sitting day after day watching tv. Seniors and their families would be unable to get nursing home care. People with the long list of chronic illnesses would be priced out of the market. Literally people would face financial ruin and early death.

This is just some of the despair you are creating. Think with me for a moment what such a devastating blow would do to our society. You are responsible. So think of the children who would die, the people who couldn't work, the kids who couldn't go to school, the addicts who would overdose, the women who couldn't get the care to have healthy children. In such a society values are threatened, because quality life is threatened. I did not imagine what I have written, personally and professionally I could put many real names to each. Please do a better job for all of us. I know that you can.

Sarah Stanley

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Aimee [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:01 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy health care bill

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,

Aime Neri
Buffalo, NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Shrout <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:45 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 Medicaid and pre-existing conditions and affordability is based on my 29 year old sons' recent emergency open heart surgery. Covered California literally saved his life.

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

Sincerely,

Melissa Shrout

Sacramento, Ca.

Sent from Melissa's iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Darlene Abajian-Hulick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:40 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. If we did not have Medicaid five years ago we would not have been able to afford the surgery and follow-ups when my husband had cancer. He is currently cancer free. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darlene Abajian - Hulick

[REDACTED] New York

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Sally Edwards <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators,

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,

Sally Edwards

[REDACTED] MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kathryn Fields <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:47 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: health care



To Committee Members:

The Government Budge Office hasn't even had time to evaluate this latest "anti-health bill." This is too important to rush through with only 90 seconds of debate! This will at the very least throw millions off of health care. DO NOT KILL AMERICANS THIS WAY.

Please please show you have a conscience and defeat this bill.

Thank you,

Kathryn Fields

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: A&N Kukulan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:47 PM
To: gchcomments

I/my family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with [Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, disabilities, affordability, etc.] is... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Andrea Berman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Regarding Graham-Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen on many levels regarding the Graham-Cassidy bill. First, I cannot even fathom how elected officials could be considering voting on a bill that impacts 1/6 of this nation's budget without fully understanding the ramifications and without waiting for a CBO score. It seems extremely clear that once again, Republicans are trying to rush it through while they're only required to get 50 yes votes. This is incredibly irresponsible and bad governance, especially considering how many millions of American lives will be negatively impacted. Second, I am concerned as a cancer survivor, which puts me squarely on the pre-existing conditions list. And I have even more conditions now due to the treatments I required to cure my cancer. The fact that there are many, many politicians in Washington who think it's OK for me to pay over \$100,000 out of pocket annually because I had the bad fortune to get breast cancer is heartless, inhuman and downright un-American. Third, I am concerned as the primary caregiver of my mother, who has stage 4 lung cancer. She relies on Medicare for a large portion of her insurance coverage. Do you think an elderly retired schoolteacher has over \$100,000/year available to pay for her medical bills? No, that will also fall to my husband and me. And between my medical bills and my mother's, under Graham-Cassidy, we will quickly fall into a financial hole that we will never, ever be able to climb out of. Fourth and finally, the fact that Alaska is being offered the ability to stay on the ACA, if they vote yes for a full repeal, speaks volumes about how bad this bill is; it is unconscionable and indicative of EVERYTHING that's wrong with our federal government right now.

Do the right thing for us, for yourselves and for the nation and end this Graham-Cassidy insanity.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Andrea Berman
Connecticut resident
US citizen

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Amrita Salm <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill. Millions of people depend on quality affordable healthcare.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Let's make America a better, caring place for all people.

Sincerely,

Amrita M. Salm, Ph.D.

[REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Emily Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare - and I believe that that ALL citizens deserve this, regardless of disability or pre-existing conditions. I am a successful professional with a graduate degree working in the nonprofit sector. Unfortunately I have battled with anxiety and insomnia for nearly two decades. I am so grateful to receive high-quality healthcare - getting the help I need allows me to sleep, continue working, and be a successful member of society.

Please listen to the people.

Sincerely,

Emily E. Johnson
[REDACTED] Massachusetts

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: MJ crites <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy

Graham-Cassidy is a bad bill with over 50 healthcare related organizations opposed to it. I've been part of the ACA's expansion of Medicare and not only has it worked better for me than my previous employer paid insurance or insurance that I've purchased on my own, I don't know a single person in a state that chose to expand Medicaid that hasn't had the same result. It's time to stop the nonsense and game playing and to make sure that everyone in America has access to good quality healthcare and the way to do that is to fully expand and back the ACA.

Michael Crites

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 64701

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lalikos, Janice <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: gchcomments; [REDACTED]
Subject: I agree with the MMS and oppose the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal

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.

Janice F. Lalikos, M.D.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], MA 01605
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FAX [REDACTED]
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Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Natalie Kitzrow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Do NOT repeal the ACA

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare, as do the great majority of Americans. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Repealing the ACA will be catastrophic. Please don't put so many American lives in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Natalie Kitzrow

[REDACTED] WI

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Maggie May <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a mother of two young children, I know how critical maternity care is to the health of a whole family. Lack of maternity care would not just adversely affect me, but my husband and extended family as well. Maternity care cannot be optional!

We need a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Margaret May
[REDACTED] CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Erika Meierdiercks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy no!

Hello,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family member has a pre-existing condition and would not survive without Medicaid. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Erika Meierdiercks

[REDACTED], VT

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Angela White <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Affordable health care for pre-existing condition

My sister and I were both diagnosed with Inflammatory Bowel disease (IBD) while in college. Access to quality health care has allowed us both to manage this illness and be productive members of society and the US economy. If passed, the Graham-Cassidy bill could effectively prevent us from acquiring quality, affordable health care if we have a lapse in coverage. Approximately 1.6 million Americans have IBD with as many as 70,000 new cases diagnosed each year, estimates for children in the US with IBD are 80,000. Because of this, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,
Angela White

[REDACTED], CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa Sylvester <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy

To whom it may concern:

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

Sincerely, Lisa Sylvester

Eau Claire, [REDACTED]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Russell Glass <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Oppose Graham-Cassidy

To whom this may concern:

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

Best,

Russell Glass ([REDACTED])

[REDACTED] CA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Georgie Michels <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

Please do not try to force this bill through without a CBO score that shows it to be better than the ACA. Your constituents' lives are at stake, even if only the sick, the poor, the young and the elderly. Show some human compassion for those less fortunate!! We need Medicare for all, and since it's our tax dollars you're spending, you might want to spend some of it on US for a change!!! Let us join the citizens of every civilized nation on earth and end all the doubts and the endless bickering and pass Medicare for ALL!!!

Sincerely,

Georgiana Michels

[REDACTED], AR

72002

Sent from my iPhone

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Taylor Vecchio [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: My public testimony for monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

Hello,

I rely on quality, affordable health care. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am a woman who owns my own education business. I spent over 10 years working for non profit organizations for low income youth. Now I am bringing my own classes to schools in New York City. I work hard developing and running my one woman business. Since I work for myself, affordable health care is very important. I don't have a company to provide it for me. If I didn't have access to affordable health care I don't know what I would do to stay healthy and protect myself in the event of an accident or illness. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Taylor Vecchio
[REDACTED] New York City

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Theresa DeLucci <t[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:49 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern:

My husband and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare, especially lately as we're trying for a child. Before that, I still relied on the ACA for affordable reproductive care. My husband's sister passed away last year after a three months' struggle with Stage IV uterine cancer. Do you know how much her care cost out of pocket? \$7 for a prescription that was not covered under Canada's health care system. She was focused on her treatment and her end of life decisions instead of wrestling with, or making her scared family wrestle with, insurance claims. My sister-in-law died knowing she did not leave her parents in financial ruin. Why can't Americans have healthcare that actually helps people? ACA was the first time many of my friends had health insurance ever in their adult lives and they were able to afford starting their own businesses. I want to fix the existing ACA so that we can move to single payer like Canada.

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

Sincerely,

Theresa DeLucci

[REDACTED] NY]

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham Cassidy Bill

The proposed legislation called the Graham Cassidy bill really has nothing to do with health care. It is a means to continue to extract money from the existing health care system. It is clear that the people who wrote this bill have no interest in health care or the needs of the general public.

Obviously, this country no longer qualifies as even slightly democratic. Too many if not most legislators represent the interests of their donors and not the people they were supposedly elected to serve. This proposed legislation is depraved and proof of a total lapse of the democratic process.

We need a single payer system that provides health care without the huge administrative burden of the profit-takers. Profit-takers are entities such as insurance companies or HMOs that have no interest in the health of the individuals who they "manage". Such entities profit mainly by withholding health services or cronyism practices where they funnel individuals into health services that profit other predatory industries.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jeanne Plunkett

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Laura Stec <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:49 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare and oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

I run a small business, buy my own insurance, and never understood why my premiums have to be so high, subsidizing large companies who can afford much more than I.

What I really want to see is the congress work together on a bipartisan bill, that improves the ACA, not guts it.

Please do your job for the people.

Laura Stec
[REDACTED], CA

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<http://www.almanacnews.com/blogs/b/the-food-party?i=14>

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lucia Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy Hearing

I rely on affordable, quality healthcare. Because of this and the fact that millions of other Americans rely on quality healthcare and have far less than I do, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am a generally healthy person and have a steady, well-paying job. This summer alone I received bills that would have been more than \$80,000 had I not had quality health coverage, including coverage for basic preventive care. I did not have surgery or get admitted to the hospital - these were all fairly basic medical situations that come up eventually when you're a breathing human, and a woman. I've also worked with many people who rely on Medicaid, work full-time and make far less money than I do. I know first hand that a medical issue that's not fully covered can result in a fully employed person becoming homeless, upending their lives and the lives of their children, as well as ending their ability to be a fully contributing member of society. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Lucia Smith

[REDACTED], NY

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Riana Pfefferkorn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose Graham-Cassidy

My family and other loved ones rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I am begging you, please do not sentence them to bankruptcy or worse by repealing the ACA.

My mother has multiple pre-existing conditions, some due to a serious car accident she suffered two years ago, some from before that. Before the ACA, my father's employer-provided health insurance premium cost over \$3,000 a month just to cover my mother. My father, who has since retired, is himself a cancer survivor. They are both in their 60s, and they need affordable Medicare that meets their particular needs.

I am in my 30s, and though we are young, people my age need quality, affordable care as well. My boyfriend, though only 34, has already had back surgery and lives with chronic pain every day. A longtime friend of mine is disabled, having lost a foot to amputation after being hit by a car while still in her 30s, and will need physical therapy, prosthesis, and other treatment for the rest of her life. They both have 50 years of life ahead of them, and affordable healthcare will be crucial to their ability to thrive.

Those are just two examples, and I'm not even getting into mental health conditions among my friends and family. Their mental health is being actively harmed by the constant worry about their health insurance that you, in Congress, are inflicting on them every single day with wave after wave of assault on the ACA. Graham-Cassidy would allow states to waive provisions for mental health coverage.

I myself am a childbearing-age woman, meaning I need quality, affordable reproductive care that has not been politicized and stigmatized. Before the ACA, my IUD cost me \$500 in cash out of pocket -- even though at the time I was a federal employee with the excellent health insurance that entailed. Under the ACA, my replacement IUD cost me nothing. Graham-Cassidy would punish both women who choose to have children (by allowing waiver of insurance coverage for maternity care), and women who choose not to have children (by, for example, prohibiting women on Medicaid from getting care at Planned Parenthood, and restricting both private and public insurance coverage for abortion care). We would be damned if we do and damned if we don't.

Don't do this. You know it's wrong. Leave the ACA in place and quit it with all this repeal/replace nonsense. Stop it. Just stop.

Riana Pfefferkorn
[REDACTED] California

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: christy shropshire <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:49 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

We need thoughtful, bipartisan effort to improve the ACA - NOT rushed, unvetted, unscored legislation like Graham-Cassidy that would devastate everyday Americans and carelessly blow up a major industry that comprises one-fifth of our economy.

My family depends on access to affordable and quality healthcare. As a mother of a child with special needs, our family would likely face medical bankruptcy if Graham-Cassidy became law, allowing states to deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions. The massive cuts to programs, especially over time, are particularly inhumane. My children are 3 and 5 years old; quick fixes that fund programs for 1-3 years do nothing to protect my family, nor my neighbors, who rely on medicare or medicaid. Please focus on improving the ACA and working together as my Senator John McCain has advised. For senators supporting this legislation because of Koch Brothers' threats to withhold your campaign funds, please reconsider what you are doing - and think of the MILLIONS of Americans you represent who will be directly harmed by this cruel proposal.

Thank you,
Christy Shropshire
[REDACTED], AZ

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Elizabeth True <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:50 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Affordable Healthcare

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have Myotubular Myopathy, with a trach/vent, and 24/7 home care nursing. I can't afford the healthcare I need without the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth True

[REDACTED], MN

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Kristina Forsyth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:49 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy hearing

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

As a young woman with a low salary, my out of pocket health expenses for gynecology services and birth control were difficult to manage. Insurance at that time did not cover these expenses. I do not want to see my country go back to a time when these services are considered options, simply because only half the population might need them.

This Balkanization of services serves no one. Block grants are inflexible. As populations shift, needs and resources change, and a block grant system cannot respond to these changing needs.

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

Sincerely, Kristina Forsyth

[REDACTED], MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: MSerio <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:49 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: G-C healthcare

Your proposed healthcare bill is terrifying. My adult son will only be able to stay on my employer's insurance for 2 more years (Thank you ACA!) but after that I will have to pay for his insurance until he is hopefully able to get on his feet. Right now he has health problems that prevent him from working and does not allow him to attend school full time. I cannot afford his healthcare. I don't know what our options will be, even with ACA. GOP promised voters to repeal and replace with something better. With insurance that was affordable and would cover everyone. That is NOT what GC provides.

In fact, it seems to me that GOP promised Medicare for ALL. Affordable? yes, covers everyone? yes.

So how about you go back to a bi-partisan approach and quit trying to win Koch dollars by destroying people's lives.

thank you,

Marquita Serio

[REDACTED] 92653

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Shelley Yorke Rose [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:49 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this and the fact that it is ill-conceived and its true costs are unknown, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Shelley Yorke Rose

[REDACTED] MI 48329

My life has been the poem I would have writ
But I could not both live and utter it.
-Henry David Thoreau

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Juana Garcia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

My name is Juana, and I am writing today to ask that Congress take steps to improve the Affordable Care Act, instead of repealing it.

My mother and my brother are both living on disability and depend on access to affordable care to survive. My brother struggles with mental health problems and my mother, who has had multiple health issues for as long as I can remember, is his primary caregiver. They are forced to live in a cramped apartment because their combined income is not enough to live on comfortably, and the unpredictable nature of my brother's mental health means he could need emergency care at any moment.

If this emergency care is denied him for lack of health insurance - which has happened before - he could very well die. I do not want my family to suffer even more because the people who make decisions that gravely affect them do not understand the needs of their own constituents. That is why I am using my voice to speak on their behalf.

Please preserve the Affordable Care Act. It is literally a life or death matter.

Thank you,

Juana Garcia

Writer

[REDACTED] NV

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Lisa Rigoli <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:41 PM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy bill

Hillary might hate ponies, but the GOP hates children, the elderly and the poor.

[REDACTED]

Lisa Rigoli
[REDACTED], MA

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: Liz Gibbons-Camp <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:21 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. We do not need more tax breaks for the rich, we need everyone to pay their fair share, and to receive high quality care. We are falling far behind the rest of the world in this matter, and we need to think of ways to move forward, not backward. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve and expand the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gibbons-Camp

[REDACTED] Ohio

Wright, Kevin (Finance)

From: MEGAN HUGHES <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:20 AM
To: gchcomments
Subject: Comments on the Graham/Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Dear Sirs,

I am shocked and ashamed that our government is actually considering this heinous bill.

First, as a **physician**, Dr. Cassidy, what happened the principle of "**First, do no harm**"? I would really like an answer to this, because I've read in the past you DID help the poor and elderly who couldn't pay for healthcare. YOU were the head of an organization that turned an old K-Mart store into an **emergency center that treated victims of Hurricane Katrina!** **WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU????**

And, as we all know by now, you personally appeared on the Jimmy Kimmel show and PROMISED that you would work for the "Jimmy Kimmel Healthcare Bill". So that NO ONE would have to worry that their child or loved one might die or be permanently injured because they could not afford their treatment(s). YOU LIED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION!! Now, as Jimmy Kimmel has pointed out, you have proposed a bill that would meet these promises - AS LONG AS YOU ARE JIMMY KIMMEL! Otherwise, you're ON YOUR OWN. How can you live with yourselves??

Senator Graham, all I can say to you is: you are the senior partner in this duo. You should NEVER have been allowed to propose ANY bill that affects actual HUMANS.

My best friend is from the South. When he heard that you were attached to this bill he said "I don't need to hear about it. I'm sure it's worse than all of the previous bills. **I grew up with Lindsey Graham. He and Jeff Sessions have done all they can to prevent the poor and underprivileged from EVER getting even a dime from the Feds.** They don't believe in helping other people - it's their fundamental belief."

Like Paul Ryan, just North of us in Wisconsin-01, he told me you follow the **Ayn Rand playbook** - "The rich are better and "superior" people, therefore they deserve ALL of the wealth, so they can keep making the world.....wealthier. The poor are just SERFS who will **suck the rich dry and destroy the world in doing so.** If they can help themselves, fine. Let them try but DON'T GIVE THEM A HAND!!!"

BUT THE TRUTH IS, ACCORDING TO MY GOOD FRIEND: You are just rich, white, racist, facist, homophobic, "Christian" fanatic MEN.

What a great job you stubborn men are doing, running this country into the ground, right? You must be very proud of yourselves. **Or maybe not.** So I will gently ask, what is bothering you, Lindsey Graham? People like you, especially men who are so undeniably repressed, don't tend to attract the opposite sex. Or is it something else? Is there something you need to admit to yourself, so you can stop hating yourself and taking it out on other HUMAN BEINGS?? **If so, I truly hope you will figure out why you would support a bill that would end up slowly (or quickly) KILLING MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. AND WHY you would suddenly be doing President Trump's bidding when just a few weeks ago you were so very critical of his white supremacist comments.** I was actually starting to admire you. Until my friend straightened me out.

Just gotta have those tax cuts, huh gentlemen. Wow, what will you do with all that money? Knowing how many people HATE YOU NOW, AND IF THIS BILL PASSES WILL HATE YOU FOREVER!! I truly wish you no harm. **I feel sorry for you,** knowing the life of fear you'll live, never alone except with a bodyguard.

Maybe you prefer that life to any other though, and this would give you the perfect chance to live it out without having to tell anyone the truth. Well, tell you what. Bodyguards come and go. You'll never be sure if the new one maybe came from a family this bill KILLED. You'll live in fear always and forever.

You're living that way now, but **you don't have to.** Just give it up, Senators. And you too, Flake and Heller and Representative RYAN.

You are NEVER going to be President now, or ever.

Too many people will FINALLY figure out THEY'RE SCREWED.

AND FOR ONCE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, THEY'RE GOING TO KNOW IT WASN'T OBAMA'S FAULT.

Do you really want a growing group of people DYING because of you, who have nothing to lose, and nothing to do but either wait to die or do something about it? Have you really thought about this??? The last time this happened I called McConnell's offices to ask if they were CERTAIN he had enough security. AS much as I've hated all of these bills, I can't bring myself to hate YOU.

So, on to the bill. I refer to the Kaiser Family Foundation's alarm at 4 aspects of the bill which **haven't been much noticed, or discussed.**

1) Much focus has been placed on the bill's funding formula, which would **take** money from states that expanded the Medicaid program for the poor. **Less notice has been paid to the fact that this bill, like some other GOP options over the summer, would, for the first time, cap overall federal Medicaid funding.** (Nice going, gentlemen).

"The Congressional Budget Office estimated in June that an **earlier version** of the cap would reduce federal Medicaid spending 35 percent by 2036. As a result, per the CBO, states would **"need to ... decide whether to commit more of their own resources, cut payments to health care providers and health plans, eliminate optional services, restrict eligibility for enrollment, or adopt some combination of those approaches."** (Oh, my. What do you THINK they're going to do???)

"There won't be enough money to do what's authorized under current law," said Jessica Schubel of the left-leaning think tank the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. (Well, SHE doesn't count. "Left-leaning" my a**. Why haven't you deleted my email yet??)

2) **The Bill Gives Unprecedented Power To The Secretary Of Health And Human Services.** Why would this be a problem, oh..... except you desperately want to REDUCE the Federal government's role and **turn it over to the STATES. This definitely does the OPPOSITE.**

So, Dr. Tom Price, current Secretary of HHS, would have a lot of power and what does he want to do with it? Well, for one thing **I'm ashamed to say he apparently was born in my hometown of Lansing, Michigan** -- but he attended Dearborn High School. It's an excellent school, and, it appears, extremely conservative. But let's look at his record in public office.

(Oh, I'm so proud of y'all. You've picked a WINNER!! **Especially for a physician, again interested in FIRST, DO NO HARM!!**)

a) Price believes it should be up to individual states to determine whether **vaccinations should be REQUIRED. (You IDIOTS!)**

b) Price voted **against** the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, a law that for the first time gave the Food & Drug Administration regulatory jurisdiction over tobacco products, i.e. the power to regulate tobacco as a drug. (What kind of **DOCTOR IS THIS???** The law passed in 2009. I imagine he's trying to get that one changed, ya think??)

c) Price voted against federal funding of groups such as Planned Parenthood. Price has said that the birth-control coverage mandate in the Affordable Care Act **violated religious freedoms and suggested that it is not necessary because "all women can afford birth control"**. (Really??? not under YOUR BILL, WHICH GUTS WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO THE BONE. And of course, Tom Price believes Planned Parenthood does nothing but provide free abortions (not true). In fact, without Planned Parenthood's free sex education, girls won't know about how to prevent pregnancy, but it won't matter because you've made prescription birth-control an out-of-pocket expense, so a lot of girls will be getting pregnant and having babies. Nice. But girls and women are so dumb, if they end up being a single parent, why should they hold back the **MAN WHO RAPED THEM OR SEDUCED THEM AND IN ANY CASE LEFT THEM WITH NO SUPPORT?** Sorry, again I have to say you are **[REDACTED]**)

d) Price voted **against a bill prohibiting job discrimination based on sexual orientation.**

He voted in favor of constitutionally defining marriage as one man and one woman.

Price voted against H.R. 2965, which would have ended Don't Ask, Don't Tell

In 2006, he received a 0% rating by the Human Rights Campaign (which is.....oh my!! a gay rights organization but hey guys, that's OK. Welcome to the club, Mr. Repressed.)

e) In 2008, Price signed a pledge sponsored by Americans for Prosperity (dear God!) promising to vote against **any global warming legislation that would raise taxes.** (well, just wait until you see the rest of the story!) Other legislative activity he's tried:

- H.R. 3693, a bill to prevent all illegal border crossings after a certain date, introduced September 7, 2005.
- H.R. 6133, a bill to create national standards for work in laboratories that includes requiring proficiency in cytology or the study of cells, introduced September 21, 2006. H.R. 6133's companion bill was S. 4056.
- H.R. 4464, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify that it is **not unlawful for any employer to require proficiency in English as a condition of employment**, introduced December 12, 2007, reintroduced in the 111th Congress as H.R. 1588. (Great. Amending the Civil Rights Act...let's see what slippery slope that leads us to.....)
- H.R. 6910, a bill to **expand oil and natural gas drilling and use revenue generated from such drilling to fund monetary rewards for advancing the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of alternative fuel vehicles**, introduced September 18, 2008. (That's just...weird)

Finally, according to Wikipedia and other sources, on November 29, 2016, Price was nominated for U.S. Secretary of HHS by President Trump. On February 1, 2017, the Senate Committee approved his nomination by a vote of 11–0 with all Democrats boycotting the vote, sending the nomination to the Senate floor. On February 10, 2017, the Senate confirmed Price in a 52–47 vote. (of course they did! Nice job boys!)

In March 2017, Price endorsed the AHCA, a bill proposed by House Republicans that would repeal the individual mandate and make several other major changes to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. When the CBO estimated that the American Health Care Act would insure **24 million fewer Americans than the Affordable Care Act by 2026 and reduce the federal deficit by \$337 billion in the same span**, **Price said he disagreed "strenuously" with the report and found it "not believable"**.

In April 2017, reporter Dan Heyman was arrested by West Virginia police for "aggressively breaching Secret Service agents" and "causing a disturbance by yelling questions" related to proposed healthcare legislation at

Price and Kellyanne Conway. Price said the arrest was "not my decision to make". (of course not, why TAKE RESPONSIBILITY????)

In September 2017, *Politico* found that Price had taken at least 24 flights on private jets for official business in the period May-September 2017, with each flight costing tens of thousands of dollars more than available commercial travel. Many of the flights were between cities that were easily accessed by train or car, and that had frequent, low-cost airline traffic. This broke precedent with Obama-era predecessors who flew commercially while on official business. Democratic members of Congress criticized Price, called for an investigation and said that he appeared to violate federal rules and policies. Ethics experts noted that while Price's use of taxpayer funds was legal, it was highly dubious and "in most cases a misuse of taxpayer funding". In the wake of the revelations, *CNBC* reported that Price had, as congressman in 2009, criticized the use of private jets by government officials as "fiscal irresponsibility run amok."

The following I find either highly questionable to downright unethical, having worked in the pharmaceutical industry for over 25 years:

In 2015-2016, according to congressional financial disclosures, Price purchased shares totaling between \$60,000 and \$110,000 in value in Innate Immunotherapeutics, an Australian BIOTECH company. Innate has **no approved drugs** and one multiple sclerosis drug in trial. Price participated in a private placement of more shares in August 2016, paying \$.25 and \$.34 per share. Price invested between \$50,000 and \$100,000. **On January 13, 2017, the shares were valued at \$1.31, giving Price an unrealized gain of 300%–400% in a 6-month period. Price announced plans to sell several health care investments, including Innate, upon his confirmation as HHS Secretary.**

On January 16, 2017, CNN reported that Price had purchased shares in Zimmer Biomet, a medical devices company. Zimmer Biomet is an S&P 500 component, in that every S&P 500 ETF and numerous mutual funds often trade Zimmer Biomet. Price had a diversified, broker-directed portfolio of hundreds of stocks in which investment decisions were made by a Morgan Stanley financial advisor, and that advisor had purchased these shares, in addition to approximately 70 other stocks, as a part of a periodic portfolio re-balancing. Less than a week after the stock purchase, Price introduced legislation, the HIP Act, that would delay a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulation until 2018. Industry analysts had warned that those regulations would significantly hurt the company's finances. Following the introduction of the HIP Act, **Zimmer Biomet's PAC made a donation to Price's reelection campaign.**

When questioned about his financial dealings during his confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate on January 18, 2017, Price said, "Everything that we have done has been above-board, transparent, ethical, and legal."

In March 2017, ProPublica reported that U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara had been investigating Price's stock trades prior to Bharara's **dismissal from his post by Donald Trump**. Price said that he had not received any

indication of a federal investigation into his stock trades. (But, none of this has hurt your teflon guy, because he's got an estimated worth of at least \$20 million. And with his greatly expanded powers as Secretary of the HHS, he can do untold damage to almost anything health-related, and that appears to be his goal.)

Moving on, and as I said these are only 4 of the most RECENTLY NOTICED effects of the Graham/Cassidy bill.....and I've only covered 2 of them!

3) **The Bill Cuts Off All ACA Funding After 2026**

The bill would lump together all funds being spent under the health law to help people pay premiums, out-of-pocket health costs and expand Medicaid to non-disabled adults and redistribute those funds to the states in the form of block grants. States could then use that money for **almost anything health-related???? (REALLY, GUYS? Like flying Republicans in those states to Hawaii for a "rest"? This needs to be defined, and it WASN'T. YOU** [REDACTED]

AND what few people have noticed is that **those block grants end abruptly after 2026**. Originally, many thought this was because of congressional budget rules that limit new programs to no more than 10 years. Turns out that isn't the case.

The real problem with cutting the money off after 2026 is that Congress could no longer use the current funding mechanism. Instead, lawmakers would have to come up with **massive cuts to other programs or new tax increases if they wanted to continue providing the money for health care**. (Oh, please guys. Fuck me! This is so obviously a way to get rid of Social Security, what's left of Medicare, and any other social safety net left for the public. **While you guys get to keep everything we've lost**. And our taxes have gone up, AND OUR PREMIUMS. Thank God when I'm 80, should I live that long, Paul Ryan's voice will ring in my ears "People should have a CHOICE as to whether they want to buy health insurance or not!!" Well, why would an 80-year old want health insurance, especially if the premiums are \$80,000 or \$80 million/year? Fuck YOU!)

4) **The Bill Could Roil The Individual Insurance Market In Some States By Banning Abortion Coverage In Private Health Plans.** (OH, BUT THAT'S GOT TO BE DONE!!! WHO CARES WHAT OTHER EFFECTS THIS MIGHT HAVE????) Well, read on.....

As part of a delicate compromise that got the ACA enacted in 2010, states were given the option to ban abortion coverage in plans on their health exchanges. So HALF OF THEM did.

But some states, notably California, New York and Oregon *require* plans they regulate to offer coverage of elective abortions.

The problem is that the deadline for insurers to opt into coverage under the ACA is **next Wednesday**. If Congress were to pass the bill after that, it is unclear what would happen to those plans. In California, the requirement for abortion coverage is based on the state's Constitution, so **it would be possible that no plans could be offered to people who are eligible for federal help.**

"There aren't clear answers" to what would happen if the bill becomes law in its current form and takes effect in January, said Debra Ness, president of the National Partnership for Women and Families, a reproductive rights advocacy group. **"I think it's going to create chaos."**

Well, for once I have to say I disagree with Ms. Ness. It's obvious the goal is to **eliminate insurance** for people who are eligible for **FEDERAL HELP**, by using this abortion ban, which you couldn't care less about. Your wives and daughters will still be able to get safe abortions performed in private hospitals, right?

IT'S A DAMN SNEAKY WAY TO DO GET RID OF AN ENTIRE SWATH OF PEOPLE - VETERANS??? FOR EXAMPLE????? WHO DESERVE FEDERAL HELP!!

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**This whole darn bill is so sneaky, that I want to slap everyone involved.** And I know it's not just the 2 of you, though you look awfully cuddly on TV, and Senator Cassidy is smiling so broadly he almost looks like he's fallen in love. **YOU SHOULD ALL BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES, AND IF THIS BILL PASSES YOU'LL NEVER BE RE-ELECTED, AND YOU'LL NEVER LIVE IT DOWN.**

**I thought the AHCA was cruel enough, but this is even worse than the Bill the House passed earlier this year. Eliminating the 10 essential health benefits??? The individual mandate? THE EMPLOYER MANDATE?????? ARE YOU KIDDING?**

**But, whether the bill passes or not, you may have just done the American public a favor. This is causing a lot of talk about a single-payer system, and that's a good thing, according to President Trump, who as you recall, "really likes" Australia's system.**

Those are my comments, and if you've got something to say to me, **BELIEVE ME** I've got a lot more to say to you.

Best Regards Gentlemen, AND believe it or not, I don't want anything bad to happen to ANYONE because of this bill, including YOU. So it **MUST BE DENOUNCED!**

~Megan Hughes

Megan Hughes

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**From:** Kelsey McKim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy is wrong for America

Hello,

I am writing to urge AGAINST the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am shocked that the Senate is considering a bill that would open the door for insurance companies to discriminate against sick people and allow for annual and lifetime caps in coverage to return. This bill would also have a terrible impact on Medicaid. It doesn't make sense to redistribute money from states that have chosen to expand Medicaid to those that have not. States should not be punished financially for choosing to expand Medicaid and cover more of their citizens.

The provision of Graham-Cassidy that defunds Planned Parenthood is particularly disturbing to me. As all Senators know, the Hyde Amendment prevents federal Medicaid funds from being used to pay for abortion care except in cases of rape, incest, or where the life of the pregnant person is at risk. These cases are very rare.

This means that cutting Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood will have NO effect on abortions. It will NOT reduce abortions. What it WILL cut is birth control, STI testing and treatment, and life-saving cancer screenings. Medicaid patients are already underserved and often have trouble finding care in timely way, and when it comes to cancer, timing is everything. Here's a story of a woman who survived cancer BECAUSE Planned Parenthood was able to see her so quickly: <https://youtu.be/ItnyZUTqINw>

Defunding Planned Parenthood will not stop any abortions. It will threaten the lives of people like Jaime. It will cut people off from birth control, leading to more unintended pregnancies and a greater demand for abortion services.

Please do not endanger Americans' lives to score a few political points.

Kelsey McKim  
[REDACTED] 46208

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**From:** Robin Johnsen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy isn't the solution

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family, along with millions of other American, relies on affordable healthcare. An unexamined bill hastily pushed through Congress with no real analysis of its eventual impacts is not the answer. From what I've seen, this bill does nothing to protect people with pre-existing conditions from having to pay much higher premiums, and takes a rather broad view of what constitutes a pre-existing condition anyway. This last-ditch effort to eliminate the ACA is petty, cruel, and unworthy of our elected officials. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to *improve* the ACA, not simply repeal it to tick a box on a party Bingo card.

Sincerely,

Robin Johnsen  
[REDACTED], IN

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**From:** Donna DuBose <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Thumbs - and all other body parts - DOWN on the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

Because every member of my family has a pre-existing condition - NONE related to lifestyle choices - we oppose the latest healthcare bill proposed. Please work hard and thoroughly to come up with a compromise that will be more fair. One that is supported by Democrats, Republicans, and the medical experts. Do not push through in a Sept. 30th rush a replacement that will cause too many Americans to suffer. The topic is too precious to us all.

Kind regards,  
Donna DuBose  
[REDACTED] 94566

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**From:** Maria LOPEZ-IFTIKHAR <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham Cassidy

I am writing to oppose Garahm-Cassidy and support fixing the ACA. In good conscience, I am unable to support anything that would take away the safety net currently available to all Americans.

I will forever be grateful to President Obama for instituting the ACA. Personally, I had a brain stroke at the age of 8. I suffer from numerous health issues as a result of this pre-condition.

Both my husband and I are working professionals, and I am self-employed as a Licensed Professional Counselor. As a result of the financial crisis my husband experienced lengthy unemployment between 2012 and 2014. During that time we, as well as our child, were able to shop the market for insurance and afford coverage because the ACA prevented discrimination towards those with pre-conditions.

In addition, my business will be affected negatively by Graham Cassidy if basic services, like mental health, are no longer required to be covered. Many depend on it to receive assistance with mental health issues with whom all of us may struggle from time to time. Again, I serve EXCLUSIVELY working, middle class individuals with insurance presently. Eventually, I would like the opportunity to serve those with Medicaid.

I am talking about this with everyone I know including neighbors and random strangers in public places: The ACA supports all of us--Working people, the disabled, the indigent, and yes you members of Congress. Why do you want to take this away from us? It is cruel.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Maria M. Lopez-Iftikhar

[REDACTED], 60503  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Adele E Zimmermann <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** MY HEALTH CARE STORY

Honorable Senators:

In early 2006 I started having severe gastrointestinal attacks that sent me to the emergency room. Had them about every two months. Lots of diagnostics, but no diagnosis. Had my gall bladder out. The attacks became more frequent. I tried twice to deal with them at home. Each time it was eight hours of serious pain and other nasty symptoms.

I was finally diagnosed with a carcinoid tumor in my small intestine. Considered malignant, but I was lucky. Carcinoids are slow growing and not very aggressive. I had surgery in December 2007, and no followup treatment was necessary.

In 2007 alone, my medical bills were over \$100,000. I had good insurance, so paid about \$2,000 - mostly for medication.

If I had not had good insurance, paid for by my employer retirement, I would have lost my home. Way too many American families are not so lucky.

Most personal bankruptcies are for medical bills, as are most housing losses.

This greatest and richest country in history should not force its citizens into such loss. Any health care should be affordable and truly comprehensive. Bare bones insurance is a financial disaster waiting to happen.

Please look beyond your own needs and those of your campaign contributors, and consider that most Americans are poised on the edge of a health care cliff. You must prevent them from being pushed over the edge by a single medical issue.

Thank you for caring for all of us.

Adele

Adele E. Zimmermann

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[REDACTED] 87531  
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**From:** Christine Paula-Santos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Senate Finance Committee Hearing Comments on Graham-Cassidy Bill  
**Attachments:** Graham-Heller statement for committee CRM.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Attached are my comments regarding the hearing to consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, taking place on Monday, September 25.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CT

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Karen Rothfuss <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Cassidy Graham Health Bill

I am writing to oppose the Cassidy Graham Health Bill. This bill will leave too many Americans without health care coverage, this bill has too many loopholes and opportunities for that would allow individuals with pre-existing conditions to either not have coverage or be unable to afford the premiums to have insurance coverage for their condition. This bill hurts the poorest of Americans.

Karen Rothfuss

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 13165

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**From:** Charlice Hurst [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

The Graham-Cassidy Bill is yet another unconscionable effort to reverse the progress that has been made towards affordable and accessible health care since passage of the ACA. Though not without its flaws, the ACA has expanded health care to millions of Americans. It needs to be repaired, not "repealed and replaced" with a bill that simply returns us to an unacceptable status quo. It will be most detrimental to the most vulnerable among us: low-income people, disabled people, seniors, families of modest income, people with mental illness and addiction. However, let us not pretend that it only affects people who are not among those our society tends to value most. Lifting requirements for insurance companies not to treat people with pre-existing conditions differently will lead to inadequate care and financial ruin for people across socioeconomic lines. Few of us can afford to pay for millions of dollars worth of medical bills.

It is impossible for me to believe that anyone with the capacity for true human feeling and a sound moral compass could continue to support efforts that clearly will leave many Americans in desperate circumstances. And, as the mother of a disabled child, I am truly afraid of what this means for my family.

Kill this bill.

Sincerely,

Charlice Hurst  
[REDACTED], IN

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on Graham-Cassidy

I implore you to halt the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal bill. As a West Virginian, this will financially ruin my friends and neighbors. We are a poor but proud state trying to help our own fight the opioid epidemic that is ravaging our once prosperous communities - the ones that built this country, from the mines to the mills.

Worse, Graham-Cassidy repeal will kill my loved ones. The list of cancers faced and beaten in my circle is long - colon, breast, and blood, to name a few. Any bill with lifetime caps or pre-existing condition clauses is a death sentence for these survivors.

All of us here in the Mountain State gave the USA our best resources. We still do, time and again. Why would you vote for a bill that will spit in our eye and take away the needed protections, access, and basic care the ACA guarantees?

Please, do the right thing. Kill this evil bill!

Liz Dickinson  
[REDACTED], WV

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**From:** Michael Connelly <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Physician Feedback  
**Attachments:** PastedGraphic-1.tiff

I support the Graham Cassidy Bill.

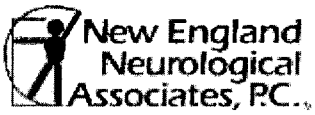
I am not in support of my medical society opposition to the bill

Michael Connelly, MD

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MA 01843

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**From:** Widge, Alik S.,M.D. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy ACA proposal

Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As a physician, a researcher, and a patient advocate, I strongly oppose Senators Graham and Cassidy's proposed changes to the Affordable Care Act. I am a psychiatrist. I care for some of the most vulnerable populations in America. They already have tremendous difficulty accessing and navigating care. Proposals to weaken Medicaid, limit benefits for their frequent pre-existing conditions, and limit their access to vital family planning/public health services will all make Americans sicker. This bill should not be reported favorably out of committee. More generally, the Senate has at this point repeatedly heard that Americans, as a nation, do not want this repeal. You have heard from essentially every physicians' organization, every state's Medicaid director, and many others who directly care for patients.

Thank you for preventing bad legislation and bad policy.

Alik Widge, [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Gopal, Harsha V. [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** ACA repeal, Graham Cassidy is a BAD idea

Dear Senators:

I hope you do not succumb to political exigency and harm millions of patient in the process. This is a slapdash bill at best and everyone in the medical field opposes it. That should tell you something. Premiums for insured patients will skyrocket because healthy people will no longer be in the pool. History will determine this to be a big mistake and you don't want to be on the wrong side of history. This will be such a disaster, that single payer will be the only solution. Do everyone a favor and fix the ACA rather than repealing it. Call it a repeal if you want for political purposes, but fix it.

Thank You

Harsha V. Gopal [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** philip chadwick [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Strongly opposed

Hello: i just want to share my opposition to the Graham Cassidy bill currently being considered. not only is the plan itself a threat to our country's citizens, the manner in which the majority is proceeding is disrespectful and improper.

No bill that affects our country so pervasively should be voted on without months of hearings, bipartisan agreement and an accurate CBO score.

I respectfully ask that this bill not be brought to a vote without these prerequisites.

thank you.

philip chadwick  
[REDACTED] NY

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**From:** Michell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy-Graham Bill

This health care bill is not what the 20 million Americans covered under ACA need. What all Americans need is for your committee to fix and continue to fund the ACA.

Michelle Washington  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], CA 94546  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Erika Miller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony from the Adult Congenital Heart Association  
**Attachments:** ACHA Finance Letter on Graham-Cassidy.pdf

Attached please find testimony for the record from the Adult Congenital Heart Association.

Erika Miller, JD

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**From:** Christine Chapman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Negative Affects Of Passing the Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Finance Committee,

- \* People with disabilities rely on Medicaid, and the per capita caps and cuts included in Graham-Cassidy will jeopardize our health, threaten our 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 disabled people 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.

Working at the Center for Independent Living, there are consumers who depend on the benefits of Medicaid to lead self-directed lives in the community. The Graham-Cassidy bill should be opposed because this bill will negatively affect so many people. Individuals with disabilities and elderly people will be forced into institutions taking away their independence. Oppose the bill for the benefit of those who need the health benefits. People who have pre-existing conditions depend on Medicaid. Without the medical program, they will be vulnerable and less likely to get what they need. Think about your own family members who may one day need medical assistance due to a disability or even as older age becomes the factor. Have the conscience to make a decision thinking about the American people everywhere who could be affected in a terrible way if you pass this bill.

The Medicaid expansion helps the lower income Americans. Cutting the total amount that the government spends on health care is beneficial to who? Reducing the services that insurers have to cover, in addition to, discriminating about preexisting conditions is a disservice to the American people overall. Oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill!

*Christine Chapman*

[REDACTED]  
Lake County Center for Independent Living (serving Lake and McHenry Counties)

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**From:** My Acct <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

I agree with Senator McCain. The current Republican attitude of 'we have the majority, lets ram stuff thru' is absolutely WRONG!

As a registered GOP for many years, I'm not a fan of giving the farm away. At the same time, my GOP party seems to be in it for the few, the [REDACTED] with the many. Is there NO middle ground?

There USED to be ways to find consensus on major legislation, but that does not seem to be the thinking today. That needs to change, and soon or we will all have whiplash every 2 or 4 years. Not to mention how impossible it will be to keep up with all the changes.

A final thought: the Republican party says it wants a limited government. I concur, which I don't understand WHY the GOP leadership keeps wanting to make laws about abortion. Yes, I believe it's wrong, and (as a Christian) immoral too. However, the point of wanting LESS government seems to me that means we should stay OUT of it. What the laws do is make some people's opinions more worthy than another's. Yes, I can believe it's wrong and still think another person should be able to make their OWN decision. After all, they will have to live with their decisions, good or bad, just like we all do.

Thank you for taking the time to read.

Sincerely;

Lynne Miller  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** lisa Matthews [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

To Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

As a physician who has recently obtained a degree in Public Health, I care deeply about the ability of America's patients to access the care they need. Accordingly I write in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill to replace the ACA. This bill is actually worse than the ACA repeal efforts that came before, because it overturns protections for patients with preexisting conditions and rewards states that "race to the bottom" in their Medicaid provisions. Massachusetts has worked hard to improve the health of its population by increasing its overall rates of insurance coverage-- and Graham-Cassidy would clearly undo many of the gains that we have worked hard to achieve over the years.

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,

Lisa G. Matthews, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 02762

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**From:** Christine Thomas-Cramer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

As a woman with multiple sclerosis, I am very concerned about the Graham-Cassidy health care bill. If passed, this bill would be horrible for my future, my health and my family. Following are the provisions that would hurt me the most:

1. Allowing states to opt out of covering people with pre-existing conditions: MS is a pre-existing condition that is very expensive to treat and that insurers do not want to cover.
2. Allowing insurers to charge sick people more: My current insurance is very affordable and covers thousands (\$17,000) of dollars worth of treatments each month. If my insurer were allowed it would charge me an astronomical amount to recoup its costs. I would have to forgo treatment since I wouldn't be able to afford insurance, causing my health to radically decline.
3. Imposing annual and lifetime caps: My treatments for MS alone cost \$17,000 every 28 days. That alone is \$221,000 per year. That doesn't include doctor's visits, MRIs, physical therapy, or the routine medical care such as mammograms that I currently receive. I would very quickly hit a lifetime cap of even a million dollars. The thought makes me suicidal!
4. Raising deductibles and out-of-pocket costs: My current insurance covers my medical expenses with little out-of-pocket expenses. If I have to pay costs in addition to my premiums I won't be able to afford insurance.

In closing, I urge you to oppose this bill. If you do pass it, it demonstrates that you don't care about people with pre-existing conditions.

Sincerely,

Christine Thomas-Cramer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WI 53711  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Susan Chandler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** cdr-membersxchange@yahoogroups.com; Zoli Harway; Bryan & Bev Gingg  
**Subject:** Re: CDR Opposes the proposed healthcare bill

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Susan Chandler [REDACTED]  
Californians for Disability Rights  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CA 93402  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[www.disabilityrights-CDR.org](http://www.disabilityrights-CDR.org)

On Sep 22, 2017, at 8:38 AM, Susan Chandler <[REDACTED]> wrote:

As a Disability Rights organization CDR opposes the proposed health care bill for many reasons! This bill is a travesty and puts most of the US population at risk of horrible health care. Most importantly, people with disabilities and seniors, our most vulnerable citizens, are the ones who will be most adversely affected and suffer the most with these draconian measures.

What is wrong with just instituting Universal Health Care like most of the civilized countries in the world?

We assert, **Healthcare is a right** not an industry and an opportunity to make a profit!

Friends & all please send something to your senators and the GCh email above thanks Susan  
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Susan Chandler, President  
Californians for Disability Rights

CC: Senators Feinstein & Harris  
BCC: Friends, family and advocates

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CA 93402  
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**From:** Judy O'Brien <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

NO, NO, NO on repeal of Obamacare.

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**From:** Mike Navratil [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** STOP GRAHAM-CASSIDY. PLEASE!

Hello,

I am writing to ask that Congress not hold a vote on Graham-Cassidy without a thorough analysis by the Congressional Budget Office. Attempting to pass legislation that impacts tens of millions of Americans and 1/6th of the economy without fully understanding the ramifications of the proposed legislation is irresponsible, callous, and an affront to the American people.

This bill is a ridiculous waste of time, energy, money and resources. You should all be ashamed that you are involved in this, as even considering it is proving that the American people are the least of your concerns.

Please return to regular order and focus on improving the Affordable Care Act through bipartisan solutions to increase coverage, lower costs, and stabilize the markets.

Sincerely,  
Mike Navratil  
[REDACTED]  
Ny, Ny 10128

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Liz Brauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** OPPOSE Graham-Cassidy

I urge you to OPPOSE the Graham-Cassidy bill. This is a horrible bill which cause 32 million Americans to lose health insurance, will gut Medicaid, remove the federal requirement to cover pre-existing conditions. Many professional medical organizations are opposing this bill as well. This bill is bad.

I am further concerned that this bill has not followed regular order with committee hearings, debate and discussion and without a score from the CBO. This is no way to govern, particularly for something this big that effects everyone in the country.

Instead, please work on a bipartisan solution to fix the exchanges of the Affordable Care Act. There are many good aspects of the ACA that should be maintained and I urge you to support those provisions.

Elizabeth Brauer  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] F AZ 86005  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ken Stevens <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Beth\_Pearson@markey.senate.gov; Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

*Members of the Senate Finance Committee,*

*As a retired Massachusetts 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 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.*

Kenneth A. Stevens [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Grafton, MA

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**From:** Chris Van de Ven <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Dump Graham-Cassidy

The Graham-Cassidy bill needs to be tossed aside. Tens of millions will lose their insurance. It does not protect people with preexisting conditions from having their insurance rates raise out of reach. It ends the Medicaid expansions, and will likely cost millions more their Medicaid. It increases out-of-pocket expenses by ending cost sharing payments and premium tax credits. It eliminated funding for Planned Parenthood.

Despite all of those disasters, the method by which such an important bill, that affects nearly every American, directly or indirectly, has been run through the Senate is a disgrace. We need open debate. We need transparency. We need a CBO score. We need bipartisanship. We need buy-in from health care providers and the public. It is none of those things.

PLEASE toss aside the Graham Cassidy bill and take up bipartisan solutions to health care. Improve Obamacare. Create a single-payer solution. Keep the status quo. Any of those would be better than this dreadful bill.

Thank you,  
Christopher Van de Ven  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 37375



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**From:** Audrey Holst [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017  
Full Name: Audrey Holst  
Address: [REDACTED], MA 02453

As an American that loves her fellow citizens, no matter what their political beliefs, and is someone that gets her healthcare through the Affordable care act, I'm extremely concerned about the Graham-Cassidy Bill.

I am grateful to be able to get regular health check-ups and have the coverage that allows me to take good care of myself. I feel good knowing that my money has also helped to contribute care for those that are unable to afford it but desperately need it. I have worked in the wellness field for over a decade teaching yoga and mindfulness techniques to help others take better care of themselves and contribute positively to their communities.

I also realize that even with all the exercise and mindfulness in the world, we are all human, and sometimes need hospital care to save our lives. Without health insurance, this is an instant death sentence to so many Americans.

I'm especially upset that the Graham-Cassidy bill undermines the protections the Affordable Care Act has afforded people with pre-existing conditions. It creates a hierarchy in humanity which feels antithetical to all that it is to be an American.

I hope you will look at the bigger picture, and the bigger future, of taking care of America as the community full of people it is that work hard and contribute to every square inch of this amazing country. Americans all deserve access to healthcare so they can continue on in health, faith, and prosperity. The Graham-Cassidy Bill will not deliver what we have earned.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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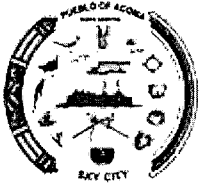
**From:** Ian Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** 'Francine'  
**Subject:** Pueblo of Acoma Statement RE: The Graham-Cassidy Bill  
**Attachments:** Tribal Opposition to Healthcare Reform Legislation.pdf

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the Pueblo of Acoma, we are hereby submitting this letter expressing our opposition of The Graham-Cassidy Bill. We ask that you please consider our comments, as we speak on behalf of all Tribal Nations in our Country.

Respectfully submitted,

*"My hunger is not for success, it is for excellence. Because when you attain excellence, success just naturally follows." -Mike Krzyzewski*



IAN T. LEWIS | Secretary

Pueblo of Acoma Governor's Office  
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**From:** Greg P [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello and good day to you.

I respectfully urge you to reject the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have family members who were not able to afford medical care until the passage of the Affordable Care Act. Now they finally have the care they need. If Graham-Cassidy were to pass, my family members would lose their affordable health coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

How about all parties working together to improve the Affordable Care Act? Do not repeal it.

Thank you.

Gregory Corning  
[REDACTED] 87506



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**From:** Hannah Larsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**Subject:** Physician Opposed to Graham-Cassidy

Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As a physician and community psychiatrist, I cannot help but be mystified by the repeated efforts of some in the Senate advocating to bring harm to the most vulnerable in our society - those who find themselves at the unfortunate intersection of illness and poverty. The Graham-Cassidy bill is every bit as cruel and misguided as the ACA repeal efforts before it. My patients - who are fighting for meaningful recovery in the face of severe mental illnesses such as posttraumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and substance use disorders - would suffer disproportionately under cuts to the ACA. This includes parents struggling to maintain sobriety so that they can be reunited with their children, young people resuming their education after an episode of mania, and people seeking employment that they can manage despite treatment-resistant hallucinations. Our state has been a leader in expanding health care to all, but this bill would most certainly set us back. The flaws in our current system require careful and thoughtful bipartisan effort to expand access and improve value, not thinly-veiled measures to appease wealthy Republican donors. I urge you to join me and other physicians in support of real solutions and in opposition to Graham-Cassidy.

Hannah Larsen, MD  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Karima Bondi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill: NO!

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

**My husband and I are senior citizens and we fear that as we age, we will not be able to stay in our own home, nor will we be able to afford care in a nursing home. What will become of us and so many like us?**

**We have worked as public servants for our entire careers (I, as a public school teacher, my husband as an assistant attorney general). We don't deserve a fate such as this.**

This bill is NOT making America great. It is NOT making America better in any way. PLEASE, do not support this monstrous bill. I urge a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Karima Bondi  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** sharon mcgraham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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How horrible can we make people feel - is that the intent, here? We are the people and we deserve that our commons go to our shared good. Not to people who are addicted to the feeling of overpowering others so they can feel worthy.

sharon mcgraham

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 95060

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**From:** Armando A. Garcia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Armando A. Garcia  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 90723

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**From:** Karyl Freeman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.stop giving tax breaks in a healthcare bill  
it seems like they only care about the rich and not the health off our nation

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Karyl Freeman  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 95648

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**From:** Steven Solomon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Steven Solomon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California 90046

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Audrey Gurtman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], New York 11050

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**From:** Bob Knight [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Bob Knight

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kentucky 42101



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**From:** Gianna Masi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please keep the Affordable Care Act

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I don't make a lot of money and I work a few part time jobs, which means that I don't have healthcare through my job. In 2010 I almost died, and health insurance saved me from exorbitant hospital costs, so although I am young and healthy I realize the importance for healthcare for everyone. The Affordable Care Act has allowed me to have insurance that isn't crazy expensive. I acknowledge that there are still issues with it, and I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Gianna Masi

[REDACTED], New York

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** J DISHNER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy\_Just say NO

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare that is accessible to all of us. I am writing to let you know I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill for this reason. It will do very little to ensure the members of my American family will have this. In fact, it threatens to cut many of us off of our insurance, either because of gender, income or pre-existing conditions. I understand the Affordable Care Act has flaws. But those can be fixed. After all, this was a bill that originated in the Republican Party, anyway. If you can devise it, you can revise it. There's no need to replace. It's time to ignore your donors and do the work your constituents want. Ultimately, we want to save our healthcare.

We don't want to be without access to healthcare for ANY reason. I do not want to see myself, my daughter and granddaughters lose coverage. I want to make sure my son, a single parent, can continue providing healthcare for himself and his little girls. And I want to make sure when my husband retires, he'll have access to care for his heart condition.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. I believe you can all work together to fix the problems. Don't make them worse. Dismiss Graham-Cassidy. Fix the ACA. Then call it whatever you like. Americans deserve your hard work. That's why we voted for you. Now, get to it. We are counting on you.

Thank you!

Jackie Dishner  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Rhonda Press [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Preserve the ACA

Hello,  
Our 27 year old son depends on the ACA for his healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. We would be worried sick if he did not have this. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Rhonda Press  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Robyn Eoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

I urge Congress to vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy repeal of ACA. Do NOT: take away health insurance for 32 million Americans, cut maternity care and allow insurance companies to charge individual more for pre-existing conditions.  
**VOTE NO ON GRAHAM-CASSIDY!**

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Hobart, Marie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**Subject:** OPPOSE GRAHAM- CASSIDY

Hello fellow public servants,

I am a physician of 32 years trained at Yale and Massachusetts General Hospital, and a psychiatrist at Umass Memorial Health Care, I have worked in community mental health my entire career.

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to Graham-Cassidy.

If we do not take care of each other in this country and this world we are truly doomed. The inequality only gets worse and this bill would relegate millions of Americans to no insurance. This is the opposite direction we need to be going.

I am a supporter of Medicare for All- a universal single payer system- that would not mean government provides health care- but it would simplify the way we pay for health care and all of us would have basic services covered.

Thank you for your consideration and your service,

*Marie Hobart MD*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. Worcester MA 01606  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Mike Souza [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Mike Souza  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Indiana 47803

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**From:** Eileen Bernhardi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 4:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

End corporate welfare.

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Eileen Bernhardi

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Astoria, New York 11106

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**From:** Janet Morecraft [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:06 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy Graham

Sent from my iPhone

To whom it may concern,

This is a death care bill. Please kill this bill, if not , millions of Americans will lose health insurance .Children will suffer the elderly will suffer the most vulnerable will suffer. People will die!

This is the most heartless, the most cruel bill the Republicans have put forth in my lifetime.

GOP serve the rich and corporate power, not the people. They've lost their soul!

Sincerely,

Janet Morecraft

A woman who is committed to the betterment of America



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**From:** Kathy Ferrell-Swann <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:03 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

To Senators on the Finance Committee:

I am writing to ask that the Senate return to regular, bipartisan order when attempting to address healthcare. The Graham-Cassidy bill will cut too many vulnerable citizens from healthcare coverage and should be scrapped.

In addition, healthcare legislation should be considered in the health and human services committee, not rushed through Finance so you can "claim" you had "hearings". The American people are not stupid. We are watching and we do NOT approve of your behaviors.

Start representing your Constituents, not just your donors.

Kathy Ferrell-Swann, PhD  
Licensed Psychologist  
[REDACTED]

Please note that confidentiality can not be guaranteed for information sent over email. Please contact me at the above number to discuss confidential information

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**From:** Karen Hasson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:03 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Keep ACA

Dear Sir/Maam:

Please do not repeal the ACA. By all means work to improve it, but do not destroy it. You would be doing Americans a disservice by removing the ACA. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Karen Hasson

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Anne-Marie miller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Repeal of the ACA

If the ACA is repealed and the Graham-Cassidy bill goes through, it would be a disaster for my family and for many of my friends.

My partner has a particularly bad form of lymphoma. He does have medical insurance and medicare...but it is still costly and without the coverage he gets he would not be able to pay for his medical care and would have to forgo his medical care and die. My niece and her husband have a small business and for the first time they were able to get medical coverage under the ACA. They both have health issues and without coverage they would probably lose their business due to covering their medical costs. This new bill is cruel beyond measure. These are just a couple of the cases I know about in my circle. So many people I know will be doomed to illness, bankruptcy and possibly even death. The ACA is certainly not perfect, but let's fix it.

Thank-you,  
Anne-Marie Miller

[REDACTED]

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**From:** John FitzGerald <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:42 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 it has likely possibility of a severe impact on persons with disabilities served through Medicaid funded programs. It seems to be short-sighted in its construct; perhaps the result of insufficient preparation and weighing of possible outcomes. This proposal needs to be abandoned and serious study done by outside forces who understand the mechanics of funding and payments of programs, so that they can give several viable scenarios that will meet litmus tests for all stakeholders. In its present form, I find it completely unacceptable. I urge you to call off the vote, or in the event it is scheduled, vote "NO".

John FitzGerald

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lulu Baskins-Leva [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Obamacare Repeal

Please do not destroy affordable health care for millions of Americans. It's cruel. It's heartless. It's selfish. It's ugly. It's beyond absurd that the richest nation on Earth wants tax cuts for the wealthy while the insurance industry profits off of people in need of health care. That philosophy is sick. The GOP behind this sick scheme will pay the price come November 2018.

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**From:** Mary McHale [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill September 25 hearing

Greetings!

My name is Mary P McHale and I reside at 5009 IZARD Street in Omaha, NE 68132.

I am urging the Senate to vote No on the Graham-Cassidy Bill as this bill would have a devastating impact on my son and my family. My son has a disability and relies on Medicaid for funding for services such as finding a job, job coaching, and transportation to and from the job. Without those supports that Medicaid provides, either my husband or myself will have to quit our job to provide those needed services for our son. Those services allow our son to be a contributing member of society. Without those services, he will spend his days sitting at home. This proposed Bill would also allow states to waive protections for anyone with a pre-existing condition, which would mean that Daniel would not have any health insurance as he has a congenital heart condition, is deaf in one ear and wears a hearing aid in the other ear, has hypothyroidism, among other health issues. This would mean that he wouldn't receive the medicines that he needs (living on \$735.00/month SSI), wouldn't see the doctor for checkups and ultimately his health would be so impaired that it would mean a trip to the ER, hospitalization, etc. Is this what the Senate wants-- to have those individuals who are least able to advocate for themselves not be taken care of? Any cuts to Medicaid (whether through per capita-based caps, or no pre-existing conditions) will mean that all we have worked with with our school district to make sure that Daniel can work competitively will be for nothing as those necessary Medicaid supports will be gone.

Thank you,  
Mary P McHale

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**From:** Lisa Hechtner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Care Act

I am writing this message to clearly and profoundly state my OBJECTION to the Graham-Cassidy repeal of ACA....which will throw millions of Americans off of health care...including my parents. My mother has battled cancer 2 times and won! Her pre-existing condition will....if left to the State of Idaho...and this bill passing...will no longer be able to afford health care! Please listen to the millions of people...your constituents...the people who got you into office....and do the RIGHT thing for them!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Katie Andrade [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Healthcare bill

I am writing as an Autism mom. My son will be on medicaid in one year. He has autism. Autistic people generally have a 95% unemployment rate. Optimistically, he will be able to work 15 hours as he has anxiety issues, in addition to his autism.

This current incarnation will be detrimental to people like my son. Block grants are bad for special needs people as it limits the amount of money that they can use. He will, most likely use the additional money that my state generously adds for things like personal health care (he is unable to shave or give himself a shower). I shudder to think what will happen if this bill passes or if it goes to reconciliation with the house bill.

Even if I did not have my autistic son, I would believe we need to protect our most vulnerable population. I don't understand why the government hates people who are poor or special needs.

Thank you for your consideration. We need to support the fixer caucus who is trying to help 'fix' the ACA. We need to do tweak, yes...destroy NO.

Thank you,  
Kathleen Pahre-Andrade



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**From:** Peggy Brand [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy

I am writing this email requesting, asking, begging for this bill to be killed. This bill will do incredible harm to everyday Americans like myself. My husband and I are small business owners and when the ACA passed we breathed a sigh of relief. We no longer had to worry about being denied care because of pre-existing conditions. We have close friends who would have died without the provisions of the ACA. The Graham/Cassidy bill leaves out protections for pre-existing conditions, it leaves out protection for life time caps...this bill cannot, must not become law. Lives of millions of Americans are at stake. Do the right thing and vote no!

Ms Peggy Brand  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Walter Simmons [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** TrumpCare Vote

Please vote NO on repeal of Obamacare. TrumpCare will hurt many people.

Thank you.

Walter Simmons  
Sent from my iPad

Walter  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Tracie Nicholson [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am writing to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. The ACA has been a life-saver for members of my family. That family did not have health insurance via an employer. The parents worked but worked in jobs that did not offer health insurance. My nephew became gravely ill and would never have been seen by doctors without insurance. I honestly don't think he would be alive today...which is horrifying to think.

My immediate family currently has an employer-based plan, but we spent a decade on the open market. Without protections and negotiating power of a big company behind you, you are pretty much at the mercy of a big insurance company. We fear all the time that something will happen and we won't have an employer policy. Our last bill from Blue Cross, Blue Shield Illinois was for a \$2,000+ a month policy. It is reassuring that we could turn to the ACA if something happens.

I am horrified that the current GOP thinks nothing of throwing people into chaos and desperation. We can not let this bill pass.

Regards,  
Tracy Nicholson  
Geneva, IL

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**From:** Assunta Becker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:53 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 not well thought out!! Many will suffer unnecessary hardship and it is only being done for political purposes rather than the well being of millions! If you really care work on improving what we have rather than repeal and replace with an inferior plan!!

Assunta Becker  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kesha Nichols [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** SaveMedicaid for those with disabilities....

Not with this Bill

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**From:** Peggy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote No on Graham Cassidy

Senator Grassley admitted that the Graham Cassidy is for nothing more than proving that Republicans keep their 'promise' to repeal ACA. The bill has not been scored by the CBO so there is no information on how the bill will affect the economy, the healthcare industry or the individuals who will lose healthcare. It is against all sensibilities to pass a bill simply for Republicans to show they passed a bill. It is downright stupid to pass a bill with no knowledge of its effects on the economy and on individuals' pockets.

I have a pre-existing condition, first because I am a female, but secondly because I received a transplant for which I need to take life-saving drugs. In addition to the drugs, I need annual checkups to check the function of my new organ, to ensure I have not contracted cancer due to my low immune system, and to manage the intake of my anti-rejection drugs. Each checkup is well in excess of \$20,000. The transplant I had cost over \$500,000. Without the ACA, I would have died. Under Graham Cassidy, I could be charged a significant amount more per month for health insurance and could reach a lifetime cap very quickly. I spent 39 years paying into healthcare as a healthy person. Why should I now be penalized because I came down with an illness through no fault of my own? Why should anyone who has a pre-existing condition be penalized?

It is irresponsible for Senators to ignore the needs of their constituents so they can save face. The last repeal effort was met with an outpouring of negative responses. Both republicans and democrats decried the repeal of ACA. Do you think they suddenly changed their minds? No one wants this but the Senators who believe they will not get reelected unless they pass a repeal. Focusing on their own reelection is not what they were elected to do. Senators are in service to the people, not to their own ambitions. Yet the GOP is willing to sacrifice the lives of their constituents with a bill that even they do not know the effect of. It makes the GOP look like a bunch of selfish fools. Where is fiscal responsibility if there is no understanding of the fiscal effects? That is fiscal Russian roulette.

Vote no on this ridiculous bill to show the American people that their well-being is at the forefront of any and all legislation. Stop acting like entitled brats who will do anything to prove a ill-conceived point. Stop playing around with tax payers money to advance a partisan platform. Just stop.

Peg Fulton

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**From:** Audrey Joyce [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:51 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 my understanding that insurance companies will be able to charge older people five times what they can charge younger ones. This will be unaffordable for us and we will have to do without insurance until we turn 65 and can get good, quality insurance again. The ACA has problems but regardless of your talking points, it is working and helping to keep people healthy. The years we have had with the ACA have been the most secure years of my adult life.

Audrey Joyce

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**From:** Karen Peterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GC healthcare repeal

I hope GOP members of the senate vote against this repeal of the ACA. Affordable healthcare is not a slide toward socialism, it is simply access to healthcare. My hope is that we see more bipartisan work toward improving ACA for all and less effort to please big donors.

Thank you  
Karen M Peterson

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** James Cook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 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 will lead to decreased access to medical care for mothers, infants and children.

In Pennsylvania, Medicaid expansion has promoted improved access to care previously unavailable to those who could not afford it. Prior to expansion, physician offices limited the number of Medicaid patients that they would see because reimbursement was insufficient to sustain their practice. So, even though patients technically had insurance coverage, they could not obtain care. Medicaid expansion promoted pediatrician reimbursement at least close to medicare rates, and opened doors for families to obtain primary and preventative care.

The block grant concept is a bad idea for Pennsylvania, which will lose millions of federal dollars now supporting the Medicaid program. This loss of revenue will directly lead to decreased funding of medical assistance, allowing either fewer people to qualify for medical assistance, or returning to such decreased reimbursement for services that patients will not be able to access health care services. As you know, Pennsylvania cannot currently balance its own budget and therefore will not be willing or able to make up for the loss of federal revenue.

The bill is bad for Pennsylvanians and does not promote health care anywhere in the USA. It is a bill pushed forth to fulfill a political promise to a core group of vocal supporters, rather than a program to improve the health care its citizens.

Thank you for taking the time to listen.

James Cook  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** irene singer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** To those who care about their constituents:

Please do not pass this new attempt to repeal the ACA.

It is cruel and heartless and will be paid for at the cost of human lives.

If you legislators really want to help, pass middle and lower class tax cuts, improve the infrastructure and prevent war.

If, on the other hand, you really think this bill is beneficial, then prove it by subscribing to its care yourselves.

Please remember why you became politicians (unless it really was just to line your pockets),

Irene Singer

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**From:** Jennifer Lena [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care bill

As a concerned citizen I wish to say the following about the Cassidy/Graham Healthcare bill: If you want to transform the country I love into one I do not recognize, you'll pass this bill. The country I love protects the rights enshrined in the constitution. That includes the right to life; a right threatened by the passage of this bill. I cannot stand by while we continue to enact reforms designed to benefit the most advantaged, at the expense of the rest of us. The narrative that the CGH is designed to help working Americans is absurd, and one that would be quickly disproven if it was evaluated *in the normal fashion* by the bipartisan CBO process. Please do not pass this bill. Please protect my country.

Yours sincerely,  
Jennifer Lena  
New York City

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**From:** Jack Harbaugh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GOP ACA repeal bill

My name is Jack Harbaugh and I'm a constituent from Ashland, Oregon (97520). I am OUTRAGED by the latest GOP ACA repeal bill—the Graham-Cassidy-Heller Amendment.

It will end Medicaid as we know it and hurt millions of people.

We are counting on you to save our healthcare. Please withhold consent on all Senate business and do everything you can to keep this bill from coming to a vote before time has run out.

Thank you.

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**From:** Christian Parker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators:

I'm writing to express my deep concerns about the content of the Graham -Cassidy health care bill, and also the impulse on the part of the majority leader to push it through with no more than 90 seconds of debate. The lives of millions of Americans are at stake in this. This bill is draconian and will insure that millions lose their coverage or have to pay exorbitant sums to retain it. It will do nothing to reform the problems of the ACA. Radical change to Medicaid represents a reversal on many of your campaign promises. Surely, you are aware that fewer than 12% of the population appears to support this measure. Please do not play politics with people's lives and livelihoods. Reject this bill and continue the bipartisan effort to reform the ACA.

Sincerely,  
Christian Parker  
New York City

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**From:** Sabrina Paulukovich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** testimony on the Graham-Cassidy health care bill


Hello,

I am writing to express my sincere concern regarding the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill will be detrimental to many people; however, as a person who works daily to serve foster children in Arizona, I am writing on their behalf. The bill will impact children and families who need Medicaid services. Please VOTE NO on Graham-Cassidy. Voting for this bill is saying you do not care about millions of people in this country.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope that you will do what is necessary to protect the people that this bill would negatively impact.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Shabal

 **Sabrina Paulukovich**  
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**From:** Emma Goldman-Sherman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** HEALTH CARE

ARE YOU MEN IDIOTS?  
32 Million Americans could lose coverage  
ARE YOU MEN MORONS?  
this is a radical change to Medicaid  
ARE YOU MEN ONLY CAPABLE OF GREED?  
this will diminish funding for every state  
ARE YOU MEN ONLY THINKING WITH YOUR DICKS?  
90 seconds of debate?  
ARE YOU MEN INHUMAN?  
If you want to keep your campaign pledges start by keeping your pledge  
ARE YOU MEN ON CRACK?  
DO NOT TOUCH Medicaid benefits  
ARE YOU MEN OR ONLY MEAN?  
Reject this bill

Barbara Goldman-Sherman, voting in NYC, [REDACTED]

Emma Goldman-Sherman  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*What would happen if one woman told the truth about her life? The world would split open. -- Muriel Rukeyser*

[REDACTED]

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**From:** P.Tremblay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** health care bill

Hi,

I worked in healthcare for 30 years and have seen people lose their homes and their lives because they got sick and didn't have enough healthcare or didn't have any at all.

It seems to me that the Republican leaders in this country really want to keep the poor people poor and to let them die. You guys are making to cuts to programs that can help them.

I just don't understand how you people can be so heartless and cruel. Some of you claim to be Christians but I see no Christlike behavior from your party anymore.

You need to do what's best for all of the citizens in our great country, not cater to the wealthy. As for cutting all these programs relating to women's health, shame on you. Are you really trying to take things back to when women didn't have any rights or any say so over their bodies? It seems to me that that is what you are trying to do.

I hope that the senators who have voted no on these horrible attempts to damage the american people will vote no again.

I am ashamed of the lot of you.

Pam Tremblay

Manchester, NH



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**From:** Karen Nein <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** health care

I urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill that will put millions of Americans at risk. Why does your party insist on rushing to repeal the ACA, a healthcare plan that has served Americans well, rather than taking the necessary time to work in a bipartisan fashion to improve upon the ACA? The Graham-Cassidy bill by all estimations – with opposition from the American Medical Association, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the AARP, major health insurers, and most state governors – is NOT a positive alternative. Rather than stabilizing the marketplace, this bill, brings further chaos and uncertainty. To go forward with this plan without holding public hearings and without a full CBO analysis is truly deplorable.

**Defeat this bill.**

**Karen Nein  
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

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**From:** Shannon Dunn <sh[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** PLEASE reject Graham-Cassidy

Dear sirs,

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.

Most gratefully, Shannon Dunn

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**From:** Eve Zucker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassady

Dear Elected Members,

As one of your constituents I urge you to defeat this latest attempt to sabotage Obamacare and with that the healthcare of our fellow citizens. These attempts and repealing Obamacare as we all know are politically rather than morally driven. Have a conscience and do the right thing. People's lives come first.

Thank you,

Eve Zucker

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**From:** Aaron Anderson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy "health care" bill

Dear Senators:

I implore you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy "health care" bill. Simply put, the proposed law will result in notably greater harm to our nation, and Americans, than it will relieve.

I do not have the time to write a lengthy explanation; work resumes in a few minutes. I, and all Americans, deserve greatness, confidence in our future, and affordable access to our nations resources including health care.

This bill actively works against all.

Sincerely,

Aaron Anderson  
St. Paul, MN

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Attachments:** text\_1506097473167.txt

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Reject the Graham Cassidy Bill! Stop your cronies from this obvious trickery to foil the majority of the Senate from voting, once again, to kill a program that needs corrections, not death! For the sake of the people of this country, your constituents, Do not remove their healthcare. Give us positive change of the program which is already in place, i.e., The Affordable Care Act.

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**From:** Wade Krieg <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA Repeal/Replace

I wish to register my extreme displeasure at this ongoing attempt to repeal and/or replace the ACA, which, while a flawed piece of legislation, has nevertheless allowed my wife and I to obtain affordable health insurance for the last two years. This is clearly an attempt to score political points at any cost, and shows a despicable disdain for the needs of the ordinary Americans who have entrusted the US Senate to act in our best interest. I have seen no concrete evidence that the proposed Graham Cassidy bill will fulfill that obligation.

In nominally returning healthcare dollars to the states, the net effect of the proposed legislation is to admit that the federal government as embodied by the Republican majority of the legislative branch has neither the ability to work together with Democrats to offer creative solutions to a problem that all other major nations have already addressed, nor any interest in doing so.

Our elected officials are there to represent ALL of their constituents, not just those of their own political party. If they are unwilling to do this they should not be in office. In the fullness of time, they will be replaced. These are serious issues that affect the lives of real people. You WILL be held accountable for your actions and your political decisions. Please act wisely and compassionately.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

As a registered Republican, I am appalled at the depths you have gone to accomplish a goal!! While I do not condone the Democrats stalemate and stalling agendas, at this point, I will not support ANY Republican that votes FOR this Cassidy healthcare bill, I don't care who you are or what you have accomplished - FIX what you have! Idiots - no wonder the world is laughing at us! Remember you work FOR the people not a party - it is time you remember that! PLEASE wake up- for the parties sake if nothing else! Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Vanessa Jimenez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Wait on the bill

Hello,

This bill seems to be haphazardly compiled and does not benefit our nation. Please go back to the drawing board and formulate a bill that helps people instead of serving as a way to inflate the wallet of wealthy individuals.

Best regards,

Vanessa Jimenez-Browne



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**From:** Sheila O'Brien <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on Graham-Cassidy bill!

Our citizens' healthcare is too important to be jeopardized by a hastily crafted bill that's opposed by so many major health agencies. No!! Don't let this happen. It would be a disaster for our country.

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**From:** Mom Gmail Home [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on Graham/Cassidy bill

Haven't been able to find work since laid off from NASA after 23 years.y family cannot afford to loose health care & Obamacare ACA has enabled us to have affordable healthcare for the first time in 5 years.

Thank you,  
Wendy

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**From:** Linda Lutes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare nightmare

To my Congressmen and Representatives,

I am pleading with you all to do the Right and Moral thing by rejecting resoundingly this new healthcare bill. I have many personal stories as a mother and a Nurse but here is one.

My daughter and her husband own a small business, work over 70 hours a week and have a young child. They eek out a living and have a fantastic and admirable work ethic. Under Obamacare, they saved over \$500 a month on health insurance, received good coverage that saved them financially from a recent health scare. They and I are so grateful.

This new plan being rammed through Congress is immoral and wrong. It is not going to serve the good of the American People that you were elected to uphold and protect. The majority of your constituents are solidly against this plan which cruelly kicks millions of your constituents off their health care. It is wrong and, in your heart, you KNOW it. To score political points by killing your constituents who desperately need compassionate coverage is ill conceived and desperately wrong.

Please do what is right, work with ALL members of Congress in a bipartisan manner and come up with a bill that Improves, not Kills, the Affordable Care Act.

Sincerely,  
Linda Lutes  
Prescott, Az [REDACTED]

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**From:** Susan M. Chyczewski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Graham-Cassidy is the most irresponsible attempt at repealing the ACA yet.

Please do not allow it to go forward. It will damage our economy and hurt the most vulnerable among us.

Sincerely,  
Dr. S. Chyczewski

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Elaine SCHOCK [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Do not under any circumstances let this pass. My husband had stage IV cancer and he is in remission thanks to Obamacare. And, I didn't have to lose the house. Obamacare saved his life. If this bill passes, people will die. Think about that when sleep at night.

Sincerely,

Elaine Schock

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**From:** Sue Lawrence [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** We've worked all our lives, now 1 of us is sick (still working!), this bill would RUIN us!

Hello Senate Finance Committee:

I'm writing to you because I'm very concerned about the impact the Graham Cassidy bill will have on my husband and me as well as hundreds of thousands of our U.S. citizens.

Shifting 77% of Medicaid funding to states through block grants will cause uneven delivery of life-sustaining and life-saving coverage. Estimates are the Medicaid reduction will be \$160 to \$713 Billion over 10 years! That magnitude of change will shock the system, guaranteed.

The number of uninsured people will grow. That is the exact **OPPOSITE** of what a **health care** bill should provide. We know the uninsured bring enormous costs to our hospitals, as well as our economy since sick, uninsured workers do not perform their best on the job, and they spread illness to co-workers when they cannot afford to take time off. As a consequence of lacking healthcare from regular family physicians, they do not seek care until they are extremely ill or their injuries have progressed to grave levels. So the uninsured take longer to heal, take more medication to cure, and hospital days and consequently costs to our society higher.

Please listen to my personal case: My husband and I have worked hard, earned a living, paid taxes, raised a family of children who are also working, paying taxes and now raising their own children. We are responsible citizens who are contributing to the U.S. economy and our communities. In 2012, my husband was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer, but it was smoldering (inactive) at that time. Last year, early in 2016, he became symptomatic with pain, difficulty in walking, and fatigue. He began a regimen of powerful chemotherapy twice weekly along with numerous regular lab tests, imaging and oncologist appointments. Throughout all this, he continued to work, taking sick leave to rest in the afternoons when he had to. He is a hero for not giving up. He didn't give up his job. He didn't give up when the chemo side effects made him physically so weak. He didn't give up hope to someday enjoy retirement with well-earned rest and grandchildren, too!

Now he is healthier, stronger and very active -- **thanks to great doctors, life-saving scientific research, and a health insurance plan we purchase** through his employer. Because there is no cure for his condition, it's possible his cancer could come back again. In that case, he will need another treatment regimen. It will cost a lot in hospital, doctor and pharmaceutical bills. **If we do not have insurance we can afford, it will mean bankruptcy and death.**

**This is the impact the Graham Cassidy bill will have on me, my husband and my family.**

I realize the health care delivery system, insurance and medicare/medicaie are a very complex system. Coming up with solutions to reform our health care requires collaboration among experts in the field, analysis of data, and forward-thinking planning. In my opinion, shifting medicare, medicaid and federal dollars down to the state level is the equivalent of kicking the can down the road. **It will take courage, persistence, and commitment to building a strong nation for you along with our leaders to come up with a better solution to health care for everyone. Believe me, citizens want a solution, not just sound bites and a check off the list on Congress' to do list!**

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Lawrence

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**From:** Val Wolf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

As a breast cancer survivor I am begging you to reconsider the health care bill that you are going to be voting on next week. Without the FEDERAL government mandating no lifetime benefit cap, many of us will be doomed.

Thank you.  
Valerie Wolf



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**From:** Dylan Russell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** RE: 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.

Dylan Russell  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sally Berner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

It would be nice if senators actually voted for things that would improve the conditions of their constituents, rather than voting their own interests. Graham-Cassidy will have dire consequences for millions of Americans. Do you Republicans senators even care? Or are you too steeped in your own best interests to even consider doing what is best for the people who put you in power?

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kari Nelsestuen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Amendment should not pass

Dear Committee Members,

The Graham-Cassidy Amendment will take away health care from millions of Americans, including people in my own family. In a recent analysis, my state (Oregon) has among the highest rates of people losing coverage under this bill. We are already among the poorest, neediest, and highest-hunger states in the country. Why would you add to these existing hardships?

I believe there are answers to improving health care that do not have to be this drastic and penalizing. Please stop trying to pass something only based on a campaign promise. Instead, do what's right for - and supported by - the majority of American people. Do not pass this Amendment.

Kari Nelsestuen  
97212

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**From:** Thomai <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Allow ACA to continue until we have medicare for all

Allow the ACA to continue until we have universal health care or medicare for all. I have asthma, which is considered a pre-existing condition. Not only am I a voter, I go to Red states and work to get Blue votes, by going door to door registering people and then reminding them to actually get out and vote. I am a working citizen, I pay taxes and I volunteer to help make this country a better place to live. Preventing health care, in particular mental health care, creates more societal burdens than treatment would.

It is high time you DO YOUR JOB and serve the people instead of the corporations. To prevent people healthcare is evil. Pure evil. Be good people, work for the betterment of the United States of America- maintain the ACA until we have medicare for all.

Thomai Hatsios  
Palms neighborhood, Los Angeles County

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**From:** Kelly McAndrew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy is shameful

To All Concerned,

32 Million Americans could lose coverage under this sham of a bill. There would be radical changes to Medicaid and diminished funding for every state. And something that could affect the health of millions of Americans, especially those with preexisting conditions is receiving only 90 seconds of debate? Shameful is the only word I can think of to describe Congressional Republicans actions with this proposed legislation.

If you want to keep your campaign pledges start by keeping your pledge not to touch Medicaid benefits. Reject this bill.

Sincerely,  
Kelly McAndrew

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**From:** Jim Sonda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Bad Healthcare Bill

Please vote nor and/or do not allow the healthcare bill under consideration go forward for a vote. But the brakes on. The cuts in funding and shifting of responsibility to states fixes nothing, and will hurt people. My family and friends will be hurt. I'm a tax paying, voting citizen, and I am disappointed to see how healthcare challenges are being handled. I do not support the push to repeal the affordable care act. I especially don't support half-baked solutions being put forward.

Respectfully,

James Sonda

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Anne Lacy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The Graham-Cassidy Health Care bill.

Hello,

I am extremely concerned with the new Health Care proposal that is being rammed through the Senate without a CBO score. The Graham/Cassidy healthcare proposal is opposed by almost everyone in the healthcare industry including insurance companies, such as Blue Cross.

This bill impacts 1/6 of our economy. It impacts every state and every citizen. How can any rational Senator vote on such a bill without a CBO score and without a full understanding of its impact on our economy? Voting on this bill without a CBO score is negligent and IS a clear dereliction of our Senators first duty, which is to faithfully serve the American public.

The provisions of this bill allow states to loosen the pre-existing rules that exist under the ACA. It allows each state to decide whether insurance companies can raise premiums for those with pre-existing conditions and allows them to offer "waivers" to insurance companies from offering this coverage. This adversely impacts almost 50% of our population and will adversely impact my family. We have "pre-existing" conditions that cost our insurance company less than \$1000/year in prescription costs (that is 100% of the cost of the drugs for the year) and yet we could see huge increases in our premiums under this bill. That is unconscionable.

In addition, the bill would drastically reduce Medicaid making the costs to seniors and the disabled skyrocket. These individuals are on fixed incomes and often can't afford any increases. What do our Senators propose we do with these individuals?

Lastly, projections show that due to the issues stated above, over 30,000,000 more will lose healthcare coverage in our Country. This will overburden our social systems and will place financial burdens on families that can't afford it. It will force caretakers to give up gainful employment to care for their ill. It will result in the early deaths of many that currently actively contribute to our communities and our economy. This will result in a downward pressure on our nation's economy. Senators should be thinking about these issues, and it should be an issue of concern to them.

As an Economic Consultant/Tax Expert I helped many individuals (pre-ACA) file for bankruptcy because of medical bills they couldn't afford due to serious accidents and serious illnesses. After the ACA passed, I filed

none. The ACA isn't perfect, it needs work, but I filed ZERO bankruptcies due to medical costs after it was passed. The Graham-Cassidy bill WILL worsen the financial issues our USA Citizens will face.

I urge you to say "NO" to this poorly formed bill that was written not for the good of the USA but for the money the Koch brothers and others have promised if it passes. I urge our Senators to remember their primary responsibility is "To the People" and that they work FOR us, we don't work for them. Their primary responsibility is NOT to special interests and dark money, it is to the USA citizenry.

I urge you to return to regular order and work with Democrats to improve the ACA until better options can be thoroughly explored and good policy installed. We need our governance to work together, devising solutions that benefit all of us. We expect that and it should be clear our country is healthier and economically stronger when we do. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Lacy



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**From:** Howard Mostyn-Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:37 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.

Howard Mostyn-Brown

[REDACTED]  
Apple Valley, CA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Diana Bourisaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** against the latest Obama Care repeal bill

Hello. Please STOP messing with healthcare. My disabled adult daughter is dependent on this. She is a stroke survivor and her life depends on current services.

Diana Bourisaw, Ph.D.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Judy Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill is Bad for America

Hello,

I am an American citizen with family roots here that go back to the 1620's. I am writing to express my extreme concern about the healthcare bill currently put forward by Senators Graham and Cassidy. This bill is bad for America.

-It's unbelievable that this bill would be voted on with no CBO score. This is stunningly irresponsible on the part of elected officials who are supposed to be looking out for the well-being of all Americans.

-This bill allows states to loosen protections for pre-existing conditions, putting millions of Americans at risk of great harm, to their physical and their financial health.

-It drastically reduces Medicaid monies, which will cause skyrocketing costs for our seniors and our disabled.

-It appears that the bill will cause more than 30 million Americans to lose coverage. This is unconscionable.

It seems to me that the Graham/Cassidy bill is really not about healthcare for Americans but rather about tax cuts for the wealthy. Trickle down doesn't work. It's our middle class, who do the actual work of our nation and who purchase goods, that drive our economy. We need strong policies that help our middle class and our most vulnerable to keep our economy thriving and the social fabric strong.

Graham/Cassidy is a heartless bill that would further weaken my already distressed country. This American is strongly opposed.

Sincerely,

Judy Brown

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Shanza Lewis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to the Graham-Cassidy Bill!

Dear Sens. Cassidy and Graham,

I know you campaigned on repealing and replacing Obamacare and you are trying to live up to your promise, but political expediency should not come at the detriment of literally millions of people.

Uninsured rates are at an all time low under Obamacare. People who could not afford to get health care are now able to live healthier lives. Your bill would destroy all the progress we have made since the ACA was implemented.

Your bill would:

- End Medicaid expansion as we know it
- Establish a per-capita cap on Medicaid (limiting funding so fewer people get coverage)
- Roll back protections for people with pre-existing conditions
- Allow states to impose work requirements as a condition of Medicaid coverage
- Allow states to waive essential health benefits
- Create a funding cliff that eliminates the guarantee of coverage in 2026

None of the above creates healthier communities or healthier populations, it only reverses the gains we have made. The ACA had input from all fields of health care and even republican amendments. The Graham-Bill does not. In fact, all 50 Medicaid Directors have spoken out against this bill. Why aren't you listening?

Instead of promoting a bill just to save your political career, try doing what is right for the American people:

- Expand Medicaid to all 50 states.
- Implement price controls for medical procedures
- Implement price transparency for medical procedures and thereby market competition
- Focus on population health and not fee-for service models
- Keep the mandate for citizens to purchase health insurance - this one is a no-brainer, it stabilizes the marketplace by ensuring a larger risk pool that includes younger and healthier people

There are so many other ways to maintain and improve the US health care system without infringing on "personal rights" or "expanding government overreach." There is no reason for the Graham-Cassidy bill to exist.

Sincerely,  
Shanza Lewis



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**From:** Meliss Schutz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

As an American voter, taxpayer, and citizen, I find the Graham Cassidy bill repugnant. This bill does not support me or other average Americans. It is clearly an attempt to pander to the 1% and corporations.

Please know that I will vote AGAINST any politician that votes for Graham Cassidy the next time they are up for re-election.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Schutz

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**From:** Greg Hayward [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

If Graham Cassidy is a worthy bill, then you should certainly have hearings on it and an independent CBO report. Otherwise, you're doing the same thing -- no hearings -- that you would deplore in a Democratic-led Senate.

And why is the Finance Committee even involved? So you can push Graham Cassidy through in a hurry? This should go to the Health Care Committee.

Please vote No on Graham Cassidy. Don't even let it go to the floor for a vote.

Greg Hayward

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**From:** elizabeth sloan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Objection to Graham-Cassidy

The Graham-Cassidy "health-don't care" bill is a travesty to all that is humane and caring. It's unconscionable. PLEASE you must not approve this death certificate.  
You. Can. Do. Better. for your country.  
E.M. Sloan

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**From:** Joy Surber <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

Hello!

My name is Joy. I'm 26 years old and college educated. I work full time, as does my husband, who is also college educated. I was born and raised in Indiana, lived in Illinois for college, and now live in Wisconsin.

I did everything "right " I got good grades, and after high school I went to college, with scholarships offsetting much of the cost. As soon as I graduated, I got a full time job. I was underemployed at first, but within a year, was able to get a job in my field -- marketing for the nonprofits.

2 of my last 3 jobs did not offer healthcare. Why? Because they were small, nonprofits. And the simple truth is, I would not have been able to afford to work in a nonprofit if I didn't have Obamacare (ACA) as an option. Myself and countless others would need to leave the nonprofit sector if we cannot get healthcare.

Often, people who oppose additional funding from the government for helping people say that those things should be privately funded. By who? It's nonprofits who step in and help fill that gap. They provide art (and arts education!), assistance for animals, feed hungry people, provide shelter, employment training, and more. But nonprofits need qualified people to work there! And we need healthcare in order to be able to afford to work there!

As a young married woman, many people assume I will have a baby soon. But what most people don't know, because you can't tell by looking at me, is that I have moderate/severe scoliosis and also endometriosis. If I were to become pregnant, it would be a high risk pregnancy. I rely on birth control -- I have a LARC that I was able to get last year using my ACA insurance at NO CHARGE. If that were to fail, or if when it expires I am not able to afford the new one, I would rely on an abortion in order to not endanger my own life.

These are features of the ACA that I depend on.

Despite my college degree, I don't get paid as much as male coworkers. I had to leave my last job because I discovered a 14,000 discrepancy between what I was paid and what a very comparable male coworker was paid. I didn't want to sue, so I left. That isn't a healthcare issue, but charging women more than men because they are pregnant or have the "health condition" of needing medication to PREVENT being pregnant, directly and negatively affect women's income, which is already negatively affected due to gender inequality.

But enough about me.

My grandfather, who lives in Indiana, has a lung condition. He is otherwise very healthy -- he's retired but mows lawns in the neighborhood for a little extra income and to keep him active. He's always loved being outside. He travels to nearly all his youngest grandson's high school baseball games. But now he has a lung condition, and despite going to doctors and specialists for the past three years, no



one knows what it is. But the medication that gives him relief is \$10,000 a month. TEN THOUSAND a month. For a retired couple in their 70s. Luckily, it is currently completely covered by Medicaid. Without it, he would die, as without medication he cannot breathe in enough oxygen.

The ACA never was perfect, but improved the quality of life for millions. Work to improve it, not take it away.

Joy Poulos

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**From:** James Robison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** STOP GRAHAM-CASSIDY

Do NOT REPEAL THE ACA! PLEASE! The G-C is a NIGHTMARE of legislation and Republicans will feel a terrible backlash from all its victims!

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Leigh Anne Jasheway [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

This bill needs to be stopped:

1. Millions of American citizens will be harmed for no reason other than the GOP wants a checkmark in a column. This is unacceptable and immoral.
2. The AMA, the ANA, the AHA, 50 Medicaid Directors, even insurance companies have spoken out saying that not only will this bill hurt patients, it will make treating patients more difficult, will cause job loss in the health field, and will wreak economic havoc on the country.
3. The crafters of the bill and Mitch McConnell and Donald Trump have resorted to lying about the bill to get it passed. If this bill were good for anyone, they wouldn't be out there spreading falsehoods.
4. If passed, this WILL BE the thing that takes the GOP down. It doesn't matter how much money the Koch Brothers throw at you, the people will not forget who killed their children and grandparents.

Vote NO!

Leigh Anne Jasheway

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**From:** LaDonna Stand [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

I would hope you don't approve this bill. It will be a disaster if it goes through since pre-existing conditions can allow insurance to be able to deny coverage.

My 13 year old was born with kidney reflux. That will either heal on it's own or if not surgery is recommended by age 5. Her condition resolved itself. This past summer she developed cholinergic urticaria. She had to be rushed to the hospital because her throat was going closed. She now has to take Zyrtec everyday to stave off an attack. I'm sure relaxing environmental standards didn't help with global warming and thus didn't help her condition. She has a pre-existing condition at 13.

If my husband dies and his employer decides to stop giving widows benefits then we will not have insurance. I also have several pre-existing conditions such as a heel spur and anemia.

I think you should devote your time into cost control. I understand until the time of Richard Nixon it was illegal to profit of medicine. I can order medicines outside of the country for 1/4 of the price here. I have talked to several people online that are from other countries and they are just SHOCKED at what things cost here.

LaDonna Stand

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**From:** Tara Rice [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

I am writing to express my outrage and deep disapproval that the GOP is trying to rush through another disastrous healthcare bill without proper vetting and debate. I am a nurse practitioner in a rural area and in my opinion the ACA literally has saved people's lives. I think the ACA can use some improvements but to gut it entirely is extremely unethical. And please stop calling the ACA "Obamacare". Many people don't understand that the ACA and "Obamacare" are the same thing. People who don't like Obama seem to oppose it just because his name is attached. In my opinion this includes our president. Thank you, Tara Frazier-Rice, FNP

Sent from Tara's iPhone

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**From:** Josh Beerman <joshbeerman1@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

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

Thank you,

Josh Beerman



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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Jennie Dohner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill  
**Attachments:** FB\_IMG\_1505957921615.jpg

This Graham-Cassidy bill is truly atrocious. It's the worst of the bunch recently proposed by the GOP. It's a death sentence for metastatic cancer patients. It takes money away from the low income elderly and disabled children. It hangs opioid-addicted communities completely out to dry. It strips funding, access, and ultimately rights away from women and girls regarding reproductive health and choice. It literally takes money away from blue states and gives it to red states. Mark my words, the opposition to this bill is thick and fierce. Bipartisan Medicaid directors from ALL FIFTY STATES, innumerable medical associations, insurance companies, and the informed public ALL oppose this bill.

Let us be perfectly clear. This bill has nothing to do with health or with care. This is not a healthcare bill at all. This is a straight up fleecing; a robbery backed by dark Koch and Mercer money. We're just wondering if three upstanding GOP bystanders might just become heroes by leaping into action, and subduing the guys with the guns. Regular process must be restored. This is the US Senate we are talking about, not some secluded gold-rush-era stagecoach.

Kill this bill. Americans deserve better.

Jen Dohner

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**From:** pc [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** health care

Hello All,

I am writing because I fear you are going to put a medical bill forward that will greatly affect my life.

I am the wife of a deceased serviceman, I am a senior and I have a pre-existing condition and I live on a fixed income.

Most healthcare providers are against this bill, as well as many doctors across the United States. I remember when the ACA was being talked about and there was the "they are going to kill granny" line. Well if this bill goes through it will be more than just granny dying. It will be the young, the working poor, and the elderly.

Why are you willing to kick millions of people like me off health insurance. You promised to make it better, this is not better. Don't let someone threaten your political career if you don't vote for this. Like John McCain stated you work for the American people and not The president.

Listen to the companies who offer us health insurance, they don't like this bill.

Please don't vote this in. We just don't the CPO score or anything about this.

Patty Welsh



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**From:** Mary Dyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am opposed to this bill for several reasons- procedural, general content, and personal impact.

First of all, I am truly disheartened by the manner this bill is being brought forth. As with the other attempts, this bill is being rushed through without proper time - time to read, time to debate, time to get a CBO score. This is too important a topic to handle in this way. I am deeply disgusted by what appears to be bribes to some states in order to secure votes - that is not the way America should do business.

Regarding the content of the bill, I feel it will harm millions of people, often those least in a position to take on more hurt. The fact the so many different groups ( e.g. doctors, insurers, patient groups, the state Medicaid directors, etc.) have come out in opposition to the bill raises a real red flag to me. It truly seems the goal of this bill is to erase Obama legislation as opposed to tackling the goal of healthcare. These are matters of life and death, and should not be partisan.

On a personal note, as a woman I am distressed that so many women's health issues suffer under this bill. How can you pass a bill that threatens reproductive and maternal care?!? I have two daughters, both young adults, and I fear for them and what they might not be able to afford. Additionally, I am currently treated for osteoporosis, and required extra ultrasound with every mammogram; I also fear what this bill will could do to me in terms of these being pre-existing conditions.

I never thought that as an American I would fear my government. But this is what it has come to.

Mary Dyer

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**From:** Mattisa Moorner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** jguerney@familyvoices.org  
**Subject:** My child, her needs and Medicaid

My name is Mattisa Moorner and I live in rural Hayneville, AL. My daughter, Kerstin is 15 years old. Kerstin was diagnosed with Spastic Quad Cerebral Palsy (CP) at the early age of 6 months old. Since then she has been diagnosed with other things as a result of CP which include Dandy Walker, Epilepsy, failure to thrive, bronchitis to name some of her ails and illnesses. These diagnoses require that Kerstin has around the clock care as she cannot do the daily living functions for herself. Kerstin is fed and given all of her medicines via a necessary g-tube that had to be placed because of aspiration. As stated, Kerstin requires around the clock care and as her mom, I am unable to have a full time job away from her so that I can care for her. I work part time while taking classes online.

ALL of Kerstin's medical needs: medicines, feeding supplies (syringes, extensions, g-tubes), g-tube formula, diapers, gloves, therapies, doctors and specialists are paid for through Medicaid. If not for Medicaid, it would be impossible for me to provide the things needed for her to live. That is scary to think about! Kerstin has also had several surgeries that have been fully covered by Medicaid, one of them being the spinal fusion. The curve of Kerstin's spine was beginning to have negative and harmful impacts on her lungs and breathing.

The costs of her medical supplies and surgeries is not something that can be afforded on a single parent, part time employment income. The Compleat she is given for nutrition is retailed on Amazon for approximately \$10.00 per 8 oz. can and she is given 4 per day. One of Kerstin's 3 seizure meds costs \$1,000.00 per month. The g-tube needed to feed my daughter cost \$300.00. These are just a few of the costs to keep her alive. There is no way that this could happen without Medicaid.

Medicaid coverage is allowing allowing Kerstin to be in her home and community, where she belongs, where she can thrive and be included! The Graham-Cassidy bill can have significant and harmful impacts on these capabilities and endless possibilities of Kerstin remaining in her community where she thrives and is loved!

Coming from a sincere parent,

Mattisa Moorner

[REDACTED]  
Hayneville, AL [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Meggin DeBarberie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy

I strongly oppose this harmful bill. The American people deserve far better than Graham-Cassidy.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Veronica Vacca [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:30 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. Veronica Vacca

[REDACTED]  
Cranston, RI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Nicole Evanson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nicole Evanson

[REDACTED]  
● Arden Hills, MN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kyra Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham Cassidy

My name is Kyra Miller and I was a hard-working, able-bodied, tax-paying American for 25 years. The sudden onset of lupus in 2010 rendered me disabled. Pennsylvania Medicaid covered my life saving expenses at Temple University Hospital. I've eventually come to rely on Medicare.

I oppose Graham Cassidy bill on behalf of myself and millions of Americans, some of whom merely have a pre-existing condition that this bill would allow their care to skyrocket.

Thank you,  
Kyra Miller

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Liza Cranis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

I am writing to urge you to NOT pass the Graham-Cassidy Bill. The passing of this bill will effect millions of Americans. I have Diabetes. My medications could cost me hundreds more every month, but because I have insurance through my husband's workplace, I am able to afford the medicine that helps keep the diabetes at bay. Without this insurance, I would be very sick and could possibly face amputation. Please DO NOT pass the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you.

Liza Cranis  
Los Angeles, CA

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**From:** Kaji Realty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PLEASE DO NOT CAP OR CUT MEDICAID

Dear Sir,

My Name is Edwin Sido. I live in Gastonia NC and my 16-year-old son, Ishaka, has Autism. It is through the Medicaid program that he has receive much valuable help in his school and is more likely to have a fulfilled future like all American kids should have.

I care deeply about health care and supports for people with autism, including Medicaid.

I would ask that you PLEASE PLEASE:

- 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 & god bless you.

Edwin Sido



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern:

This note is in fervent opposition to the mockery of a bill being considered to disiminate healthcare. There has been ample time and opportunity to develop improvements to the ACA, with all Republicans spewing their plans will offer better services for less money...these have never trnspired...because these people are void of new, creative ideas for virtually every initiative government input. An empty, dark and fridged inventory of morals, coupled with the revenge inspired mindset of a minority, has developed and festered a poisonous cyst on the complexion of our country . I have a confident Faith the unspeakably hatred that has infected the Republican party will be washed away and dealt with soon. But not until all of these diseased individuals are dead and gone can we feel the health of our Nation is actually improving.

Tim Steward  
Indianapolis

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

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**From:** Cheri Home Acct <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No vote without a CBO score!

How can you possibly think this new attempt to gut the ACA is good for the citizens of this country? I am sick of the rep vs dem attitude that has permeate congress. You don't care about us, all you care about is decimating anything that came from Obama and you give no consideration to the American people you hold hostage. How dare you!

You won't even wait to validate the numbers on this atrocity. You must know how bad it is if you are trying to push it through. We don't need accessible healthcare, we need affordable health care, and from everything I've read, this ain't it.

You should be ashamed of yourselves, but in order to do that you'd have to care about someone other than yourselves. How dare you screw us over like this!

Cheri

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**From:** Edward Carter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Congressional votes about health care should be about getting the best health care for americans, not about politics. I offer the following with Graham-Cassidy:

The Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill gives States the right to take away ACA protections to patients and families afflicted with cancer and other preexisting conditions according to respected experts in the field, such as Bernard Tyson (Chairman and CEO of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Hospitals). It would allow States to waive ACA provisions, which help working Americans afford insurance premiums and out-of-pocket medical costs—and that it would allow insurance companies to price out or add additional burdens to people in poor health. Experts also note that repealing the individual mandate will lead to fewer young and healthy people enrolled in insurance plans, which will push premiums higher.

### Questions:

- Will patients afflicted with major illness face a greater risk of medical bankruptcy [1] in States that waive Essential Health Benefits?
- How many patients diagnosed with lymphoma major illness will be unable to afford health insurance due to premium hikes?
- Have the authors calculated the loss of money contributed by working Americans (currently assisted by subsidies) who purchase insurance through the marketplace – who will no longer be able to do so?
- Have the authors calculated the impact on rural hospitals that will likely see a large increase in uncompensated care from uninsured Americans?
  - Will these hospitals be forced to close?
  - What will be the social and economic impact on the local communities?
  - What effect will rising uncompensated care have on the prices of medical services for people with insurance?
- Is it possible to calculate the cost to our overall economic health when families who lose health insurance lose the ability to work and provide for their families due to delayed or lower-quality of healthcare?
- What will be the impact of repealing ACA on the formation of new businesses, which enables entrepreneurs and the self-employed to try out business ideas without losing health insurance?
- Please explain how the projected loss of young and fit people from the insurance pool (due to waiving the individual mandate) will not lead to the so-called “premium death spiral”?
- Please explain the morality of a healthcare insurance policy that allows companies to raise rates when you get sick – given that as human beings this is inevitable for all of us?

- Please explain why it's ethical or desirable to allow companies to intrude on the lives of citizens by requiring disclosure of health information as a condition of providing a service?
- Will the bill cause chaotic and expensive shifts in health insurance policies in States every 4 years – based on which party wins a majority that year?

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**From:** gerald McEachin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote No on Trumpcare

Vote no on Trumpcare

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**From:** Marci Martinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy Healthcare Bill

As a healthcare professional, I am very concerned about the GrahamCassidy bill. We are the only developed country that allows our citizens to get sick and die because they don't have insurance. U. S. citizens are aware that the healthcare benefits Senators receive are cheaper and better than those received by the majority of people you represent. We will hold you responsible if you pass a bill that results in even more people losing their healthcare insurance. We will make our opinions known when we vote you out of office.

Sincerely,

Marcia Martinson, RN

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**From:** Connie Wallace [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy act

Dear Senators,

I am writing to encourage you to vote against the Graham Cassidy health care bill. This is a terrible bill, a terrible idea and a terrible way to force tens of millions of people off of their insurance.

Thank you for your time

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Connie Wallace

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**From:** Jennifer Dix [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Graham-Cassidy

To the Senate Finance Committee:

I am appalled that senators would consider a plan that bond rating agencies say is “more disruptive” than previous repeal and replace plans. That they would attempt to push it through by the slimmest margin, without waiting for a full CBO score. The Graham-Cassidy proposal will undermine state Medicaid programs and put taxpayers at risk for funding other state programs. According to Fitch Ratings, “Negative implications for entities that rely on state support, including school districts, cities, counties, and public higher education institutions could be more significant given their generally more constrained budgetary flexibility.”

These are the facts I have gathered from reading about this proposal:

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities released a report showing in 2027, every state in the nation would see federal funding cuts under Graham-Cassidy, totaling nearly \$300 billion.

**NO FULL CBO SCORE.** The Congressional Budget Office announced it would not be able to produce a complete analysis on Graham-Cassidy that includes the impact on deficits, how many will lose coverage or the increase in premiums by September 30.

**PRE-EXISTING CONDITION PREMIUM HIKES.** The Center for American Progress released a report showing how much more people with pre-existing conditions would pay each year under Graham-Cassidy. For example, an individual with asthma would face a premium surcharge of \$4,340. The surcharge for pregnancy would be \$17,320, and \$142,650 more for patients with metastatic cancer.

**WORSE THAN PREVIOUS BILL.** The Washington Post found this bill is worse than previous health care repeal bills, writing: “The latest Obamacare overhaul bill gaining steam on Capitol Hill slashes health-care spending more deeply and would likely cover fewer people than a July bill that failed precisely because of such concerns.”

**MORE UNINSURED VETS.** Rand Corporation study showing Republican repeal efforts would increase the number of uninsured veterans. The report showed that the ACA’s Medicaid expansion had increased coverage for low-income veterans who lived further from VA facilities. The report found that the ACA was responsible for reducing the uninsured rate of veterans by about one-third, from 9.1% to 5.8%, in 2015.

**MORE UNINSURED CHILDREN.** The Center for American Progress released an analysis showing that children are at immediate risk of losing coverage in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Utah with CHIP funding running out quickly.

**INCLUDES THE AGE TAX.** This repeal bill still lets insurance companies charge an unlimited amount more for people over 50, what AARP has dubbed an “Age Tax”.

**KEY STAKEHOLDERS OPPOSE.** The AARP, AMA, six leading physician groups, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and 15 more high-profile patient groups and Children’s Hospital Association are all unified in opposing the Republican repeal bill.

**GOP GOVERNORS OPPOSE.** Republican Governors from Alaska, Ohio, Massachusetts and New Hampshire have come out against the plan.

**FAILS REPEAL AND REPLACE.** Senator Rand Paul opposes Graham-Cassidy, writing in an op-ed, “In all ways, this bill is also ObamaCare Lite. In no way is it repeal the way we promised. I will oppose this bill as I did the other fake repeal bills, and I urge those who want repeal to do so, as well.”



FAILS THE MCCAIN TEST. In July, Sen. John McCain said, "I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to trust each other, stop the political gamesmanship, and put the health care needs of the American people first. We can do this." The American people are not stupid. We deserve so much more from our elected officials.

sincerely,  
J. Dix  
California

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**From:** Kelly Diaz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:28 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 am well aware that this bill is a tax cut for the wealthy and not an actual health care bill. As part of a middle class family, I know our premiums will rise under this bill. I also know that the most vulnerable amongst us, poorer, sick children, will die once they lose access to affordable health coverage.

This bill is monstrous, and if you pass it, you are a monster.

Pass a bipartisan bill !

Kelly Diaz  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jim McCormick <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH Comment

**Importance:** High

To Senate Finance Committee Members:

Please, please do not move this bill forward. The clincher for me was all 50 state Medicaid directors speaking with one voice—and that voice said “Don’t do this.”

Other reasons include:

- People with disabilities rely on Medicaid, and the per capita caps and cuts included in Graham-Cassidy will jeopardize our health, threaten our 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 disabled people 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.

I’m just one voice, but believe me, this is not in the interest of our country.

Thank you,

Jim McCormick

Indiana Resident.

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**From:** Teresa Fischer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** From a 2-time Ovarian cancer survivor

I am a 60-year-old retiree who has always been in good health. So you want to make my curse a pre-existing condition. Yes--a hereditary curse. I also carry the gene increasing my chances of getting breast cancer to 78% (which my mother died from at age 66; her mother died from ovarian cancer at age 62). And the likelihood of my ovarian cancer returning is high.

Please help us. Battling CANCER is only made harder by having to come up with money to pay the medical bills. Americans are living longer--but in poverty? Because of medical bankruptcy or suboptimal living arrangements?

Please, please pass legislation that will not punish constituents like myself--we didn't bring on our conditions by living poorly; it was inherited like our eye color.

Thank you for your attention.

Teresa Fischer

[REDACTED]  
Billings MT [REDACTED]

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**From:** Carl Lucania <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on Graham/Cassidy

Honorable Representatives,

I am writing to strongly protest the Graham/Cassidy bill. To force a vote for a measure that is so rushed and affects so many Americans and much of the economy without even a CBO score is nothing short of irresponsible.

You cannot call this a health care measure when it takes away health care and reduces medical benefits for so many Americans, especially those most vulnerable. It is just another spiteful attempt to erase any accomplishments of the former administration at the expense of the American people and give yet another tax cut to the few and most wealthy.

Reject this cynical atrocity of a bill.

Respectfully yours,  
Carl J. Lucania  
San Francisco, CA

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**From:** Deborah Lubbert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

My husband has kidney disease. It is possible, that someday, he may need a kidney transplant. I urge you to vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill.

## **What Will Graham-Cassidy Do To Transplant Patients?**

### **What Will Graham-Cassidy Do To Transplant Patients?**

By Judy Stone

People with kidney or organ transplants are an overlooked group at grave risk under Graham-Cassidy.

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Deborah Lubbert

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**From:** Getzell Family <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Call to nix the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal and create a bipartisan solution

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

The Graham-Cassidy repeal act is not viable! This bill has to be STOPPED! NOW! It goes against the grain of a humanitarian country. It does not solve our health care access problem, it makes it WORSE. Please move towards a BIPARTISAN SOLUTION to fix the Obamacare deficiencies.

Thank you,  
Linda Trembl  
Oakland, California  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Jayne Shoop  
[REDACTED]

Burlington, NC [REDACTED]

I am a single mom, working full-time. I have a 14 year old non-verbal son with autism. It's difficult to convey the experience of a parent of a child with autism to those who haven't lived it. My son requires constant supervision and is developmentally very far behind his peers. It is very isolating since we can't participate in many community events due to his sensory and behavioral issues. He has self-injurious behaviors, so I have holes in my walls and doors he made with his head, not to mention the many broken TVs, computer monitors and windows in his wake.

With that said, I wish everyone could have a child with autism. I'm a much better person and I've learned what's important in life because of him. To see my teenage son trying to brush his own teeth gives me as much joy as another mom seeing her son make a touchdown. I'm so proud of every small step forward and much of his progress is due to the support I received from Medicaid programs. Even with my private insurance, I would not be able to afford this level of care and as a working mom, I'm not sure I could manage it on my own.

Please keep us parents of disabled children in mind when reviewing this bill. We love our special kids as much as any parent loves their neuro-typical child. They are not just burdens on the system. They bring joy, laughter and love to those around them and they deserve the best this country can give.



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**From:** danielle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on Graham Cassidy

This bill will devastate millions of people. My daughter, who is 22 and just graduated college, has epilepsy. Her medication is over \$1500 per month out of pocket without insurance. She is looking for her first adult job but just paying for her medication is a ridiculous expense.

She's just one example of a person with a preexisting condition that is unavoidable whose life will be ruined if this bill passes.

It's a terrible piece of legislation which will have a horrific effect on our country.

Danielle Dubow

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**From:** Tim Deratany [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Tim Deratany and I'm a type 1 diabetic who has seen a drastic reduction in the burden of cost since the full implementation of the ACA. Since the time I was able to start working I've lived very thrifty, always on a tight budget and saved money for retirement or a rainy day. I've always lived with my parents to save money out of fear of rising health insurance costs. Going back to the days when protections for those with pre-existing conditions is not guaranteed and without help paying the price of health insurance which is always rising stops progress in my life and would eat away at what I've worked hard to save my whole adult life. It very well could mean less days of life too.

The latest bill put together by Senators Graham and Cassidy is not good policy, rushed forward with no legislative debate from the voices that make up our health care system and most importantly without allowing the citizens it affects to speak on the Senate floor. The bill lacks bipartisan support.

It is essentially a full repeal of the ACA in slower motion with no details of a replacement.

So I'm asking you to please pursue a bipartisan approach for the American people and stop pursuing this legislation that is rushed, allows for gutting protections for those like myself with preexisting conditions, has CBO estimates of 38,000,000 without health insurance in 10 years and will lead to higher costs and a weaker health insurance product for the American people.

Sincerely,  
Tim Deratany  
Type 1 Diabetic

[REDACTED]  
954-554-4637

CC: Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Bill Nelson

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**From:** Christine Dewees [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:23 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 I am the parent of 2 children who both have pre-existing conditions. This shameful legislation would roll back the Affordable Care Act's expansion of Medicaid and subject the rest of Medicaid to substantial cuts by converting it to a block-grant program. The most vulnerable Americans will suffer, including the elderly, those with disabilities, and those in low-paying jobs, while rich households and corporations will enjoy tax cuts on the backs of their fellow citizens. It would be disastrous to take away subsidies for the purchase of policies, abolish the employer and individual mandates, get rid of the lifetime caps on health-care outlays, and allowing insurers to force people with preexisting conditions to pay more. Average working American families like mine could end paying thousands and thousands of dollars, up to a hundred thousand or more per year, on medical costs if this cruel bill becomes law. Vote NO NO NO on this bill! Stop the attacks on healthcare and come up with a bipartisan solution to fix the ACA now! Stop playing politics with American lives! Listen to every major medical association and to your constituents and vote NO!

Christine Dewees  
[REDACTED]

insurance through the ACA, I was able to see my doctor, get the treatment I needed, and get back on my feet quickly. I do not wish to imagine what would have happened had I been unable to obtain that care.

I am a very fortunate woman. My husband and I make a decent living. We don't have any conditions that require outrageously expensive treatments and all of them are covered by law. But as I know all too well, things can change in a heart beat. Shortly after my father's death, my younger brother was diagnosed with a severe mental health disorder. As this was prior to the ACA, insurance was not required to cover mental health the same way as every other medical conditions. His care took up almost all of my father's life insurance before he, too, died too young. My mother was among the millions who had to declare bankruptcy due to medical debt during her cancer battle and she still had a major load of debt when she died. It is unconscionable to wish to return our country to the conditions under which my mother fought for first her son's life and then her own, ultimately losing both.

So I am asking you to find your compassion, to ignore the voices of those who "worry" over "creeping socialism" and "government overreach." Instead, please ask yourself what more can we do to alleviate suffering. What more can we do to make sure children like my son do not face the same tragedies millions like my mother faced. Please vote no on the repeal of the PPACA.

Yours in good faith,

Janice van Slimming  
Ventura, California  


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**From:** Wanda Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill/CC: @ASlavitt

As a retired Air Force nurse, I have had been blessed to see the workings of our healthcare system from the view of a closed system (not for profit) and from the world of our “for profit” system that has evolved over the past twenty years under a managed care concept. It amazes me how we continue to try and make a system designed to use resources (***because all people are going to need access to our healthcare system from birth to death***) into a for profit business. While I am not an advocate of “Medicare for All,” I do believe the Affordable Care Act (ACA) comes close to achieving the goals of reducing care costs. It emphasizes making the healthcare consumer an active partner in maintaining their health. Healthcare costs will not go down unless patients understand and are held accountable for how their actions affect those costs.

The military did not afford me the opportunity to neglect my health. Periodic full physicals were a requirement during my entire military career. Failure to maintain my health could have resulted in a shortened career. There was also an emphasis on wellness and healthy lifestyles. Prior to the ACA, these services were not covered by many of the insurance plans. Over the past few years, I have been pleased to see patients taking an active role in getting their annual physical exams and participating in programs which help them achieve the best level of wellness for their chronic problems.

I live in state that did not take the Medicaid expansion. This was a blow to many of the patients that could not afford insurance on the exchange, so they remained uninsured and received a lower quality of care because they could not afford the services needed to treat and control their chronic health problems. The idea that the exchange plans were free is just ludicrous. I have little faith the states will manage Medicaid funds to the advantage of patients. Despite protest and pleading from citizens to take the Medicaid expansion, state legislatures ignored these requests.

Healthcare will never be affordable unless all Americans participate. Everyone needs to pay into our healthcare system. It is **not fair** for the insured individuals, doctors and hospitals to pay for the uninsured. Nor is it reasonable to think by allowing individuals to opt out of having insurance costs will go down. These individuals cause significant drains on the system because they often access the system because of multiple untreated health issues which are chronic and require expensive interventions to stabilize them. Some individuals opt to not pay for insurance even if they are working because they know they can get access to care

without paying because of litigation fears held by healthcare providers. Those patients that have out of pocket costs many times don't pay because they don't understand the services provided by their plan.

***Removing the individual mandate, providing watered-down coverage plans, and withdrawing funds for Medicaid*** are not the way to reduce costs. The government cannot fix health care costs, but it does have the ability to significantly disable the healthcare system. We need to stop penalizing the victim (**patients**), and work with insurers, providers and hospitals to solve the problem of rising costs. I'm asking you to not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill and instead work on improving the Affordable Care Act. My healthcare is only minimally affected by your decisions. However, this does not mean I do not care about my fellow Americans. I served my country with pride so that all Americans can enjoy healthy, productive lives without fear of denial of services. Your consideration of this message is appreciated.

Wanda Jones  
Retired Air Force Nurse

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**From:** Luvia Quinones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** letter regarding the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal  
**Attachments:** final letter to senate committee 09.21.17 on ACA repeal.pdf

Dear committee members,  
please find attached a letter on behalf of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR).

Thank you,  
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Luvia Quinones

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**From:** Sandy Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

This bill does not address the current problems with healthcare and places an undue burden on the elderly. Please vote no on this bill and protect your constituents.  
I want change and cost-cutting, but it must be done the right way.

Thank you for your service to our country.

Sandy Jones  
Tennessee Resident



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**From:** Susan Conklin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy comment

Hello,

I am a 62 year old US citizen who has voted in every election since I was able to vote. I am a grandmother, I have a Masters degree and have worked since I was a teenager.

I am also a breast cancer survivor who wonders "will it come back"?

What will I do if it does?

I am shocked and saddened and angry that this bill is being rammed through without a proper CBO score or a series of open hearings. This bill is opposed by every medical, insurance, consumer group as well as many, many governors.

It is obvious to me that the wealthy donors have told Republican senators that they will withhold money until they vote for this shameful bill. You are voting yes on it just because you said "repeal and replace"? and you need their money? Why not fix what exists?

How do you look yourselves in the mirror in the morning knowing you will take medical care away from millions of us -- children, seniors, the disabled and just regular healthy people who need medical care and can't afford to pay for all of it?

And, that this is being forced through without proper process in the United States is shameful. How do I explain this to my grandson?

NO. NO. NO.

This bill should be voted down.

--Susan Conklin

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**From:** Ruth Sunnyside [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** URGENT re: your vote on Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senate,

Healthcare is one of the most important moral and human rights issue of our time and one that I feel most passionately about in voting for the past decade of American elections.

**Please reject this new Graham-Cassidy bill you are putting forth.**

32 Million Americans could lose coverage, not to mention radical change to Medicaid, diminished funding for every state and higher costs for those of us lucky enough to have insurance through employment. If you want to keep your campaign pledges start by keeping your pledge not to touch Medicaid benefits.

Reject this bill.

Sincerely,

Your very concerned citizen

Ruth Margraff

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**From:** Meredith McClaren [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy bill

Committee Finance,

I am deeply opposed to the Graham/Cassidy healthcare bill.

It seeks to diminish support for those struggling with healthcare bills. It endangers those whose health is in precarious positions. It will not only bankrupt our citizens, it will kill them too.

I find it appalling that we are the only first world nation that struggles with the concept that everyone should have healthcare. I find it appalling that the GOP, who often claim to be pro-life, would imperil the health of pregnant women, prenatal care, and infant healthcare by marking them as preexisting conditions vulnerable to health insurance premium hikes.

And I find it appalling that my decision to be a living kidney donor in 2018 would also be considered a preexisting condition for which I could be denied healthcare should my insurance ever lapse. Essentially ensuring that I will be punished for trying to extend another person's life.

This bill is hateful.

No one sponsoring it seems to know what it will do or how it will affect our citizens. Nor have they made any valid argument beyond 'It will repeal the ACA.' Which no one wants to see happen. In fact, support for the Graham/Cassidy bill falls at about 17%.

You cannot claim that our elected officials are representing us, when they stand for legislation we find so malicious and contrary to our needs.

NO on Graham/Cassidy.

-Meredith McClaren

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**From:** Timothy Huang <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee

My name is Timothy Huang, I live in zip code 10031, am an American citizen who pays his taxes and owns property and who has been contributing to the system since he was 16.

I just wanted to share my thoughts on Graham-Cassidy with you and implore you to reconsider this bill.

While in general, I find that cutting funding to things like film budgets, Broadway shows, even (though to a lesser degree) academic programming sometimes results in smart people stepping up and making something better with less- I think applying that logic to Medicaid and health care in general is incredibly arrogant and misinformed. On paper this bill seems like a nice compromise with those who wish to keep the ACA but let's be real here. In practice it is just a loop hole back door way of killing it slowly and without pretense.

ACA isn't the enemy. Having Obama's name on it isn't the enemy. I hope you will consider the factual long term losses of this over the hypothetical long term gains.

Sincerely

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**From:** Sherry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

I am writing to let you know that as a US citizen and constituent of Connecticut, I respectfully ask that you DO NOT pass the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill in no way better the American healthcare system, which is why every healthcare organization and ALL 50 state Medicaid Directors oppose its passage, along with over 80% of Americans. How Republicans can simply lie to the public and oppose all of our wishes is beyond comprehension and is deplorable. To lie to our faces and say people with pre-existing conditions will be guaranteed coverage is stunning, because it is quite clear that this is not the case given the ability of state's to receive a waiver.

The fact that the bill will not receive a full CBO score until after its scheduled passing is also alarming based on the fact that previous renditions showed over 20 million Americans would lose their healthcare and many would not be able to afford policies if they could obtain one with pre-existing conditions.

Also, the fact that these senators are now trying to buy the votes of other senators who have opposed is also disgusting.

This is clearly a terrible bill and its passage would have devastating consequences for Americans' health and 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. This is not politics. This is life and death.

Thank you.

Sherry Wernicke

[REDACTED]  
Riverside, CT [REDACTED]

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**From:** Susie Seborg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill

September 20, 2017

Dear Senate Finance Committee,  
RE: Proposed Healthcare Legislation

*This letter is from my father, and I agree with it 100%. We are begging you to please consider the terrible ramifications this bill, if passed, will have on the citizens of our country.*

*Thank you for your time- Susie Seborg Anders, Baton Rouge, LA*

This is the first time that I have ever written to an elected official, and I am 76 years old. Unlike many people, I am fortunate to have an excellent healthcare plan provided by my former employer. But I am very concerned about the millions of people who will lose their coverage with the latest version of TrumpCare (i.e., the Graham-Cassidy bill).

Here are a few of the many reasons why this disastrous bill should not be passed:

1. Tens of millions of people (mainly low income) will lose their current insurance. I firmly believe that in the richest country in the world, universal healthcare insurance should be a right, not a privilege. Virtually, every other industrialized country has universal coverage. Why can't the USA?
2. Obamacare has serious problems, but it is better than not having any healthcare insurance at all. Furthermore, Obamacare is fixable. Much of its current problems are due to actions of the Trump administration. (e.g., uncertainty about continuing government subsidies and greatly curtailed publicity for signing up individuals).
3. Pre-existing conditions and lifetime caps may preclude many people, especially if it left to states to decide. (Most states did little before ObamaCare was passed.)
4. It strongly appears that this bill is being rushed through for purely partisan reasons, namely, so that the GOP can claim a "win". For many GOP members of Congress, it appears that they are ready to vote for virtually any healthcare bill for this reason. "Very sad".
5. A major bill with huge impact *must* undergo extensive Senate hearings as well as financial analysis by the CBO and other non-partisan entities. To not do so, is irresponsible.

I strongly urge you to rise above intense GOP political pressure and do what is right for the country by voting against this terrible bill.

Sincerely,

Dale Seborg, PhD Chemical Engineering  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lauren Arrington [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not pass this bill!

I don't see how anyone can in good conscience pass the Graham-Cassidy bill when so little is known about the cost, or ultimate effect on the people of the US. Congress must continue to work together to come up with a bipartisan solution. How can anyone with loved ones fight for someone's right NOT to buy health insurance, knowing that health problems or accidents can crop up at anytime, and that loved one can end up ruined financially for the rest of their lives.

As a mother of a special needs child, we need more coverage, not less, and more affordable options. It seems pretty clear that the best and easiest way to ensure that all have affordable care is to have Universal Health Care. I rely on an IUD, and that will become impossible to afford under the Graham Cassidy act. My son relies on ABA therapy, and that is already unaffordable due to ever increasing costs and lack of coverage. Look at your own healthcare, and make sure that every US citizen is entitled to the same.

Lauren Arrington

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**From:** Jeremy Ajdukiewicz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please do not pass this bill!

I am sure I am not alone in saying I am fearful for the future if this horrific bill is passed.

Both my wife and myself have pre-existing conditions and will be unable to afford health insurance if this bill is passed.

Please save our lives and the lives of other countless Americans by shutting this bill down!

Obamacare can be fixed!

Thank you,

Jeremy Ajdukiewicz



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**From:** Mike Talbot [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Cassidy / Graham bill

NO, NO and NO.

I can't be more clear. This bill is being forced with out the proper due process. This bill does NOT have support in any way, shape or form from any leading health care organization (see <http://www.businessinsider.com/graham-cassidy-bill-doctors-insurance-groups-2017-9>).

Further, the bill is blasted by NAMD (independent) by EVERY SINGLE STATE in our country. EVERY SINGLE STATE SAYS NO. Here is the reference: <http://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/351846-medicaid-directors-warn-repeal-bill-would-be-largest-transfer-of-financial>

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**From:** Michael Burke <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

My son will lose his health insurance and will not be able to afford insurance at all if this bill is passed. Shame on you for even considering it.

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**From:** Billy Wynne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Wright, Kevin (Finance)  
**Subject:** ACHP Statement for Record re Sept. 25 Hearing  
**Attachments:** ACHP\_Statement\_For\_Record\_Graham.Cassidy.Heller.Johnson\_Proposal-Hearing....pdf

Good afternoon:

Please find attached a statement from the Alliance of Community Health Plans regarding the “Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal” hearing on Monday, Sept. 25. Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide input into the process.

Best,  
Billy

**BILLY WYNNE**

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**From:** Jessica Hollander [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Graham/Cassidy bill that again threatens ACA repeal. This bill, by every measure is not only worse than the other 2 that preceed it, but would be catastrophic to our most vulnerable citizens.

I ask Congress not to vote on a bill without a CBO score. This bill would affect 1/6 of our economy, without a full evaluation of the impact it will have on the lives of Americans. I'm also extremely concerned about the bill's language pertaining to the removal of protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions. My father passed away last year of Glioblastoma--the very same disease that Sen. John McCain is courageously battling. Despite having private insurance, if this bill were to pass, my father wouldn't have been able to afford any of the necessary treatments he had that kept him alive and with our family for 3 beautiful years. His diagnosis would have meant an immediate death sentence under this bill. No American should have to live under such circumstances.

Lastly, I am greatly concerned about the direct impact this would have on Medicaid, affecting America's seniors--who deserve the best of what we can give them, as well as our most vulnerable disabled citizens causing the costs of their care to skyrocket.

This bill is heartless, and is nothing more than a partisan attempt to preserve political promises over the good of our country and our citizens. People will die. Please do everything you can to prevent this cruel bill from becoming a reality.

I ask that you return to regular order, and seek a bi-partisan Congressional solution that benefits all Americans.

Regards,  
Jessica Hollander

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Jessica B. Hollander  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Deborah Lubbert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** testimony for Monday's hearing on the Graham Cassidy bill

My husband has kidney disease. It is possible, that someday, he may need a kidney transplant. I urge you to vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill.

**What Will Graham-Cassidy Do To Transplant Patients?**

**What Will Graham-Cassidy Do To  
Transplant Patients?**

By Judy Stone  
People with kidney or organ transplants are an overlooked group  
at grave risk under Graham-Cassidy.

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Deborah Lubbert

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**From:** Rachael Warecki <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments: Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators of the Finance Committee:

Please do NOT vote in favor of the Graham-Cassidy bill. It will provide less coverage for Americans than the ACA or even the "skinny repeal," and multiple medical associations have come out against it.

Although I live and work in a blue state, my company's headquarters are based in Florida, meaning that if the Graham-Cassidy bill passes, my insurance premiums and coverage will be determined by Florida's decisions.

I have several preexisting conditions, including endometriosis, which I treat using birth control. (Endometriosis treatment is actually my primary reason for using birth control, and I've known many women who've used the pill to treat conditions instead of or in addition to using it for family planning.) I also have had severe migraines since the age of four, which have recently gotten worse due to multiple concussions. These are not conditions that can be fixed or cured, and I should not be punished for having them by paying higher premiums. And that's what the Graham-Cassidy bill feels like: a punishment.

Women, children, people with disabilities, and people with preexisting conditions need continuing care, not less coverage. Please work with your Senate colleagues to instead come up with a bipartisan solution to provide improved coverage for all Americans.

Thank you for your time and service.

Rachael Warecki

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**From:** Doug Blemker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill

Please do not allow the misleading and destructive Graham/Cassidy ACA replacement bill to move forward. The partisan destruction of 1/6 of the economy will make states poorer and individuals sicker while benefiting only the richest. This bill is heartless and mean and the "negotiations" being held to get support from fellow Republicans are backward and destructive to the end goal, which should be providing health care (not taking it away from our citizens).

Please do not allow the Graham/Cassidy bill to move forward. Return to regular order and focus on bipartisan issues and committees allowing the American citizens to see overwhelming approval of new works from Congress.

Sincerely,

Doug Blemker  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ed Botsko [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GOP Healthcare scam

## **KILL THIS BILL.**

Is merely a way to fund tax cuts for the wealthy and denies healthcare to millions.  
Ed Botsko



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**From:** Catherine Glenn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject the health care bill!

32 Million Americans could lose coverage, radical change to Medicaid and diminished funding for every state, and 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.

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**From:** Kendra Richards <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** nursekendra87  
**Subject:** A face to what will be destroyed. Graham-Cassidy Bill  
**Attachments:** dax25.jpg; dax24.jpg; dax23.jpg; dax21.jpg; dax20.jpg; dax19.jpg; dax16.jpg; dax14.jpg; dax12.jpg; dax11.jpg; dax10.jpg; dax09.jpg; dax06.jpg; dax05.jpg; dax03.jpg; dax02.jpg; dax01.jpg

Hi, my name is Kendra Richards. I am an educated registered nurse in the state of Iowa. But I do not come to you as a professional. I come to you as a single mother of a son who has a rare genetic disorder called Phelan-McDermid Syndrome. There is about 1,400 kids worldwide with this condition. It causes things such as developmental delay, delayed or absent speech, feeding difficulties, seizures, kidney and brain abnormalities. The information known is low because we need more research. But again, I am not here to give you statistics. I am here to give you our story.

We are the Richards from Iowa. I have a daughter who is 9 and my son will be 2 in November. I had a normal pregnancy and birth. At the age of 2 months, I knew something was different with Daxton because he was not holding his head up as he should. This led to testing which resulted in the diagnosis of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome. The next few months seem pretty uneventful despite the continued pneumonias. It wasn't until July of 2016 when Daxton was unable to swallow....anything. Fluids, baby food, medications. He was admitted for the first time to the hospital for placement of a g-tube feeding option, his first of three surgeries so far. I was working as a nurse myself taking care of other children when my own child was in quite need but I didn't have the resources. His father left.

Because I didn't have Medicaid or the resources or knowledge, I had to resign my position as an emergency room and pediatric gastroenterology nurse to stay home with him. I fought LONG AND HARD to get Daxton covered by Medicaid. He was finally placed on Medicaid for kids with disabilities SECONDARY to his primary insurance. You see his primary insurance doesn't cover medical foods or equipment, among other things. They cap therapies needed for Daxton to continue to grow. So once we were finally approved for Medicaid, Daxton started physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy to give him the opportunities and tools to advance and grow. Next came his second surgery, he was constantly unhappy and in pain and after a month of two trying to figure out the issue, it was discovered that his g-tube feedings were going straight into his lungs and burning, much like a very bad case of reflux. He was then sent to undergo anesthesia and have a Nissen Fundoplication completed. This worked tremendously and my happy, smiling boy was back immediately.

We continued therapies and I researched ways to get Daxton eating orally again. Not only for the health benefits and pure enjoyment but the cost of g-tube supplies alone each month is quite high. I researched a therapy called VitalStim which is intensive and only covered by Medicaid. We went every day but Sunday for an hour to retrain his muscles to swallow by "shocking" them while he was swallowing. He now eats meals with my daughter and I which would not have been the case if it wasn't for Medicaid services.

The high of him eating came to a screeching halt when he came down with rhinovirus, which is a typical cold for most but for a kid with low muscle tone, it diminishes his ability to cough. We were transported to Mayo in Rochester by ambulance where he then developed pneumonia and norovirus and we spent two weeks. He is a fighter, recovered and kept plugging along.

Next came his third surgery for his eyes. His low muscle tone affected the muscles in his eyes as well so I drove him to Omaha for bilateral nystagmus surgery which was the easiest so far. He recovered, pushed through and continues his daily multiple therapies to get stronger and be the best he can be. He won't give up so why should we, the people of Congress, give up on him by taking away his resources and tools to succeed??

He sits up on his own and is on the verge of crawling. Medicaid provided equipment for us such as a stander and walker to get him upright and interacting with his environment which has changed our lives. Medicaid provides his vest treatments and cough assist machine to keep him out of the hospital. Medicaid provided a special stroller so I can take him to watch his sister play softball or go grocery shopping. He laughs and smiles and responds. In fact, his testing shows he understands everything you are telling him, he just can't respond....yet! He says mama, go, bubba. His drive is there but who covers a communication device in the meantime? Medicaid.

This program is truly saving his life. By providing therapies to keep him moving and working hard to decrease complications such as pneumonia and muscle atrophy. They are providing nutrition in which he would most likely die from if he didn't have.

People in Congress need to see faces, see people. Not numbers and money. You are truly making life and death situations in some cases if this program worsens. We are still on the medicaid waiver wait list which I was told is 3 and 1/2 years long. This will only worsen if block grants are in place. I am his only provider. I don't receive in home nursing for him. I don't receive respite care. I am his sole provider and I am happy to be that. I CAN be that because of the resources we have been given thus far.

Attached are pictures of our journey with captions of what was happening at the time. Please oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill as this will truly ruin and end the quality of life of a lot of medically fragile children including Daxton Richards.

Thank you for your time,

Kendra Richards

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**From:** Melissa Ketelsen [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Pre-existing conditions

I was diagnosed with MS (multiple sclerosis) almost 20 years ago. As a result, I have only been able to apply for and keep jobs that offer insurance. Since Obamacare passed, I can finally change jobs if I want to. I finally feel free! That's what our country is supposed to be about, right? We shouldn't allow insurance companies to limit our freedoms. In addition, I don't need to worry about life-time insurance maximums. MS medications are very expensive. I also think all people, regardless of health and income, should have access to affordable health care that meets their needs. It's what most other countries do for their citizens. It's the right thing to do.

Melissa Ketelsen  
Minnetonka, MN

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**From:** Christa Hefel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Medicaid!

Senator we are a middle class family that has a private insurer for our family. We do have adopted children with special needs that have Medicaid as secondary. If there is a cut in Medicaid funding it would be disastrous to our already significantly struggling mental health system in place currently.

We do not have the services to meet the needs of our traumatized children. If we have a decrease in Medicaid funding the children in our state will not be able to get the services they need.

WHAT does our society look like in 10 more years with children that have grown up with no mental health services!!!!

Christa Hefel, foster and adoptive parent  
Iowa

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**From:** Lenne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Committee,

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy Bill. It harms everyone. It is as bad as the other Trumpcare bills if not worse. People's lives are what matter. Not profits. The healthcare system needs fixing but this is not the way. People lose coverage. Americans won't be able to get care. Please help protect Americans and do not pass this. There has not been enough research into how this bill will affect all of us. And it is not worth people's lives to save rich people more money with tax cuts.

Thank you

Lenne Klingaman

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**From:** [REDACTED] behalf of line llao [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** My Story, in some words of egalitarianism:

Good day,

My letter to your Newspaper, for HealthCare:

The elementary thing is that illness, can be prevented rather than healed in uniqueness not only by affordable needs, but quality of life. A minimum level of purchasing power needy and working classes can suffice to create less morbidity in a human exploitation of masses.

A decent level of life of inactive classes, resulting from globalist slavery, can be the limits to a Trust's Mondialist capitalist Medecine.

HealthCare can be prevention and Care of the following of poverty, over-exploitation of people, and workers.

In American :

Good evening,

The more complex the hostilities of hostile environments, the ritual initiation hazards and pitfalls of PMU, opposed to childhood, its well-being, societies represented by those of family cells reproducing and prolonging by violent games and SM of irresponsible adults (Close to Islamic terrorist groups, EI training camps), the difficulties encountered in the assimilation of minors, from early childhood to groups learning language in prohibitive, violent and dictatorial environments, Puberty will be realized early by survival of a valley of tears, adult precocity sometimes acquired at birth, disguised by each social class, modesty towards parental immaturity, reproducing the puberty precocity of the Middle Ages and the disadvantaged classes Of global dictatorships, the miner born more responsible and head or breadwinner, than his parental cell, family, become The unconscious and irresponsible of the ritual tortures between-endured and inter-cultivated class ignorance, absolute totalitarian processes of hard regimes and repressive policemen for holocaust.

The planet is already in an open world war but apparently larvae, to consider the ravages of capitalist colonialism in every country of the world, America of B. Obama will have tried in vain to counter-square this globalist phenomenon, a Mondialism Having passed beyond the bounds of a world burn-out begun by the colorful, razed revolutions, and the ISIS burn-out, which, after the Muslim Left, has been eradicated, killed in the egg, tortured, Arrested, repressed, and executed, massively or even.

Recall :

Would global warming originate from a combined warming between pollution and the warming of an interglacial period, these combinations with a repressive system establishing a constant pathogenic overwork in itself resulting in one of the capitalist laws of an overproduction For an overproduction stimulating a hiring (hence a pauperizing inflation) not a function of the skills acquired during decades of learning, practice, professional experiences, the salary picks on the pay of the employees ensuring the profits of the companies and thus their tax havens, the relocations Resulting in job losses in waves and overcrowding, the impoverishment of the salaried classes, deprived of the return of all their wages harnessed by the capital gains ensuring in their cumulative tax havens the big companies, these carcinogenic and pathogenic factors really in cause.

It will be necessary to come to terms with the polluting companies, reduce them, reduce their size, activity, or reduce them to close according to their necessity in everyday life, and stop their activity, their relocations, by a plan To prohibit polluting companies at their first production if they are newly active on the market, to require controls on the likelihood of harmful pollution in the environment of multinational companies, including Monsanto, to prohibit them if they refuse to comply with these industrial cartels. Environmental crime, dispossessing their leaders of their golden parachutes, tax benefits and tax niches, paying these taxes to the victims to compensate, and families of disabled victims who died of the fatal and disabling pollution of these firms, transfer the surplus of these fines to the needy , Disadvantaged, migrant reception facilities, refugees, small refugees Low wages, marginalized, and NGOs making them survive the head out of the backwater.

The survival of the Earth is due to an Alter ecologist experimental ecology, following a destruction of the natural phenomena of the host planet ensuring Life on Earth, and that of the human species, species in cohabitation with it and those ensuring Its food survival. Systematic, Systematic Destruction linked to industrial machinism, liberal globalist capitalism, over-industrialized overproduction, dangerous and fatal relocations for human, animal, vegetable and polluting life (petroleum in Africa, cotton latifundian fields in India, agri-food in America) , Overproduction of gimmicky gadgets for the profit of multinationals over-consuming reserves of terrestrial resources endangering life, that they exhaust the last tropical forests of the Quaternary, now alive the presence of the " Earthly atmosphere, necessary to life and only breathable by man.

<https://plus.google.com/.../+LineLlao2015-F.../posts/MjZ.75x1b9Nq>

Precisely, these pre-existing plans at Trump, by ObamaCare, which are very valuable for the democratization of care adapted to the pathologies included in work, old age, youth, maternity, and precariousness increase in

Severity, frequency and number, per individual and collectively, America loses a serious, vital asset, the health of its citizens, and the working masses. Morbidity, diseases with increased rates of denial by D. Trump policy, air pollution, global warming, causes of severe climatic events, generating hecatombs of human lives, deaths due to global climatic disasters, landslides, Typhoons, and floods, linked to the warming climate change, induced by a polluting over-industrialization, leading to a desertification deregulating the natural phenomena of the Earth, from where, these natural disasters, in fact linked to the overactivity of the environment, Man, having led (from this obstinacy of the West, to persist, in the ravaging colonization of the world), the War of Syria, and the current armed conflict.

For the Republicans will have always refused to cease suburbanization, Over-industrialization to the utmost, having deprived the countries where the West has settled, their democracy, generated dictatorships and thus the chaos in the World E.If growth continues, employment for employment, hiring for hiring, production for production, working for families and homeland, the natural resources of the Earth, will be reduced, Industrialization for hiring, damaging the health of citizens, habitable surfaces will be reduced, urbanization zones will overflow building areas and extend to preserved natural reserves because green lungs of France and the world, ensuring the biological reconstitution (Chlorophyll daily production of deciduous vegetation especially, oxygen and carbon dioxide, plant vegetation recycling, necessary for life on Earth) and natural biotopes, including those of land-based terrestrial cycles, the overpopulation linked inevitably To an over-growth or even an increased recovery of the growth will be an aggravating factor of the French supernatality, knowing the report T surface area / demography / nature reserves of natural biotopes critical France, with a reduced area for its demography; This has been compounded by an overpopulation of climate, economic and political refugees for strictly legitimate humanitarian reasons. Half of the continent, due to progressive shortages of food and drinking water, if not to assimilate the rest of the continent and The other grid of an emerging police society, returning to one half of the American continent and planet containing its other half of criminal delinquency, one third of its police supporters crumbling otherwise Under the weight of its charges, falling into absolute corruption to have to incarcerate them with their detainees. Focus more on the fight in the medical, scientific and paramedical, pharmaceutical ethics and management of the pathology by the sanitary institutions of the State, while enumerating, analyzing the primary causes of pathologies and their pathogenic factors, social-cult Urels, repressors, economic, linked to overwork in difficult to admit conditions, not to mention human rights abuses, induced by the uprooting of refugee climatic populations delivered to the shortage of healthy basic foods following desertification, delegating The feeding of masses to multinationals, their terrestrial pollution, poverty, over-exploitation underpaid, industrial economic slavery in the multinationals, and hence material poverty, the prohibition of the Fundamental Rights of Man, Woman, Of animals, and of satisfying basic needs to human and animal survival, of which to breathe healthy air, to consume drinking water, to eat healthy, to sleep, to circulate freely, to maintain and to keep his organism alive in life, to dress dignifiedly, to evacuate, to eliminate Healthy, free, toxins, body fluids, urine and excrement during their employment and private life, Health and malnutrition, domestic violence, insecurity, survival trafficking, serious crime, resulting in stress of survival, epidemics, constant dietary deficiencies, daily, frequent, resulting in fatal carcinomas, heart disease , Fatal metabolic disorders, fatigue, inability to work, jobs of great difficulty despite disability and multi-disability, physical, mental, sexual and genital, thus generated and caused, in multiple combinations. Depending on the type of class, needy, medium or privileged. This leads to epidemic outbreaks linked to the alleged, sustained, aided, financed and yet bitterly defended American, despite the brakes, total blockades opposed by The enemies of the Democate Movement, to progress Ecologists.

The populations on the verge of a general burnout. Under a threat of planetary dictatorship more policeman and totalitarian still than that present, destined to contain them. America is the only one in this tunnel, to vegetate in the shed blood Capitalism will have decomposed nature, dissociated individuals, exploded entire regions, exterminated species and populations, the point of no return of the death of the Earth approaches, what solution to find there, since it is sought, the Alterglobalists had found it, they were exterminated, for the immoderate use of drugs and soft drugs, discriminating their Mai-68ard movement, and post May 68, lucid on the facts, the only movement having radiated in the world spring, Freedom and peace, to a universality of us, customs, under French ferocious global connection, since, absolute immobilism bury Life on Earth, still a bomb, still diesel, still a MOAB-MOM Bomb. The i .. Democracy, Freedom, Justice and Equality cause so much fear among the privileged ranks, that they privilege the privileges of impassable caste, and therefore arrogate to themselves the illegal Rights called Rights of Fact (Rights established on The act committed or "done" judged legal right and not laws established on the most just reason) Law established by the lords, authorizing and defending this right of appropriation of the soil, means of production, humans, and animals , Plants and natural elements such as water, air, rocks and other meteorological elements, and the right to over-exploitation of these elements, are human, resources, that anyone who can not by these established laws, delight them If the very idea of democracy makes the demon think of the Republicans, it is good that the Republicans promise the worst, the free exploitation of the ultimate resources of the world, of America, for the benefit of the privileged whom they will choose In their herds of followers, and survivors. Trump, son of a criminal released by the bought and threatened authorities of the Ku-Klux-Klan, would not be surprised. The time may not lend itself to reflections on the future of man, but I can not 'Forbidding to manifest my faith in a possible future, the important symbolism, and listening to a need inherent in humanity, to survive, to live, and to give birth. It remains 2 to 3 billion years before the planet completely disappears in the Sun, its warmth (the beginning of a climate warming that is insensitive to its beginnings, and plunging humanity into the distress of high temperatures as As the Earth moves closer to the sun), will be at its climax and unlivable point for Life on Earth then well before 2 billion years, will be inevitable and boil the oceans and seas, their water evaporating, killing All life on Earth if mankind has succeeded in escaping it in the meantime, overcome and succeeded in reducing its aggressiveness rate of 3 clusters of human subsets, violent, aggressive, predatory and phagocytic overactive Of the other clans, and, pests to survive on their territory admitting a population exponential growth and to eliminate or condemn to swarm in the world, then the grouping of the passives to the cuts and yokes of the dictatorships instau The active and soft resistance, in its clan and under cleavaged cultures, of a leftist ethical manifesto and a pro-Marxist Leninist of the stem, eradicated collectively from their action, and militant movements actively or softly on the ground , Establishing social-cultural fabrics and bonds ensuring the materiality of their movement, and the recovery of the most dangerous dissident elements, in grass, from the youngest age, in order to avoid any spinning around their benchmarks. This last active group, virulent and vehement, or soft, of the left soft anesthetic, will remain the first to live under the attacks of the other two groups, to perish or survive. In the constant stress of the Ki of the Last Samurai.

Putting More worthy of interest: Key posts threatening the security of the states hosting Arab Muslim immigration, burdened with ISIS dormant infiltrations but active on the ground of the immigrant populations. What is to be done, then. The vigilant witness of the action EI resting the freedoms of women and their degree of slavery with respect to the precepts EI, whose obligatory wearing of the veil, which is indescribable if subjected to the duty of giving change to the Personal will to carry it. Under pain of death by brutal domestic violence and torture, in the privacy of homes, masking so-called natural deaths of women under marital, conjugal, family, close and neighborhood violence, and child abuse.

Radicals, spouses, families, family cells, or simply parental, no one will be able to detect it, to what degree of masked radicalization,



these fragile lands of immigration, live ISIS. Is it necessary to undress each woman in the office of medical office, Or to wait for them to die in the shower Arienne sanitizing their body wounds and sores, black misery, poison or commotion of cause invisible to the naked eye, on orders of Corrupt social services maintaining the fact, in search of new prey for their markets of flesh, medicine and forced cobayage? Psychiatry. Men, employccs, vigils, key positions, or as much encumbered as women, the duty to give the exchange, if taken by ISIS. A must kill suicide kamikaze to avoid the sacrifice of their family, women, children, property, legacy. If their posts facilitated, be wary, from an ISIS grip to tight mesh.

N. B. The hallucinatory drugs of the Nazi era and Hitler's rise to power, composed almost exclusively of soft hard drugs, used in psychiatry commonly in case studies of listed dementias, including dissent and dissent, Psychotic derivatives, drugs and neuroleptics, their derivatives. In the days of Nijinsky and Van Gogh. The Saudi, Syrian, Turkish, Western and Israeli markets.

The vigilant witness of the EI action testing the freedoms of women and their degree of slavery to the EI precepts whose port Compulsory veil, unspeakable if subjected to the duty to give the change of the personal will to wear it. Under the penalty of death by brutal domestic torture, in the privacy of homes, masking so-called natural deaths of women under marital, conjugal, family, close and neighborhood violence, and abused children of radicalized, spouses, families family cells, or Simply parental, no one will be able to detect it, to what degree of masked radicalization, these fragile lands of immigration, live ISIS.

Is it necessary to undress each woman in the office of medical office, for verification of the right degree of bruises of the brutalities Or wait for them to die in the shower Arienne sanitizing their bodily sores and vermin, black misery, poison or commotion of cause invisible to the naked eye, on the orders of corrupt social services maintaining the fact, Search for new prey for their flesh, medicine and forced cobayage markets?

The response of medicine must remain at the level of its tasks, including that of regulating, verifying, informing, educating and literacy, the wretched and immigrant populations, in demand for care and care adapted to their demand and that of their cause, Which would offer jobs and additional medical posts, in order to avoid an upsurge of uncultivated social grounds, and in total precariousness, causes of ISIS.

Women: Overwork, overload of domestic tasks and pr Recessionary sleep deprivation, brain, nervous system and body replenishment, healthy and non-male food deprivation, or industrial junk food, lipid, over-soda-on-carbohydrate, daily dehydration, Related to daily and professional tasks, pollution of basic sources of life, irradiation of essential food sources (varied, fresh and seasonal), human survival and reproduction (dairy products, eggs, red and white meats, Restlessness, legitimate and legitimate holidays, exacerbated reproduction, obligation to marital duty, domestic violence and maltreatment, violence against women, childbirth, illness, hyper trauma Sub-algae, mutilators of the pelvic organs, and fracturing the whole organism in its entirety, Abdomen, the heart, the spinal and muscular heart system, and its nervous tree, the general nervous system, the obligation to retain faeces during use, journeys, all carcinogenic in itself. Would consist in constituting a moderate liberalism taking advantage of the multinational industrial trades, recovered in their professionalism, to convey democratic moral values and liberalism liberating dogmas and bad conditions of material life. A real world socio-economic order will reign on Earth only under these conditions, commonly understood, freely accepted, unconditionally and free to vote. I think that we should reduce spending of the middle classes unless they But it would be necessary to raise the ceiling on wage incomes, the social minimums of the disadvantaged classes, such as working classes, inactive classes (disabled and handicapped persons, persons in all types of long-term illnesses, victims of violence, Unemployed and inactive people receiving social minima, in France RSA and RMI). But the will persists to handicap alienating pathologies, alienating a well-being authorizing freedoms of conscience, a phenomenon of global dictatorships, and treating the pathology also persists in place of preventing it. Double work of Medicine and its duties, current. Violence in school: if the words of racial rejection, slanderous, defiant, rude, humiliating lazzi, moral harassment, injustice, bizuts, physical and sexual violence, in America, in France, sanctioned school sanctions understood, assumed by The students, primary school pupils, middle school, high schools and crèches, murderous revenge with heavy weapon EI or strictly student would no longer practice, or strictly, never. The "I will have" psychiatric and repressed avoiding psychiatry, Would recruit more in EI thus. My articles on the treatment of drug addicts EI detoxifying in psychiatry, and heavy psychiatry. "Soldier pill", the GIs of Vietnam, having tested the unknown number of drugs including Acid, LSD, Heroin, Amphetamines Nazi drugs tested on German soldiers engaged voluntarily and enlisted by force (lobotised, re-trephined to their brain regrowth, robotised brachycephalic soldiers-killers, occipital zones to parietals, amputated, massive lobotomic resection for more accuracy of The use of the conscious brain, focusing on reality rather than the awakened dream, during protracted nocturnal and diurnal combats, induced hallucinatory dreams of hard drugs causing insomnia to be controlled, augmented by the nocturnal coma of sleep disturbing combat action ), To the STO, hard drugs having stimulated them psychically, and physically, dominated by duty, knowing that in these cases it is necessary to obtain River and driver ", driving the troops and conducting, under the influence of these hard drugs, authorization of adapted conduct acquired on the ground, authorizing any serious error of sorting and action, costing in human lives. To the overconsumption of strong alcohols, hallucinogens disinfectants of ground, in the framework of the war of the Jihadist fighters. Alcohol plunging into second and rising states destined to hold the blow, to take drugs before the fight, to disconnect and to insensitize the wounds, the mind, to insensitize it in front of the death and the torture. Drug addicts with strong alcohol, for the amnesic effect of their over-consumption, post-war, among American veterans (to forget the wars realized, without addiction to Alzheimer-like barbiturates), and EI fighters , In order to submit to the control EI, and to disconnect from any resistance to the orders EI.

Woman: Women / cards of payment:

The pleasure-delivery: And why not a painless relationship of Women, their delivery, Phallocrates and pleasure: Rather than their childbirth without pain, if not irresistible and deliverance to a point of defloration of pleasure, unspeakable of delights? Both, report and delivery, without deadly clap-end. Anal perineal, vaginal and ovarian, uterine, fallopian tubes up to their twist, low-abdominal, and breasts, bronchi, neck, pulmonary, even cerebral, cardiac, general. In other words, to deflow the woman by her partner, companion or husband husband and spouse ante-conception before she is by a dangerous deliverance, in deliveries at mortal risks.

If the woman vowed to be deflowered in humiliation Sodomite to get drunk to get rolling, to crush break, to rape, to prostitute, to roll and "encl ..." (masculine language flowered) "in beauty", she will not be able to give birth without risks pure motels for her and its descendants. Women's life very complex .... The current birth is pure rape sodomite religious neo-Nazi. In excreta, urination, sweat, blood and tears, drool and vomit, a concussive "mutilatory", sometimes murderous mothers and newborns, in itself, a crime against

humanity. Traumatizing enough for Women only recover with extreme difficulty. The pure enjoyment of the sexual act and of the passage to the act of the strata, a natural enjoyment in itself, unknown to this day in the female populations; Pelvic fissures trapped in the pelvic orifice not assisted in the early or malformed layers of the narrow calcified pelvis, related to the late growth of the woman, jeans and tight pants, carried into early pregnancy or Late, requiring resuscitation, diabetic or cardio-pathogenic infusions, will have posed under the Nazis, and long before his own, the question of whether these female deformities of the narrow pelvis, leading to fetal and postnatal suffering, insurmountable and Sometimes fatal for the child, choking by Strangulation of the neck of the newborn and fetus by the umbilical cord, during delivery or during its fetal reversal, during gestation, could be regulated and regulated, either by prohibiting the tight clothes, corsets and corsetages of Jeans panty and over-tight pants, or the natural selection of non-attendance in childbirth that can lead to the death of the mother and child. Except in cases of rape, rape with incest, brutality, domestic violence, and clandestine abortions by tight clothing, if prohibited abortion. Mothers who have chosen, through frustration, self-mutilation, suicide, derivation of a desperate act, to give birth, to treat and attack practically with a hammer, for their unconsciousness during gestations, their consequences, sometimes complications for their irresponsibilities, for Violated, prostituted or unconsciously prostituted, from defloration to conception and layers.

Except women pregnant, at risk for the appetite of their husband or fetus sperm, and appetite and tendency of the fetus to consume and Oriented towards the rich foods of which charcuterie, causes of fetuses more voluminous than the pelvis can not contain them in women of stature and less corpulence than that of the child of the child, in gesine. An anal punch in a man would kill him, Or would kill the woman who would avenge herself for her beds having crushed her perineum to her rectum, would be very small, in comparison with a presently ill-delivered birth Oid, with legs apart, under a brilliant, blinding lamp of a suffocating allergenic heat of Zenith spot, if a man could give birth, he would understand the pleasure he would lack, to induce him to his wife. Who, once rendered invivable, deserves nothing more than this vengeance, which their companion would desire, and even Daech, to make himself into it, to embrace, and then to burst the bottom of the trousers on a pierced chair. In an atrocious chiasse and cold pisses to part of thighs and icy cold, Esquimo under a green cloth surgery. Sport mental mental thigh mental favorite of the current men, French, European, worse than in trailer of our dear neighbors, cow shots of spouses. That will make women slaves of household, domestic chores, flaring of unbearable kids, races for their pizzas and junk food capitalist; Such would not be enough to dissuade women from giving birth, as neophytes without the basic instinct of the act or the natural layers, which Nazis would have eliminated for this systematic lack in any woman Instinctively, if not violated, denatured, eliminated, they would have had to be exterminated, all of them, almost all of them handicapped, the most instinctual razzed, for the benefit of hospital trusts recovering for life the bodily and mental damage engendered by these factors generating rape Or neo-Nazis, or future drugged leftists, depraved alcoholic short, an eternity of humanity missed, for this fact. Sometimes, it does good of Revenge, where it hurts, Daech, ISIS, I think, this Savonarola, alas, there. The authors of Women, let us not forget, the Phallocrates. Progress would prove identical to pregnant women and young women who have given birth, these new classes of emancipated women create new jobs in their condition, on the one hand, The more pregnancy will be paid, monitored and medically controlled, the lower the stillbirth, the peri-neo-mortality, decimate, decimate their newborns, the more the descendants that they will generate Healthy living if breastfeeding bet and income in women suited to breastfeeding, which means that they will remain free or partially free, physically healthy for long and short duration breastfeeding, According to their mental and physical capacities, therefore, children more adapted, calmer, serene, capable and sociable, not tormented by precariousness during the lack of basic hygiene of the places of life induced by this precariousness, healthy diet and balance during conception and pregnancy, ante-design and a more relative calm within the households, which Under-paid, quarrel and torture, and kill each other even better, would be opposed to the random risky pregnancies involved poverty, needy environments generating entire populations of disabled, fragile Mentally handicapped or handicapped by physical illnesses linked to malnutrition, child maltreatment linked to precariousness and misery induced by low wages and overexploitation at work, sometimes leading to mental retardation, complex, and supplying low classes of ignorant, illiterate, extra weight to democracies, because not having enjoyed pregnancies having taken place in the necessities of calm, and public and private, necessary, physical and environmental health, to possess work skills based on abstraction if not manual. Pregnant mothers at work, in my opinion, very dangerous for the child, her mother, because over-exploiting their physical health, and generating risky pregnancies in primiparous, multiparous women, so difficult to manage jobs, Infant and home hygiene, additional burdens and chores at gestation, in addition to antecedent pregnancies resulting in newborns in the following pregnancy, and newborn babies with Dependent on the degree of poverty, in need of unmarried mothers, or victims of rape, and home-based violence that engendered a disability, and child abuse from conception and ante-conception. Thus less able to work in school and adult.

The increase in wages, maternity leave, cumulative, would allow a healthy conception, without post-natal risks, nor ante-design, avoiding the society a medical trust to catch up genetic errors, Handicaps products of these working classes composed of young mothers and women in gesine, especially in the poor classes therefore essentially black classes, in deadly risk of disabling layers because not taken care of correctly in a recovery time worthy of the name and their double Employment, work for a boss who will have to listen to their condition but does not concede it, and the work of bringing forth the future World, of labor (future contingents of economic soldiers) to hire and future Potentially more balanced employers. The best solution is that if women want and "desire" to be born, they must be suitable for breastfeeding Of their children and to conceive them in the right preserved and free of their choice. Excluding conjugal duty imposed, and excluding rape, in a context of free will and economic choice, financial ease, just application of laws preserving the Rights of Women, those of the Civil Code, and those of Childhood. Any birth born, born of generations to the rights of respect for the basic needs to life, health, free care, decent rights, housing, clothing, food, drinking water, healthy, culture and knowledge, Non-respected, potentially subject to delinquency, social disability criminality, physical or mental tare, reversible or ad vitam.

Laws to life infringed by firms causing lethal poisoning of inherent and inherent food sources specific to human life And on Earth, including free access to natural breastfeeding, commercial milks, decent, natural foods, provided for humanity from the beginning, healthy for life and health. (Except for a burnout to planetary).

Focus more on the struggle in medical, scientific and paramedical, pharmaceutical ethics and management of the pathology by the health institutions of the State, while enumerating, Analyzing the root causes of pathologies and their pathogenic, social-cultural,

repressive, economic factors, linked to overwork in difficult conditions, without mentioning human rights abuses, induced by uprooted climatic refugee populations The shortage of basic basic foods following desertification, delegating crowd feeding to multinationals, their land-based pollution, misery, underpaid overexploitation, industrial economic slavery in multinationals, and hence material poverty, the prohibition of fundamental rights Of Man, of Woman, of Childhood, of Animals, and of satisfying basic needs S to human and animal survival of which to breathe healthy air, consume drinking water, healthy food, to sleep, to circulate freely, to maintain and to maintain its organism in healthy life, to dress dignifiedly, to evacuate, to eliminate healthily, freely, their toxins, Urine and excrement during their employment and private life, benefit from decent and healthy housing, hence health insecurity and malnutrition, domestic violence, insecurity, survival trafficking, major crime, hence survival stress, epidemics, Cardiac disorders, fatal metabolic disorders, fatigue, inability to work, jobs of great difficulty despite disability and multi-disability, physical, mental, sexual and genital, thus generated and caused , In multiple combinations. Depending on the type of class, needy, medium or privileged.

The outbreak of epidemics linked to the lack of a sustained, assisted, financed and yet bitterly defended action of the American State, despite the brakes, total blockades opposed by the enemies of the Democratic Movement, to the progress of the Ecologists. The people on the verge of a general burnout. The American system, due to its medical and production structures, as well as the French medical and productive system, the democrat fight was thus at this level, medical personnel, nurses, Will have to face internal pro-trumpist purges, even within these institutions and companies, multinational and national, liberal.

The probity of physicians, their teams, will be questioned, they will face perhaps strong pressures removing them and positioning themselves vis-à-vis their political, ethical commitments, they will run up against corruptions of civil servants, liberal doctors According to a catastrophic scenario of political crimes, will be victims of these post-presidential deletions, and private doctors, hospitals, will gradually replace themselves, the deans of the faculties, engaged in the reforms of B. Obama, To Trumpists needs students working for D. Trump, Trump again, will surely make sure that patients of all denominations, opinions, and colors, will very quickly be entered into category for D. Trump or not, Think more charlatans, committed to their obstinate volunteering skills, will be assigned according to I presuppose, students and graduates Their commitment and degree of obedience to the still indefinite policies of Trump. The reformist and social enterprise of policy of raising wages of young working class, new employees ( Principle working in food jobs to compensate for their enrollment fees and university life, working time encroaching on their study time and taking notes in progress, reflection and constitution of state theses worthy of the name, They are encouraged to work better without suffering human rights violations, or precariousness, the vitiation of their places of life, to enter more into the labor market. Quickly in the world of work, these classes of new employees, better remunerated, therefore more correct, better cared for (health care), better fed, better X housed and better dressed, will be all the more able to work as this increased salary will correspond to a minimum comfort ensuring a greater reconstitution of their labor forces therefore a growing emulation if the security of employment and that of their wages, Wage increase and allocation of student grants that would allow a greater purchasing power diffusing circulating socially within social strata and professional (primary, secondary and tertiary sectors), this wage addition, comfort premium necessary for an economic recovery As a positive start. Hence the value of maintaining a dynamic social health insurance, engaged in the social problems of the poorer classes, and of the middle classes suffering from their own diseases, induced from the specific professions most often of these social classes, And thus requiring doctors able to treat them in a fair, honest, ethical Lower cost to patients and society if these diseases treated in time and surgical, pharmaceutical methods, adapted to these sufferings, types of pain, and diseases. In this respect, the fight against the causes of the disease, pathogenic factors, remains a priority, economic and social prevention against pathologies, HealthCare's daily struggle.

The Challenge of this Health Care Health Insurance System would be Lose all the health of the social classes representing the Labor Forces who must recover in good health in order to ensure the efficiency of their profession, their well-being due to their purchasing power, their savings and investments and thus maintain their growth already The economic machine, generating healthy generations of Men, Women, Children who will represent the future Humanity in the World.

I wanted to give my opinion all the same, about the latest American-Health Care events: Complexity of the social security system, including in France, and can only consider the fact that an additional expenditure of demotion of this reform under the presidency D. Trump, would cost billions of dollars for a revitalization of the medical, hospital, and liberal, pharmaceutical and paramedical, IT and social structures already in place and efficient, given the adherence of many doctors to this reform of ObamaCare, renounce, would destroy these structures, would represent a loss in billions more, of which replace that already accomplished, of humanization of the conditions of access to legitimate care, not only reserved for the workers, quickly and over a long time of Which represents an enormous human investment (which would be wasted) in relation to the poor result that D. Trump would oppose as a health reform, of his own accord, confining the salaried classes to a superimposition Of their expenditures in medical care, in the face of inactive or senior classes, rendered to the absence of care for the infirmities, handicaps, professional pathologies linked and impelled by the efforts, until the irreversible lesions that they will physically, mentally, Accumulated throughout their lives, due to work and their aging and thus to life-threatening pathologies without being appropriate, as much for the c In particular, precariousness due to the cost of medical care related to childhood and motherhood, including dental, ocular, orthopedic, other, expensive prostheses And most often not reimbursed, which increases the morbidity and mortality rate if this childhood, left without care, worthy of the name, and left in the precarious if these children, minors in infancy and nevertheless have access to care random. Childhood, future adolescence America, growing muscular, organic and bone and therefore in frequent deficiency of appropriate healthy foods, because children, students, future builders of their country and the world where they will swarm, having to possess a healthy mind in a healthy body , Not conceived in the maximum necessity, nor in material misery, nor having been constituted of unhealthy foods in question, the extreme poverty of their family, generating temporary incapacitating diseases to irreversible and incurable therefore perennial, for life, so linked to Serious daily poverty. When it comes to the lives of civilian populations, in a capitalist world economic war. Creator of pathologies of all kinds: I would share a project to exempt the capital gains of small and medium-sized enterprises, rather than imposing them more (depending on the benefit obtained) as well as multinationals themselves more exempt in their profits than Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, multinationals and national industrial trusts, international, functioning in retention of tax pockets not imposed according to their financial content, cumulative capital gains, profits of companies if not reinvested in replacements and progress in robotics Industrial products machines, most often gadgets of companies that are pathogenic to leisure and wasteful use of resources,

energy, human resources, etc.), not paid to employees, workers deprived of underpaid wages compared to the neo-colonialist overexploitation of these wage masses . Karl Marx, in his Capital, will not be remade.

But it is necessary to go to the obvious, when the lives of civilian populations are at stake, in a capitalist world war that creates diseases as much as pathogenic atmospheric pollution that is dangerous for global survival. Atmospheres, nocturnal, and diurnal . Electrocardiac attacks, and lobotomic resections, medical-legal procuring. Charivaris venal. Medicinal vénalités to doctors supported by essayist psychiatry in hard and soft drugs, and current consumptions of drug addicts, compulsory taking of populist opium. Conducting, under the constraint of common medical tortures, the intimate integration of Daech. Any forced prostitution, including procuring, under penalty of torture and physical, sexual, mental and mortal violence, established.

Admitted legal, integrated, legal, of full right, on full legitimate current colonialist, Globalist. Its systematic refusal to integrate, and that of the crime of procuring, which is unlawful under the Civil Code and the French Laws, must prove itself, and justify, *causus honoris*, in continuous obstructive proceedings, in contumax. All ignorance and breach of the Laws of the French Civil Code, esteemed Individual and collective legal right, rightful and legitimate right, of Divine Right. On Communist, Cuban, Russian and Soviet mode in Gulag, Aryan, neo-Nazi exterminator, Petainist, Saudi. And ISIS in Human History, cyclical phenomenon of 1000 years in 1000 years. Traffics pedophiles and therefore also incestuous. The adult and minor preys of these markets of the flesh and the sex tape, western French, used in gitons and lolitas .Reminder: Phallocrates - 01 December 2016Any woman forced to pain in childbirth, deadly for many of them, under either tight clothing mutilators to the peri-mortality, peri-neo-murderous mortality for the young women who have given birth, or to a mortal risk systematically incurring violence by taking the murderous, marital, parental, inestimated, ingrained, Legal women, women and men who are destined to gauge genital organs, helpless and helpless against the Male, his overpowering virility, casting the sexual legitimacy of the female genital system, competitive with the penile power Male and female attributes, in a recommended or imposed weakness of the female gender. To rid of women subjected to an education adapting them to the machismo aiming to impose mental, sexual, educational, social deprivation to the women, To the legitimate schizophrenic insupportability of these indigenous women, in a process incapacitant of education to the serious repressive violence, to To a duty of the Woman to remain mentally deficient, impotent, unworthy of her educational role and mother, in the lack of bodily hygiene, of the Domus, Imposed, in incessant medical trafficking, now the Woman in a revolting indignity such as justifying male macho social rejection, trap of a phallocentrism imposing the gynaeceum and a repressed homosexuality manifesting itself among men, refusing the Woman as a whole so emancipated, And reduced to the insupportable of the Woman, sought to justify the morbid and holocaust violence of which the male seduction violating of rape freely consented by the Woman, their women infringed until childbirth destined to coldly murder in the world the women considered unbearable Cultural or intellectual emancipation, or inhuman inefficiency, the deadly violence Presentations of the two groups, racial liberal left and right politics, embedded, inseminated from their stallions in a desire to reproduce their species and race of Racial Males of Left and Left, in subsets of the political representation of Man Male, tending to live between men, homosexuals in displayed or masked homosexuality, in general ...

The morals and camp of the gynaeceums evidence of a current masculine homosexuality generating the homosexuality in the women .. Any strangulation by clothes Tight, carcinogenic per se of indefinitely repeated lesions, and the cause of frequent and systematic caesarean sections in the unfinished basins of nubile adolescent girls having ossified in tight jeans ticking the pelvic opening usually allowing Passage of layers, of the head of the newborn, remained stuck on its expulsion in Childbirth, or unable to cross the pelvic barrier and requiring urgent cesarean section, pelvic opening of the pelvis bone, ossified in the crux of the jeans prohibiting the adolescent opening and iliac adult pelvic bones during its formation, growth And definitive ossification that can be carried out until the 25-27 years of the human being Any woman conditioned to the formatted stupidity of the machismo employing it to punish bodily punishments of which tasks and chores of the domus, domestic slavery and Sexuality, his stupidity framed, formatted, insupportable for the entourage, and immoderily uncultivated, maintained in this acculturation inducing to punish him for sudden indirect death of deadly, disabling layers by murder and exaction towards the Stupid Women, including in enlightened environments , Cultivated, Woman subject to this status and constrained condition, unwilling woman unbearable, forced to give birth under dead clap-end l. Another exaction for women thus beaten, of these kinds of mortal mistreatment of spirit to beat the Woman, deservedly enough to legitimate themselves of a re-education by the use of house-rehabilitation at home, mind Emancipated, emancipated, of the woman commuted in inhuman stupidity deserving the family correctional house, within the couple, the medical couple support and head of couple, family, or home / medicine prolonging these exactions phallocrates, Right of a legitimate legitimation of the superiority of the male.Cause of Christian and Muslim medical care, when the expulsion of the newborn naturally consists of its propulsive expulsion, jouvissive dispensation, in an evicting sucking of the infant, As mouth without refreshment of air, expelling tasty fishing in a self-managed rapid suction, self-dried without gaping feminine stupidity, under pain of deadly clap-end, of its flesh on Its passage. The acceptance and intimate acceptance of this fact, on unused to this expulsive activity of the newborn, which can lead to the compensatory epileptic crisis otherwise self-Managed soundly if designed expelled ravaged sneeze, exploding the eardrums, eustachian tubes and frontal sinuses, maxillary, as straight from the right in zones of uppercuts. Lesions, rectal-anal, vaginal, vulvar, uterine, ovarian, fallopian tube defects, accompanied by tearing of the local nervous system, cerebral , Vascular, up to cerebral angiomas, strokes, muscle tears, ligaments and blood vessels, mutilators of the genitals, already amply abused during the life course of Women. Most women by exaggerated hyper-politeness, and extreme right, sneezing their sneezes of sexual pleasure, evident, imploding their vessels internal to the brain, this self-restraint of female orgasm, natural conduits and sensory cornets located in the nasal fossae. By politeness (due to their rank of feminine, delicate more than Males without complexes), Women therefore (if not violated by the male and his society), Self-generating clap-ends during sneezing, and equally brutal deliveries.On the Reason, estimate the global overpopulation to eradicate, but a preventive regulation would avoid and save the massacres planned to regulate births instituted of Traditional natalist religions, having instituted this duty of childhood in the race for the penetration of the body of the Woman, penetration sexual positron fertilizing, contamination of STDs used in tear bomb with pepper, supposed to be controlled by burning on-infectantes, cauterizing genital sensibility To the pleasure, the sexual appetites of the Earth, and thus to punish the sexual partners not respecting the elementary hygiene recommended in Precursor of the Medicine, in the sexual ace, sexual relation condemned therefore for its uses in the vice, the blindness Ideological masses, the mental blindness of the popular opium, the infernal fevers admitting A hell on earth any couple lovers of lovers wishing to escape this castrating law of the birth control policies Malthusian birth control,

inhuman. When only the delivery of the layers, allows the woman finally enjoy, in the common castration of her sex, delivered Mutilation of the nervous, blood, muscle and tendon systems of its genital organs, forever deflowered by a masochistic inversion complex of epileptic sexual pleasure, survival, total fractures of the body, and Traumatized to the bones of the woman, enjoying in the organic weakness (reserved for the woman and its Sex to remain Low compared to the Male, following their total fracture) of the residual nervous systems of flesh no longer offering any resistance to the couplings of the Males and partners abusing the strokes of the trumpets of Jericho in the current sexual relationship. Gal Deletion, Legitimized, To Kill, Delete, Woman, in Woman. The task that awaits medicine, and HealthCare, immense, Your Defender, Line Llao

In French:

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Bonsoir,

Plus la complexité des hostilités de milieux hostiles, les dangers et embûches initiatiques rituelles de PMU, opposées à l'enfance, à son bien-être, des sociétés représentées de celles des cellules familiales reproduisant et prolongeant par jeux violents et SM d'adultes irresponsables (proches des groupements terroristes islamistes, camps d'entraînement EI) , les difficultés rencontrées dans l'assimilation des mineurs, de l'enfance en bas-âge dans des groupements l'apprentissage du langage dans les milieux prohibitifs, violents et dictatoriaux, plus la puberté se réalisera tôt par survie à une vallée de larmes, précocité adulte dès parfois acquise à la naissance, fait dissimulé de chaque classe sociale, par pudeur envers l'immaturité parentale, fait reproduisant la précocité pubertaire du Moyen-Age et des classes défavorisées des dictatures mondiales, le mineur né plus responsable et chef ou soutien de famille, que sa cellule parentale, familiale, devenue inconsciente et irresponsable des tortures rituelle entre-endurées et entre-cultivées des ignorances de classe, procédés totalitaires absolus des régimes durs et policiers répressifs à holocaustes.

La planète est déjà dans une guerre mondiale ouverte mais d'apparence larvée, à considérer les ravages du colonialisme capitaliste en chaque pays du monde, l'Amérique de B. Obama aura tenté vainement de contre-carrer ce phénomène globaliste, d'un Mondialisme ayant dépassé les bornes jusqu'à un burn-out mondial débuté par les révolutions colorées, razziaées, et le burn-out ISIS, actuel qui n'aura suivi, une fois la Gauche musulmane, éradiquée, tuée dans l'œuf, torturée, arrêtée, réprimée, et exécutée, massivement voire.

Rappel :

Le réchauffement climatique ne serait-il provenance d'un réchauffement combiné entre la pollution et le réchauffement d'une période inter-glaciaire, ces combinaisons avec un système répressif établissant un surmenage constant pathogène en soi aboutissant à une des Lois capitalistes d'une surproduction pour une surproduction stimulant une embauche (donc une inflation paupérisante) non fonction des aptitudes acquises durant des décennies d'apprentissage, pratique, expériences professionnelles, les ponctions salariales sur les payes des employés assurant les bénéfices des entreprises et donc leurs paradis fiscaux, les délocalisations induisant pertes d'emploi en vagues et surnombres, la paupérisation des classes salariées, privées des versements de l'intégralité de leurs salaires ponctionnés par les plus-values assurant en leurs cumuls ces paradis fiscaux des grandes entreprises, ces facteurs cancérigènes et pathogènes réellement en cause.

Il faudra bien en venir à l'astreinte envers les entreprises polluantes, les réduire, en réduire la taille, l'activité, ou les réduire à fermer selon leur nécessité dans la vie courante, et cesser leur activité, leurs délocalisations, par un plan international d'action, prohiber les entreprises polluantes à leurs premières productions si nouvellement actives sur le marché, exiger des contrôles sur des probabilités de pollution nocive dans l'environnement des multinationales dont Monsanto, les prohiber si refus d'obtempérer de ces cartels industriels du crime environnemental, déposséder leurs leaders de leur parachutes dorés, avantages fiscaux et niches fiscales, reverser ces prélèvements fiscaux aux victimes à indemniser, et familles de victimes handicapées, décédées des pollutions mortelles à invalidantes de ces firmes, reverser les surplus de ces amendes aux nécessiteux, défavorisés, structures d'accueil des migrants, réfugiés, petits retraités, bas salaires, marginaux, et ONG les faisant survivre la tête hors du marigot.

La survie de la Terre ne tient qu'à un Alter mondialisme écologiste expérimental, suite à une destruction des phénomènes naturels de la planète hôte assurant la Vie sur Terre, et celle de l'espèce humaine, des espèces en cohabitation avec lui et celles assurant sa survie alimentaire.

Destruction systématique, systématisée, liée au machinisme industriel, le capitalisme libéral mondialiste, surproduction sur-industrialisée, aux délocalisations dangereuses et mortelles pour la vie humaine, animale, végétale, polluante (pétrole en Afrique, champs latifundiaires cotonniers en Inde, agroalimentaires en Amérique), surproduction de gadgets de sociétés-gadgets pour le profit de multinationales sur-consommatrices des réserves de ressources terrestres mettant d'autant plus en danger la vie, qu'elles épuisent les dernières forêts tropicales du quaternaire, maintenant en vie la présence de l'atmosphère terrestre, nécessaire à la vie et seule respirable par l'homme.

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Précisément, ces plans pré-existants à Trump, de ObamaCare, très précieux pour une démocratisation du soin adapté aux pathologies incluses dans le travail, la vieillesse, la jeunesse, la maternité, et que la précarité augmentent en gravité, fréquence et nombre, par individu et collectivement, l'Amérique perd un sérieux atout, vital, la Santé de ses citoyens, et masses laborieuses. Morbidité, pathologies aux taux augmentés d'un reniement par la politique de D. Trump, de la pollution atmosphérique, du réchauffement climatique, causes de graves événements climatiques, générant des hécatombes de vies humaines, décès dus aux catastrophes climatiques mondiales, glissements de terrains, typhons, et crues, liés au réchauffement dérèglement climatique, induit d'une sur-industrialisation polluante, entraînant une désertification dérégulant les phénomènes naturels de la Terre, d'où, ces catastrophes naturelles, en fait, liées à la suractivité de l'Homme, ayant entraîné (de cette opiniâtreté de l'occident, à persister, dans la colonisation ravageuse du monde), la Guerre de Syrie, et le conflit armé actuel.. Car les Républicains auront toujours refusé de cesser la sub-urbanisation, la sur-industrialisation à outrance, ayant privé les pays où l'occident s'est implanté, de leur démocratie, généré dictatures



et donc le chaos dans le Monde.

Si la croissance persiste, l'emploi pour l'emploi, l'embauche pour l'embauche, la production pour la production, Travailler pour Travailler, pour Familles et Patrie, les ressources naturelles de la Terre, se réduiront, l'industrialisation pour l'embauche nuire à la santé des citoyens, les surfaces habitables se réduiront, les zones d'urbanisation déborderont des zones constructibles et s'étendront sur des réserves naturelles préservées car poumons verts de la France et du Monde, assurant la reconstitution biologique atmosphérique (production quotidienne chlorophyllienne de la végétation à feuilles caduques surtout, en oxygène et gaz carbonique, recyclage végétal de l'atmosphère, nécessaire à la vie sur Terre) et des biotopes naturels, dont ceux des cycles naturels terrestres terriens, la surpopulation liée inévitablement à une sur-croissance ou même une reprise accrue de la croissance sera un facteur aggravant de la surnatalité française, sachant le rapport superficie/démographie/réserves naturelles des biotopes naturel critique sen France, d'une superficie réduite pour sa démographie ; ceci augmenté d'une surpopulation immigrée réfugiée climatique, économique, politique, pour des raisons strictement légitimes humanitaires.

La moitié du continent par manque progressif de vivres, et d'eau potable, devant sinon assimiler d'assistances sociales le restant du continent et du monde, maintenu dans le cas social généralisé, l'autre quadrillage d'une société policière en devenir de ce fait, revenant à une moitié de continent américain et de planète contenant son autre moitié de délinquance criminelle, le tiers de ses tenants policiers croulant sinon sous le poids de ses charges, tombant dans la corruption absolue à devoir les incarcérer avec leurs détenus.

Se focaliser plus sur la lutte dans la déontologie médicale, scientifique et paramédicale, pharmaceutique et de prise en charge de la pathologie par les institutions sanitaires de l'État, tout en énumérant, analysant les causes premières des pathologies et leur facteurs pathogènes, sociaux-culturels, répresseurs, économiques, liés au sur-travail dans des conditions difficiles à admettre, sans mentionner atteintes aux Droits de l'homme, induites de déracinements de populations réfugiées climatiques livrées à la pénurie d'aliments basiques sains suite à la désertification, déléguant l'alimentation des foules aux multinationales, leur pollution terrestre, misère, surexploitation sous-payée, esclavage économique industriel au sein des multinationales, et donc indigence matérielle, prohibition des Droits fondamentaux de l'Homme, de la Femme, de l'Enfance, des Animaux, et de l'assouvissement des besoins élémentaires à la survie humaine et animale dont respirer air sain, consommer eau potable, nourriture saine, dormir, circuler librement, entretenir et maintenir son organisme en vie sainement, se vêtir dignement, évacuer, éliminer sainement, librement, leurs toxines, fluides corporels, urines et excréments au cours de leur emploi et vie privée, bénéficier de logements décents et sains, d'où précarité sanitaire et malnutrition, violences domestiques, insécurité, trafics de survivance, criminalité importante, d'où stress de survie, épidémies, carences alimentaires constantes, quotidiennes, à fréquentes, entraînant cancérisations fatales, cardiopathies, troubles métaboliques meurtriers, fatigue, inaptitude au travail, emplois d'une grande pénibilité malgré le handicap et la multi-infirmité, physique, mentale, sexuelle et génitale, ainsi générés et causés, en combinaisons multiples. Selon le type de classes, nécessaires, moyennes ou privilégiées. Ceci conduisant à des apparitions d'épidémies liées au manque d'action Altermondialiste soutenue, aidée, financée et pourtant âprement défendue de l'État Américain, malgré les freins, blocus totaux opposés par les ennemis du Mouvement Démocrate, aux progrès Écologistes. Les populations au bord d'un burn-out général. Sous une menace de dictature planétaire plus policière et totalitaire encore que celle présente, destinée à les contenir.

L'Amérique n'est la seule dans ce tunnel, à végéter dans le sang versé.

Le capitalisme aura décomposé la nature, dissocié les individus, explosé des régions entières, exterminé des espèces et populations, le point de non retour de la la mort de la Terre approche, quelle solution y trouver, depuis qu'elle se cherche, le altermondialistes l'avaient trouvée, ils auront été exterminés, pour l'usage immodéré de la drogue et drogues douces, discriminant leur mouvement Mai-68ard, et post mai 68, lucide sur les faits, le seul mouvement ayant rayonné en printemps mondiaux, de liberté et de paix, jusqu'à une universalité des us, coutumes, sous French Connexion mondiale féroce, depuis, l'immobilisme absolu enterre la Vie sur Terre, encore une bombe, encore du gas-oil, encore une MOAB-MOM Bomb...

L'idée même de Démocratie, Liberté, Justice et Égalité cause tant de peur dans les rangs de privilégiés, c'est qu'ils privilégient, les privilèges de caste infranchissables, et donc s'arrogent des Droits illicites dits Droits de Fait (Droits établis sur l'acte commis ou "fait" jugé droit légal et non Lois établies sur la raison du plus juste) Droit établis par les seigneurs, autorisant et défendant ce droit d'appropriation du sol, des moyens de production, des êtres humains, et animaux, végétaux et éléments naturels tels l'eau, l'air, les roches et autres éléments météorologiques, et le droit de sur-exploitation de ces éléments, êtres humains, ressources, que quiconque ne peut du fait de ces Lois établies, leur ravir.

Si l'idée même de démocratie fait penser au démon chez les Républicains, c'est bien que les républicains promettent le pire, la libre exploitation des ultimes ressources du monde, de l'Amérique, au profit des privilégiés qu'ils choisiront dans leur cheptel de suivants, et survivants.

D. Trump, fils de criminel relaxé par les autorités achetées et menacées du Ku-Klux-Klan, cela n'étonnerait.

L'heure ne se prête peut-être pas à réflexions sur l'avenir de l'Homme, mais je ne peux m'interdire de manifester ma foi en un avenir possible, la symbolique importante, et à l'écoute d'un besoin inhérent à l'humanité, survivre, vivre, et enfanter. Restent 2 à 3 milliards d'années avant que la planète ne disparaissent totalement dans le Soleil, sa chaleur, (l'amorce d'un réchauffement climatique insensible à ses débuts, et plongeant l'humanité dans la détresse de fortes températures au fur et à mesure du rapprochement de la Terre du soleil), sera à son point déjà culminant et invivable pour la Vie sur Terre alors bien avant 2 milliards d'années, sera inévitable et fera bouillir les océans et mers, leur eau s'évaporant, tuant toute vie sur Terre si l'humanité si aura eu réussi à s'en évader entre-temps, surmonté et réussi à réduire son taux d'agressivité de 3 groupements clans de sous-ensembles humains, les suractifs violents, agressifs, prédateurs et phagocytes des autres clans, et, ravageurs pour survivre sur leur territoire admettant une population croissance exponentielle et à éliminer ou à condamner à essaimer dans le monde, puis le groupement des passifs aux coupes et jugs des dictatures instaurés de ces hyper-actifs Aryens, enfin la résistance active et molle, en son clan et sous cultures clivées, de manifeste éthique gauchiste et pro-marxiste Léniniste de souche, éradiqués collectivement de leur action, et mouvements militants activement ou mollement sur le terrain, instaurant des tissus et liens sociaux-culturels assurant la matérialité de leur mouvement,, et la récupération des éléments les plus dangereux dissidents, en herbe, dès le plus jeune âge, afin d'en éviter tout essaimage gravitant autour de leurs repères. ce dernier groupement actif, virulent et véhément, ou mou, de gauche anesthésiante molle, sera, restera le

premier à vivre sous les attaques, des deux autres groupements, à en périr ou survivre. Dans le stress constant du Ki du Dernier Samourai

Peut-être plus digne d'intérêt :

Postes-clefs menaçant la sécurité des États d'accueil de l'immigration musulmane arabe, grevée d'infiltrations ISIS dormantes mais actives sur le terrain des populations immigrées. Que faire donc.

Marchés Saoudiens, Syriens, Turcs, occidentaux et israéliens.

Marchés en France de la psychiatrie et de la pédopsychiatrie.

Les Hommes, employés, vigiles, aux postes-clefs, voire autant grevés que les femmes, du devoir de donner le change, si pris par ISIS. A devoir se tuer de suicide kamikaze pour éviter le sacrifice de leur famille, femmes, enfants, biens, legs. Si leurs postes facilités, se méfier, d'une emprise ISIS au maillage serré.

N. B. : Les drogues hallucinatoires de l'époque nazie, et de montée à pouvoir de Hitler, composées presque uniquement de drogues dures douces, utilisées en psychiatrie communément en étude de cas sur les démences répertoriées, dont la dissidence et la dissidence contestataire, leurs dérivées psychotiques, sous drogues et premiers neuroleptiques, leurs dérivées. Du temps de Nijinsky et Van Gogh. Le témoin vigile de l'action EI testant les libertés des Femmes, et leur degré d'esclavage vis-à-vis des préceptes EI dont le port obligatoire du voile, indicible si soumises au devoir de donner le change de la volonté personnelle de le porter. Sous peine de mort par brutalités et tortures domestiques atroces, dans l'intimité des foyers, masquant morts dites naturelles des femmes sous violences maritales, conjugales, familles, de proches et voisinages, et enfances maltraitées de radicalisés, époux, familles cellulaires familiales, ou simplement parentales, nul ne pourra le détecter, à quel degré de radicalisation masquée, ces terrains fragiles de l'immigration, vivent ISIS.

Faut-il déshabiller chaque femme dans le cabinet médical d'office, pour vérification du juste degré de meurtrissures des brutalités familiales, ou attendre qu'elles décèdent sous la douche Arienne aseptisant leurs plaies et vermines corporelles, de misère noire, d'un poison ou commotion de cause invisible à l'œil nu, su ordres des services sociaux corrompus entretenant le fait, à la recherche de nouvelles proies pour leurs marchés de la chair, de la médecine et du cobayage forcé ?

La réponse de la médecine doit rester à hauteur de ses tâches, dont celle de réguler, vérifier, informer, éduquer, alphabétiser, les populations miséreuses et immigrées, en demande de soin et de soins adaptés à leur exigence et celle de leur cause, ce qui offrirait emplois et postes médicaux supplémentaires, afin d'éviter une recrudescence des terrains sociaux incultes, et en totale précarité, causes de ISIS.

Femmes :

Surmenage, surcharge de tâches domestiques et professionnelles, d'où privation de sommeil récupérateur, reconstituant du cerveau, du système nerveux et de l'organisme, privation de nourriture saine, et féminine, non masculine, ou malbouffe industrielle, lipidique, sur-sodée sur-glucidique, déshydratation quotidienne, liée aux tâches professionnelles et quotidiennes, pollution des sources élémentaires de vie, irradiation des sources alimentaires essentielles (variées, fraîches et de saison), à la survie humaine et à la reproduction (laitages, œufs, viandes rouges et blanches, légumes frais, primeurs, agrumes, céréales, féculents, poissons), privation de repos, de vacances dignes de ce nom et légitimes, reproduction exacerbée, obligation au devoir conjugal, maltraitements et tyrannies domestiques, violences envers les femmes, accouchements mal entrepris, en force, traumatisants hyper et sub-algiques, mutilateurs des organes pelviens, et fracturant l'intégralité de l'organisme en son intégralité, notamment de l'abdomen, du cœur, du système cardiaque rachidien et musculaire, et de son arbre nerveux, du système nerveux général, obligation de retenir les fèces au cours de l'emploi, des trajets, le tout cancérogène, en soi.

Le progrès évident consisterait à constituer un libéralisme modéré profitant des filières marchandes industrielles des multinationales, récupéré ainsi dans leur professionnalisme, pour véhiculer valeurs morales démocratiques et libéralisme libérateur des dogmes et mauvaises conditions de vie matérielle. Un ordre socio-économique mondial réel ne régnera sur Terre qu'à ces conditions là, communément comprise, librement admises, sans conditionnement et libre de vote.

Je pense qu'il faudrait ne réduire les dépenses des classes moyennes à moins qu'elles ne soient financièrement trop privilégiées, mais qu'il faudrait relever le plafond des revenus salariés, des minimas sociaux des classes défavorisées, telles les classes travailleuses, classes inactives (Invalides et handicapés, personnes en tous types de pathologies de longue durée, victimes de violences, chômeurs et inactifs percevant des minimas sociaux, en France RSA et RMI).

Mais la volonté persiste d'handicaper de pathologies aliénantes, aliénatrices du bien-être autorisant les libertés de conscience, phénomène des dictatures mondiales, et traiter la pathologie persiste également donc en lieu et place de la prévenir. Double travail de la Médecine et de ses devoirs, actuels.

Violences à l'école : si les propos de rejet racial narquois, défiants, goguenards, grossiers, lazzis humiliants, brimades morales, injustices, bizuts, violences physiques et sexuelles, en Amérique, en France, se sanctionnaient de sanctions scolaires comprises, assumées par les étudiants, élèves du primaire, collège, lycées et des crèches, les revanches meurtrières à l'arme lourde EI ou strictement étudiantes ne se pratiqueraient plus, ou strictement, jamais.

Les "je vous aurai" psychiatriques et refoulés évitant la psychiatrie, ne se recruteront plus chez EI donc.

Cf. mes articles sur le traitement des combattants drogués EI se désintoxiquant en psychiatrie, et psychiatrie lourde.

"Soldier pill", les GI du Vietnam, ayant testé l'on ne sait combien de drogues dont l'Acide, le LSD, l'Héroïne, Amphétamines drogues nazies testés sur les soldats Allemands engagés volontaires et enrôlés de force (lobotomisés, re-trépanés à leur repousse cérébrale, robotisés en brachycéphales soldats-tueurs, les zones occipitales à pariétales, amputées, résection lobotomique effectuée en masse pour plus de justesse de l'emploi du cerveau conscient, privilégiant la réalité plus que le rêve éveillé, lors de combats nocturnes et diurnes prolongés, rêves hallucinatoires induits d'es drogues dures causes d'insomnie à maîtriser, augmentés du coma nocturne du sommeil troublant l'action au combat), au STO, drogues dures les ayant stimulé psychiquement, et physiquement, dominés du devoir, sachant qu'il faut obtenir en ces cas le "permis de se driver et driver", conduire les troupes et se conduire, sous influence de ces drogues dures, autorisation de conduite adaptée acquise sur le terrain, autorisant tout erreur grave de tri et d'action, coûteuse en vies humaines."

Ces drogues dures ajoutées à la surconsommation d'alcools forts, hallucinogènes désinfectants de terrain, dans le cadre de la guerre

des combattants Djihadistes.

Alcools plongeant dans des états second et remontants destinés à tenir le coup, se droguer avant le combat, déconnecter et insensibiliser les plaies, l'esprit, l'insensibiliser face à la mort et la torture. Drogues accoutumantes avec l'alcool fort, pour l'effet amnésique de leur surconsommation, post-guerre, chez les vétérans américains (afin d'oublier les horreurs vécues des guerres, sans accoutumance aux barbituriques à propension Alzheimer), et chez les combattants EI, afin de se soumettre au contrôle EI, et se déconnecter de toute résistance aux ordres EI.

Femmes : Women/cards of payment:

I was writing on the subject of Women, their delivery, Phallograters and pleasure: Childbirth, a real pleasure, why not : The pleasure-delivery:

Et pourquoi pas un rapport sans douleur des Femmes, plutôt que leur accouchement sans douleur, sinon irrésistibles et délivratoires à un point de défloration du plaisir, indicible de voluptés ? Les deux, rapport et accouchement, sans clap-end mortel. Anal périnéal, vaginal et ovarien, utérin, des trompes de Fallope jusqu'à leur torsion, bas-abdominal, et des seins, des bronches, du cou, pulmonaire, voire cérébral, cardiaque, général. Autrement-dit, déflorer la femme par son partenaire, compagnon ou mari époux et conjoint ante-conception avant qu'elle ne le soit par une délivrance dangereuse, dans accouchements à risques mortels.

Si la Femme vouée à se laisser déflorer dans l'humiliation cuisante sodomite de se faire saouler pour se faire rouler, broyer briser, violer, prostituer, rouler et "encu..." (langage masculin fleuri) "en beauté", elle ne pourra accoucher sans risques motels purs pour elle et sa descendance.

La vie des Femmes bien complexe....

L'accouchement actuel un pur viol sodomite religieux néo-nazi. Dans les excréments, la miction, la sueur, le sang et les larmes, la bave et les vomissements, une "cuite" commotionnante mutilatoire, parfois meurtrière des mères et nouveau-nés, en soi, un crime contre l'humanité. Traumatissant assez pour les Femmes ne s'en relèvent qu'avec une extrême difficulté. la jouissance pure de l'acte sexuel et du passage à l'acte des couches, une jouissance naturelle, en soi, inconnue à ce jour dans les populations féminines ; les étriquements du bassin si bébés coincés dans l'orifice pelvien non assistés lors des couches, précoces ou à malformation du bassin calcifié étroit, liés à port tardif dans la croissance de la femme, de jeans et pantalons serrés, portés jusques dans grossesses précoces ou tardives, nécessitant réanimation, perfusions diabétisantes ou cardio-pathogènes, auront posé sous les nazis, et bien avant a sien de la médecine, la question de savoir si ces malformations féminines du bassin étriqué, conduisant à souffrance foetale et post-natale, insurmontable et parfois mortelle pur l'enfant, l'étranglement par strangulation du cou du nouveau-né et fœtus par le cordon ombilical, lors de l'accouchement ou lors de son retournement foetal, lors de la gestation, pouvaient se régler et réguler, soit par l'interdiction des vêtements serrés, corsets et corsetages du bassin par jeans et pantalons sur-serrés, ou la sélection naturelle de la non assistance dans l'accouchement pouvant conduire au décès de la mère et l'enfant. Sauf cas de viol, viol avec inceste, brutalité, s violences domestiques, et avortements clandestins par vêtements serrés, si avortement prohibé. Les mères ayant choisi par dépit, inconscience, frustration, automutilation, suicide, dérivation d'acte désespéré, d'accoucher, à traiter et attaquer quasiment au marteau, pour leur inconscience lors des gestations, leurs suites, parfois complications pour leur irresponsabilités, car violées, prostituées consciemment ou pas, de la défloration à la conception et aux couches.

Sauf cas de femmes soumises à grossesses, à risques pour l'appétit de leur mari ou géniteur du fœtus, et l'appétit et tendance du fœtus à consommer et orienter vers les nourritures riches dont charcuteries, causes de fœtus plus volumineux que le bassin ne peut les contenir chez des femmes de stature et corpulence moindre que celle du géniteur de l'enfant, en gésine.

Un coup de poing anal chez un homme le tuerait, ou tuerait la femme qui s'en vengerait pour ses couches ayant broyé son périnée jusqu'à son rectum, serait infime, en comparaison d'un accouchement actuel mal entrepris, (dans le froid, à jambes écartes, sous une lampe sur-brillante, aveuglante d'une chaleur allergène suffocante de spot de Zénith, si un homme pouvait accoucher, il comprendrait le plaisir qu'il manquerait, de l'induire à sa femme. Qui une fois rendue invivable, ne mérite plus, que cette vengeance, que leur voudrait leur conjoint compagnon, et jusqu'à Daech, de s'en faire encu..., engrosser, puis éclater le fond du pantalon, sur une chaise percée. Dans une chiasse atroce et des pisses froides à partie de cuisses torrides et glacées, en Esquimo sous un drap vert chirurgie. Sport favori mental de cuisse mentale des hommes actuels, français, européens, pire que dans bande annonce de nos chers voisins, coups en vache de conjoints. Qui rendront les femmes esclaves du ménage, des corvées domestiques, du torchage de sales gosses insupportables, aux courses pour leurs pizzas et malbouffe capitaliste; ce que ne voudrait, jusqu'à Daech même.

Tant de haine ne suffisant à dissuader les Femmes d'accoucher, en néophytes sans instinct basique de l'acte ni des couches naturelles, que des nazis auraient éliminées pour ce manque systématique en toute femme d'instinct, sinon sévicié, dénaturé, éliminé, il aurait fallu les exterminer, toutes, handicapées de naissance quasi toutes, les plus instinctuelles raziées, au bénéfice de trusts hospitaliers récupérateur à vie des dommages corporels et mentaux engendrés de ces facteurs générant le viol thérapeutique des couches, que faire, en inévitable néophytes, de plus qu'admirer leur travail, néo-nazis, ou futurs gauchistes drogués, dépravés alcoolisés bref, une éternité d'humanité ratée, pour ce fait.

Parfois, cela fait du bien de se venger, là où cela fait mal, Daech, ISIS, je pense, ce Savonarole, hélas, là. Les auteurs des Femmes, ne l'oublions pas, les Phallograters.

Le progrès s'avèrerait identique envers les femmes enceintes et jeunes accouchées, travailleuses, ces classes nouvelles de femmes émancipées, créent des emplois supplémentaires à leur état, d'une part, création d'embauche nécessitant soins particuliers à la grossesse, plus leur grossesse sera payée, surveillée et médicalement contrôlée, moins la mortalité, la péri-néo-mortalité, les décimeront, décimeront leurs nouveaux-nés, plus les descendances qu'elles engendreront pourront vivre sainement si l'allaitement de mise et revenu chez les femmes aptes à l'allaitement, ce que signifie qu'elles resteront de cette prise en charge médicale gratuite, ou partiellement gratuite, saine physiquement pour l'allaitement de longue et faible durée, selon leurs capacités mentales et physiques, donc, des enfances plus adaptées, plus calmes, sereines, capables et sociables, non tourmentées de précarité lors de leur conception, ni handicapées de cette précarité des logements, manques d'hygiène élémentaire des lieux de vie induits de cette précarité, alimentation saine et équilibre lors de la conception et grossesse, ante-conceptionnelle et un calme plus relatif au sein des foyers qui si sous-payés s'entre-querellent et entre-torturent, et s'entre-tuent voire, donc, un mieux serait opposé à l'aléatoire de grossesses risquées en cause la misère, de milieux nécessitant engendrant des populations entières de handicapés, fragiles mentalement, ou handicapés de tares



physiques liées à la malnutrition, maltraitance infantile liée à la précarité et la misère induite de bas salaires et surexploitation au travail, entraînant un retard parfois mental, réfrénant les études complexes, et fournissant des basses classes d'ignorants, analphabètes, poids supplémentaire aux démocraties, car n'ayant pu profiter de grossesses s'étant déroulées dans les nécessités du calme, et de la santé publique et privée, nécessaire, physique et environnementale, pour posséder les aptitudes au travail basé sur l'abstraction sinon manuel. Les grossesses de mères au Travail, à mon avis, très dangereuses pour l'enfant, sa mère, car surexploitatrice de leur santé physique, et générant des grossesses à risques chez les femmes primipares, multipares, si difficultés à gérer emplois, tenue de l'hygiène du bébé ou des nourrissons et du foyer, charges et corvées supplémentaires à la gestation, en supplément de grossesses antécédentes ayant abouti à des nouveau-nés lors de la grossesse suivante, et à nouveaux-nés handicapés, mal pris en charge en fonction du degré de pauvreté, nécessitant des femmes mères célibataires, ou victimes de viols, et violences à domicile ayant engendré handicapés, et enfances maltraitées dès leur conception et ante-conception. donc moins aptes au travail scolaire et adulte.

L'augmentation des salaires, les congés maternité, cumulés, autoriseraient une conception saine, sans risques post-nataux, ni ante-conceptionnel, évitant à la société un trust médical de rattrapage des erreurs génétiques, handicaps produits de ces classes travailleuses composées de jeunes mères et femmes en gésine, notamment dans les classes pauvres donc essentiellement classes Noires, en risque mortel de couches handicapantes car non prises en charge correctement dans un temps de récupération digne de ce nom et de leur double emploi, travailler pour un patronat qui devra rester à l'écoute de leur état, mais n'y concède, et le travail d'enfanter le Monde futur, de mains-d'œuvres (futurs contingents de soldats économiques) à embaucher et futurs employeurs potentiellement plus équilibrés.

La meilleure solution étant que si des femmes veulent et "désirent" enfanter, elles doivent s'avérer aptes à l'allaitement de leurs enfants et à les concevoir dans le juste droit préservé et libre de leur choix. Hors devoir conjugal imposé, et hors viols, dans un contexte de libre volonté et de choix économique, d'aisance financière, de juste application des lois préservant les Droits de la Femme, ceux du Code civil, et de ceux de l'Enfance.

Toute naissance née, issue de générations aux droits de respect de la satisfaction des besoins essentiels à la vie, à la santé, aux libres soins, à droits décents, logements, vêtements, alimentation, eau potable, sains, à la culture et au savoir, non respectés, potentiellement sujette à délinquance, criminalité handicap social, tare physique ou mentale, handicaps réversibles ou ad vitam. Droits à la vie enfreints de firmes causes d'empoisonnements létaux des sources d'aliments inhérents et inhérentes, propres à la vie humaine et sur Terre, dont l'accès libre à un allaitement naturel, des laits de commerce, aliments décents, naturels, prévus pour l'humanité dès son origine, sains pour la vie et la santé. (A moins d'un burn-out à prévoir planétaire).

Se focaliser plus sur la lutte dans la déontologie médicale, scientifique et paramédicale, pharmaceutique et de prise en charge de la pathologie par les institutions sanitaires de l'État, tout en énumérant, analysant les causes premières des pathologies et leur facteurs pathogènes, sociaux-culturels, répresseurs, économiques, liés au sur-travail dans des conditions difficiles à admettre, sans mentionner atteintes aux Droits de l'homme, induites de déracinements de populations réfugiées climatiques livrées à la pénurie d'aliments basiques sains suite à la désertification, déléguant l'alimentation des foules aux multinationales, leur pollution terrestre, misère, surexploitation sous-payée, esclavage économique industriel au sein des multinationales, et donc indigence matérielle, prohibition des Droits fondamentaux de l'Homme, de la Femme, de l'Enfance, des Animaux, et de l'assouvissement des besoins élémentaires à la survie humaine et animale dont respirer air sain, consommer eau potable, nourriture saine, dormir, circuler librement, entretenir et maintenir son organisme en vie sainement, se vêtir dignement, évacuer, éliminer sainement, librement, leurs toxines, fluides corporels, urines et excréments au cours de leur emploi et vie privée, bénéficier de logements décents et sains, d'où précarité sanitaire et malnutrition, violences domestiques, insécurité, trafics de survivance, criminalité importante, d'où stress de survie, épidémies, carences alimentaires constantes, quotidiennes, à fréquentes, entraînant cancérisations fatales, cardiopathies, troubles métaboliques meurtriers, fatigue, inaptitude au travail, emplois d'une grande pénibilité malgré le handicap et la multi-infirmité, physique, mentale, sexuelle et génitale, ainsi générés et causés, en combinaisons multiples. Selon le type de classes, nécessiteuses, moyennes ou privilégiées. Ceci conduisant à des apparitions d'épidémies liées au manque d'action Altermondialiste soutenue, aidée, financée et pourtant âprement défendue de l'État Américain, malgré les freins, blocus totaux opposés par les ennemis du Mouvement Démocrate, aux progrès Écologistes. Les populations au bord d'un burn-out général.

Le système Américain, tient à ses structures médicales et de production, autant que le système médical et productif français, le combat démocrate se situa donc à ce niveau, les personnels médicaux, infirmiers, devront se heurter à des purges internes pro-trumpistes, au sein même de ces institutions et entreprises, multinationales et nationales, libérales. la probité des médecins, leurs équipes, sera remise en question, ils devront faire face à peut-être des pressions fortes les désistant et positionnant vis à vis de leurs engagements politiques, éthiques, ils se heurteront à des corruptions de fonctionnaires, les médecins libéraux selon un scénario catastrophe de crimes politiques, seront victimes de ces suppressions de postes post-présidentielles, et les médecins, hospitaliers, du domaine privé, se remplaceront progressivement, les doyens des facultés, engagés pour les réformes de B. Obama, désistés ou devront céder aux besoins de Trumpistes en étudiants travaillant pour D. Trump, Trump encore, fera certainement en sorte, que les patients de toutes confessions, opinions, et couleurs, seront très rapidement fichés en catégorie pour D. Trump ou pas, les soins, je le pense plus charlatans, engagés sur leurs aptitudes au volontariat opiniâtre, seront assignés en fonction je le présume, des étudiants et diplômés triés sur le volet dans les universités, leur engagement et degré d'obésissement aux politiques encore indéfinies de Trump. L'entreprise réformiste et sociale de politique d'augmentation des salaires des classes jeunes travailleuses et étudiantes, des nouveaux salariés (les étudiants en principe travaillant dans jobs alimentaires pour compenser leurs droit d'inscription et de vie universitaire, temps de travail empiétant sur leur temps d'études et de prises de notes en cours, de réflexion et de constitution de thèses d'État dignes de ce nom, d'un niveau supérieur à celui de leur condition habituelle, de surexploités) parvenus sur les Marchés du Travail : Les encourageant à mieux travailler sans atteintes subies des Droits de l'Homme, ni précarité, vétusté de leurs lieux de vie, à entrer plus rapidement dans le Monde du travail, ces classes de nouveaux employés, mieux rémunérés, donc plus corrects, mieux soignés (de Health Care), mieux alimentés, mieux logés et mieux vêtus, seront d'autant plus aptes au travail que ce salaire augmenté correspondra à un confort minimal assurant une plus grand encore reconstitution de leurs forces de travail donc une émulation croissante si la sécurité d'emploi et celle de leurs salaires, assurées.

Augmentation salariale et attribution de Bourses étudiantes qui autoriserait un plus grand pouvoir d'achat diffusant faisant circuler socialement au sein des strates sociale et professionnelles (secteurs primaires, secondaires et tertiaires), cet ajout salarial, prime de confort nécessaire à une relance économique en amorce positive.

D'où l'intérêt de conserver une Assurance Sociale de Santé dynamique, engagée dans les problèmes sociaux des classes pauvres, et des classes moyennes souffrant de leurs propres maladies, induites des professions spécifiques le plus souvent de ces classes sociales, et donc exigeant des médecins aptes à les traiter de façon juste, honnête, éthique donc, de moindre coût pour les patients et la société si ces pathologies traitées à temps et de méthodes chirurgicales, pharmaceutiques, adaptées à ces souffrances, types de douleurs, et maladies. En cela, lutter contre les causes-mêmes de la maladie, es facteurs pathogènes, reste une priorité, la prévention économique et sociale contre-pathologies, combat quotidien de HealthCare

La remise en cause de ce Système d'Assurance Santé de Health Care, reviendrait à perdre toute santé des classes sociales représentant les Forces de Travail devant se reconstituer en bonne santé pour assurer l'efficacité de leur profession, leur bien-être dû à leur pouvoir d'achat, leur épargne et investissements, et donc maintenir en son essor déjà amorcé, la machine économique, engendrer des générations saines d'Hommes, Femmes, Enfants qui représenteront l'Humanité future dans le Monde.

Je tenais à donner mon avis tout de même, sur les derniers événements Américains-Health Care :

Peut s'avérer complexe le système de sécurité sociale, y compris en France, et ne pouvant que considérer le fait qu'une dépense supplémentaire de rétrogradation de cette réforme sous la présidence D. Trump, opposerait un coût de milliards de dollars à une reprise des structures médicales, hospitalières, et libérales, pharmaceutiques et paramédicales, informatiques et sociales, déjà en place et efficaces, étant donnée l'adhésion de nombre de médecins à cette réforme de ObamaCare, renoncer, serait détruire ces structures, représenterait une perte en milliards supplémentaires, dont remplacer ce travail accompli déjà, d'humanisation des conditions d'accès à des soins légitimes, non uniquement réservés aux travailleurs, rapidement et sur un long temps de longue haleine, ce qui représente un investissement humain énorme (qui serait gaspillé) vis-à-vis de la piètre résultante qu'opposerait D. Trump en tant que réforme de la Santé, de son cru, confinant les classes salariées à une surimposition de leurs dépenses en soins médicaux, face à des classes inactives ou seniors, rendus à l'absence de soins pour les infirmités, handicaps, pathologies professionnelles liées et entraînées par les efforts, jusqu'à lésions irréversibles qu'ils auront physiquement, mentalement, cumulées au long de leur vie, dues au travail et à leur vieillissement et donc jusqu'à des pathologies mortelles sans soins appropriés, autant pour les classes des mineurs et jeunes classes d'adolescents, étudiants, lésées dès conçues, en cause la précarité due aux coûts des soins médicaux liés à l'Enfance et à la maternité de leur mère, dont prothèses dentaires, oculaires, orthopédiques, autres, coûteuses et le plus souvent non remboursées, ceci augmentant le taux de morbidité et de mortalité si cette enfance, laissée sans soins, dignes de ce nom, et laissée dans la précarité si ces enfants, mineurs en bas-âge et ont toutefois accès à des soins aléatoires. Enfance, adolescence future Amérique, en pleine croissance musculaire, organique et osseuse et donc en carence fréquente de nourritures appropriées saines, car enfants, étudiants, futurs bâtisseurs de leur pays et du monde où ils essaieront, devant posséder un esprit sain dans un corps sain, non conçu dans la nécessité maximale, ni dans la misère matérielle, ni ayant été constitué d'aliments malsains en cause, l'extrême pauvreté de leur famille, générant pathologies incapacitantes temporaires à irréversibles et incurables donc pérennes, à vie, si liées à la pauvreté quotidienne grave.

Quand il en va de la vie de populations de civils, dans une guerre économique mondiale capitaliste. Créatrice de pathologies de toutes natures : Je partagerais un projet d'exonérer les plus-values des petites et moyennes entreprises, plus que les imposer d'avantage (en fonction du bénéfice obtenu) autant que multinationales elles-mêmes plus exonérées dans leurs bénéfices que les Micro, Petites et Moyennes entreprises, multinationales et trusts industriels nationaux, internationaux, fonctionnant en rétentions de poches fiscales non imposées en fonction de leur teneur financière, cumuls de plus-values, bénéfices d'entreprises sinon réinvestis dans les remplacements et progrès en robotique de machines à produits industriels le plus souvent gadget de sociétés pathogènes du loisir et du gaspillage en ressources, énergies, matière humaines etc.), non reversées aux employés, travailleurs spoliés de salaires sous-payés comparativement aux surexploitations néo-colonialistes de ces masses salariales. L'on ne va refaire Karl Marx, dans son Capital. Mais il faut se rendre à son évidence, quand il en va de la vie de populations de civils, dans une guerre économique mondiale capitaliste créatrice de maladies autant qu'une pollution atmosphérique pathogène dangereuse pour la survie planétaire.

Ambiances, nocturnes, et diurnes. rixes aux électrodes, et résections lobotomiques, proxénétismes médicaux-juridiques. Charivaris véniaux. Vénalités de médecines à médecins appuyés de psychiatries essayistes en drogues dures et douces, et consommations courantes de drogués, prises obligatoires d'opiums populistes. Conduisant obligatoirement, sous contrainte de tortures médicales communes, à l'intégration intime de Daech.

Toute prostitution contrainte, proxénétisme compris, sous peine de tortures et violences physiques, sexuelles mentales, mortelles, établie Droit admis, intégré, légal, de plein droit, sur modalités du plein droit légitime courant colonialiste, Mondialiste. Son refus systématique d'intégration et celui de ce crime de proxénétisme, illicite aux regards du Code Civil et des Lois françaises, devant se prouver, et justifier, causus es honoris, dans procédures obstructionnistes en continu, à contumax. Toute ignorance et enfreinte des Lois du Code Civil français, estimée Droit individuel et collectif légal, juste, de plein droit et légitime, de Droit divin. Sur mode Communiste, Cubain, Russe et soviétique à Goulag, Aryen, néo-nazi exterminatoire, pétainiste, Saoudien. Et ISIS. En Histoire Humaine, phénomène cyclique de 1000 ans en 1000 ans.

Trafics pédophiles et donc également incestueux.

Les proies adultes et mineures de ces marchés de la chair et de la sex-tape française, occidentale, utilisées en gitons et lolitas.

Rappel de texte :

Phalocrates

- le 01 décembre 2016

Toute femme contrainte à la douleur dans l'enfantement, mortel pour nombre d'entre-elles, sous soit vêtements serrés mutilateurs jusqu'à une péri-mortalité, péri-néo-mortalité meurtrière pour les jeunes accouchées, soit risque mortelle systématiquement encouru de violences en prenant le relais meurtrier, violences conjugales, maritales, parentales, in-estimées, in-jaugées, inécoutes, non prise en charge légale, déontologique, digne de ce nom.

Toutes femmes destinées à se jauger d'organes génitaux impuissants, et impuissante face au Mâle, sa virilité surpuissante, castrant la

légitimité sexuelle de l'appareil génital féminin, concurrentiel à la puissance pénienne mâle et de ses attributs, dans une faiblesse recommandée ou imposée, de la gent féminine.

Se débarrasser de femmes soumises à une éducation les adaptant au machisme visant à imposer l'indigence mentale, sexuelle, éducative, sociale aux femmes, les formatant jusqu'à l'insupportabilité schizophrène légitimée de ces indigences féminines, dans un procédé incapacitant éducatif aux violences répressives graves, tortures spécialisées d'éducatifs spécialisés correctifs de l'émancipation des Femmes, jusqu'à un devoir de la Femme de rester débile mentale, impuissante, indigne de son rôle éducatif et de mère, dans un manque d'hygiène corporelle, de la Domus, imposé, dans un trafic médical incessant, maintenant la Femme dans une indignité révoltante telle que justifiant le rejet social masculin machiste, piège d'un phallocentrisme imposant le gynécée et une homosexualité refoulée se manifestant entre hommes, refusant la Femme en son ensemble si émancipé, et réduit à l'insupportable de la Femme, recherché justifiant les violences morbides et holocaustes dont la séduction mâle violant de viol librement consenti par la Femme, leurs femmes enfreintes jusqu'à l'enfantement destiné à froidement assassiner dans le monde les femmes jugées insupportables soit d'émancipation culturelle, et intellectuelle, soit de bêtise inhumaine requise, violence mortelle faite aux femmes représentatives des deux groupements, de politique de Gauche et de Droite libérale raciale, engrossées, inséminées de leurs étalons en désir de reproduction de leur espèce et race de Mâles de Droite et de Gauche raciales, en sous ensembles de la représentation politique de l'Homme de sexe masculin, ayant tendance à vivre entre Hommes, homosexuels en homosexualité affichée ou masquée, en général... La morale et camp des gynécées prouve d'une homosexualité courante masculine générant l'homosexualité chez les femmes..

Toute strangulation par vêtements serrés, cancérigène en soi de lésions indéfiniment répétées.

Etriement du bassin chez les nubiles ainsi causé, cause de césariennes fréquentes à systématiques chez les bassins non terminés d'adolescentes nubiles ayant ossifié dans jeans serrés étriquant l'ouverture pelvienne d'ordinaire autorisant le passage lors de couches, de la tête des nouveaux nés, restée coincée lors de son expulsion dans l'accouchement, ou ne pouvant franchir la barrière pelvienne et nécessitant césarienne en urgence, ouverture pelvienne osseuse du bassin, ossifiée dans l'étriement des jeans interdisant l'ouverture adolescente et adulte iliaque des os du bassin lors de sa formation, de la croissance et ossification définitive pouvant s'effectuer jusqu'aux 25-27 ans de l'être humain.

Toute femme conditionnée à la bêtise formatée du machisme l'employant à punir de punitions corporelles graves dont tâches et corvées de la domus, esclavage domestique et sexuel, sa bêtise cadrée, formatée, insupportable pour l'entourage, et immodérément inculte, maintenue dans cette acculturation induisant à la punir de mort subite indirecte de couches mortelles, handicapantes, par meurtre et exaction envers la Femmes stupide, y compris en milieux éclairés, cultivés, Femmes soumise à ce statut et condition contrainte, de femme indésirée insupportable, contrainte à accoucher sous clap-end mortel. Autre exaction pour femmes ainsi battues, de ces sortes de maltraitements mortelles d'esprit de battre la Femme, de façon méritée assez pour se légitimer d'une ré-éducation par l'usage de la maison de redressement à domicile, de l'esprit émancipé, émancipateur, de la Femme commué en bêtise inhumaine méritant la maison de correction familiale, au sein du couple, du couple médical soutien et chef de couple, de famille, ou de foyer/médecine prolongatrice de ces exactions phalocrates, dans l'apparent juste droit d'une légale légitimation de la supériorité du mâle..

Causé de prises en charges médicales chrétiennes et musulmanes, lors que l'expulsion du nouveau-né consiste naturellement à son expulsion propulsive, délivratoire jouissive, en un sucement expulsateur du nourrisson, autant bouche sans ravalement d'air, expulsant pêche savoureuse en un sucement rapide auto-géré, auto-dirigé sans bêtise féminine béante, sous peine de clap-end mortel, de sa chair sur son passage.

L'acceptation et acception intime de ce fait, sur non habituées à cette activité expulsatoire du nouveau-né, pouvant conduire à la crise épileptique compensatoire sinon auto-géré sainement si conçue expulsion ravalée d'éternuement, explosant les tympanes, trompes d'Eustache et sinus frontaux, maxillaires, autant directs du droit en zones d'uppercuts. autant pour les parties basses féminines, implosées dans des douleurs telles que pouvant s'avérer mortelles, des lésions, à déchirements rectaux-anaux, vaginaux, vulvaires, utérines, ovariens, des trompes de Fallope, accompagnées de déchirements du système nerveux local, cérébral, vasculaire, jusqu'à angiomes cérébraux, AVC, déchirements musculaires, ligamentaires et des vaisseaux sanguins, mutilateurs des organes génitaux, déjà amplement maltraités lors des cursus de vie des Femmes.

La plupart des femmes par hyper-politesse exagérée, gérée de la Droite, et extrême-droite, enrayant leurs éternuements de plaisir sexuel, évident, en implosant leur vaisseaux internes au cerveau, de cette auto-contention de l'orgasme féminin, des conduits naturels et des cornets sensoriels situés dans les fosses nasales.

Donc Femmes par politesse (due à leur rang de féminines, délicates plus que Mâles sans complexes), Femmes donc( sinon violées par le mâle et sa société), s'auto-générant clap-ends lors d'éternuement intempestifs, et accouchements tout aussi brutaux.

Sur la Raison, d'estimer la surpopulation mondiale à éradiquer, mais une régulation préventive éviterait et ferait économie des massacres prévus pour réguler des naissances institués de religions natalistes traditionnelles, ayant institué ce devoir d'enfanter dans la course à la pénétration du corps de la Femme, pénétration position sexuelle fécondatrice, contaminatrice de MST utilisées en bombe lacrymogène au poivre, sensées juguler par brûlure sur-infectantes, cautérisant la sensibilité génitale au plaisir, les appétits sexuels de la Terre, et donc punir les partenaires sexuelles non respectueuses de l'hygiène élémentaire préconisée en précurseur de la Médecine, dans l'axe sexuel, rapport sexuel condamné donc pour ses usages dans le vice, l'aveuglement idéologique des masses, la cécité mentale des Opiums populaires, les fièvres infernales admettant en un Enfer sur Terre tout couple amoureux d'amants désirant réchapper à cette loi castratrice des politiques natalistes malthusiens régulateurs des naissances, inhumains.

Lors que seule la délivrance des couches, autorise la femme à jouir enfin, dans la castration commune de son sexe, délivré uniquement de la mutilation de ses systèmes nerveux, sanguins, musculaires et tendineux de ses organes génitaux, à jamais déflorés par complexe d'inversion masochiste du plaisir sexuelle épileptique, de survie, de ces fractures totales du corps, et de ces organes, éléments ayant traumatisé jusqu'aux ossatures de la Femme, jouissant dans la faiblesse organique (réservée à la femme et son Sexe devant rester Faible face au Mâle, suite à leur totale fracture) des systèmes nerveux résiduels de chairs n'offrant plus aucune résistance aux accoups des mâles et partenaires abusant des coups de buttoir des Trompettes de Jéricho dans le rapport, sexuel courant.

Instituant un Droit légal de suppression, légitimé, de Tuer, supprimer, la Femme, en la Femme.

La tâche qui attend la médecine, et HealthCare, immense,  
Votre défenseure,  
Line Liao

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Margrit Eichler [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** no on Graham/ Cassidy

I strongly oppose Graham Cassidy for many reasons, not least of which it is clearly another instance of GOP trying to force through a bill for the sake of repeal not for the sake of improving public healthcare policy. How can a single congress person vote with any confidence without a CBO score? It's dysfunctional and meanwhile those with pre-existing conditions will pay a terrible burden.

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**From:** Loyda Torres [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:58 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Disabled Veteran

Hello,

I'm a Disabled Veteran. I was injured during active duty and have a service connected disability. I suffer from herniated disks and neuropathy. I rely on the pre-existing conditions protections in order to obtain care outside of the VA. At the VA, I'm not allowed to see a secondary doctor for a different opinion. I was denied a fusion surgery that I needed and was able to obtain in the private sector.

Please protect our care! I proudly served our US military and don't want to be a drain on the VA healthcare system.

Sincerely,  
Loyda Torres

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Albert Birney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

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 particularly 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,  
Albert Birney

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**From:** Mary Fulghum [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** \$80+ Billion for Defense- But \$00 for Millions of Americans who lose Health Coverage?

Do not allow this bill to pass.

Voting on a MAJOR bill before even the Congressional Budget Office has analyzed it??!! Are you trying to throw this great country into chaos by your un-Christian vindictive partisanship?!?!

The AMA, Blue Cross and insurance industry who have analyzed the bill say Graham Cassidy will effectively eliminate protection for Americans with pre-existing conditions.  
And actual analyses by the insurance industry show that most states would experience significant cuts in federal funding support states.

30 million Americans without health care? How can you ruin so many American lives?



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**From:** Tim Hill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy is a killer

Hello,

I am writing to convey my deep concern about the Graham-Cassidy bill. This is a reckless attempt to destroy the current Health Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid systems, for the pure sake of politics. To enact this piece of un-vetted legislation would cast millions of Americans from the rolls of the insured. People with pre-existing conditions (like me) would be at the mercy of the states, where many would be denied reasonably priced coverage.

I would like to see Single Payer coverage at some point in the future. Enacting this horrendous, cruel piece of legislation will hasten its arrival. Perhaps I should be rooting for this to go through, but the suffering that will occur between now and when Single Payer becomes reality is too great a price to pay. So I am asking you to put health and well being of the American People first, and kill this bill now.

Sincerely,

Timothy Hill

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**From:** nick sousanis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Re: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing - September 25, 2017

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to vote 'no' on the Graham-Cassidy Bill, and to instead work on improving the Affordable Care Act. This current proposal seems only intended to be something to show you can keep campaign promises, rather than doing your job to improve the lives of the American people. If the latter were the case, you would be working diligently to find ways to strengthen and expand the existing Act.

I had the good fortune to be the child of a public school teacher in a time when they were provided with solid, comprehensive health insurance - something I relied on till I was 25. As an adult, I moved through various individual plans I purchased, before getting decent insurance again through my university during my doctoral program. Our daughter was born as i was finishing the degree in 2014, my wife stopped working, and my health insurance coverage ended with the completion of school. There was a window before finding a job appointment where we were extremely low income, with a newborn, and facing no health insurance. Fortunately the ACA was the law of the land, and we were covered. I'm now a professor at a public university in California where are benefits are relatively good. This is, as you know, not the case for most people in this country, and it is the responsibility of our governing bodies to do things to support the health and livelihood of everyone. I know you all have good policies - of course you do - who wouldn't want the best for themselves and their families. I suggest you keep those same interests in mind as you consider your vote and drafting responsible legislation for all your constituents.

Sincerely,

Nick (Walter) Sousanis

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Nick Sousanis

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**From:** Paolo Audiberti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy health bill

Please vote against the Graham-Cassidy health bill when it goes to vote next week.

Thanks,  
Paolo

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**From:** Rosemary Grefe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

Good Afternoon,

Please do NOT pass this bill. We have heard so little about how this bill will be implemented, who will be responsible for ensuring the money is spent well, what the transition will look like, how Americans caught in the middle will continue to receive healthcare for urgent and life threatening illnesses.

It is time for this committee to set a goal amending the ACA to ensure all Americans are able to receive healthcare when they are in need of it. My father was in the air force. The slogan he always quoted to me was "we are only as strong as our weakest link". To build a strong country we must take care of our own. Not just our own family but all of our families. We need to worry about each other. We need to plan for when things are tough.

Please show the leadership we need now. Particularly you, Senator Graham. I have watched your career. You have surprised me in the past 6 months by moving beyond your comfort zone to try to right wrongs and address the issues we are facing. Don't retreat now. This bill is a disaster to our people.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Grefe

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**From:** Alyssa MacKenzie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Blumenthal, Dick (Blumenthal)  
**Subject:** Reference: The Graham-Cassidy Bill Will Devastate States & Their Most Vulnerable Constituents  
**Attachments:** The Graham Cassidy Bill Will Devestate States And Most Vulnerable.pdf; ATT00001.htm

September 25, 2017

Alyssa MacKenzie

[REDACTED]  
New Canaan, CT  
[REDACTED]

**Reference: The Graham-Cassidy Bill Will Devastate States & Their Most Vulnerable Constituents**

The Finance Committee, The Homeland Security Committee, et al.,

I am writing to you today not simply as a concerned American and resident of Connecticut, but as a woman, as a person with both chronically ill and elderly family members, as a sibling to an individual with complex medical conditions as well as Intellectual and Developmental Disorders (I/DD) and Autism, as a sexual assault survivor, and as someone disabled by chronic conditions in a broke state.

I am writing to you as a preexisting condition with so many debilitating diagnoses, to list them would exceed Twitter's character limit.

One of the daily medications I take — a necessity for my autonomic system to function properly and which controls my erratic heart— costs over \$101,000 a year, a figure my insurance pays begrudgingly and because of federal regulations.

The immunotherapy that keeps at bay the lupus that plagues nearly every organ in my body can cost tens of thousands of dollars a round, easily.

These are just two of my medications, without which I would not be alive.

I didn't choose the costs of these life-saving medications, but I also didn't choose to be permanently sick or disabled. I was born this way. And even if I wasn't, who would choose this life?

I know healthcare isn't an exciting issue for many with the privilege of good health, other than causing understandable irritation over high premiums and deductibles, but I think it will become one as this bill gets picked apart for what it really is.

We know it's an attack on women with, to name a few of the assaults against us, rape and pregnancy as preexisting conditions, and no mandate to pay for birth control yet insane increases to the cost of birth as well as a complete defunding of Planned Parenthood.

We know it's an attack on the LGBTQ community, who will have to somehow struggle even harder to access the same healthcare as non-LGBTQ citizens.

We know it's an attack on lower income Americans, just as it is on the elderly, the chronically ill, and the disabled like myself.

We know special education will suffer, and that their lives after their 21st birthdays are even more bleak and uncertain than ever. We know because the opportunities to read these stories abound. I invite you to read as many as possible and match the faces to the individuals certain members of the senate are condemning with their cruelty passed off as legislation.

We are told it's a win for taxpayers, for those complaining of high healthcare costs, but this too is a lie. We will see extreme hikes on the state level as our local governments scramble without the federal funding to which they've become accustomed. We will still be slammed by costs, if not more so, just in a different way than we were before. Employers could and likely would choose to follow suit, amending their insurance policies by refusing to cover preexisting conditions and adding caps to coverage via a government waiver just as our states do the same.

We will see private insurance costs rise. We will see less covered by our insurance. The illegal yet common phenomena of companies refusing to hire employees with health needs or disabilities due to costs associated with insuring them will become more rampant.

This bill is, to put it simply, disastrous for all involved. What's more, it is unsustainable.

How I wish I was lying, or exaggerating, but there is no hyperbole in my words: people will suffer, and people will die. To vote yes is to vote against the lives of millions of Americans.

The Graham-Cassidy bill does not just, as Rand Paul suggested, “take Obamacare, replace it with Obamacare,... [and] let the states have a little more power in how [they] spend it.”

Graham-Cassidy reduces federal spending and block grants it, resulting in \$120 Billion less funding to states.

Graham-Cassidy caps Medicaid.

Graham-Cassidy ends expansion abruptly.

Graham-Cassidy does not set aside funding for the opioid crisis.

Graham-Cassidy waives community rating and essential benefits.

Graham-Cassidy is—just like the previous ACA repeals before— a death sentence.

Not a “boondoggle” but an abomination. It's a threat to the livelihood of millions of Americans, and to the financial wellbeing of millions more, as well as our education system and our bankrupt states, and I am tired of talking about it.

I'm tired of Trump threatening republicans in the middle of the night to jam ill-conceived bills quickly and quietly through the senate.

I'm tired of relying on the decisions of four senators I had no part in electing.

I'm tired of thinking about it. I'm tired of worrying about it. I'm tired of explaining it. I'm tired of begging and I'm tired of fighting for my life.

Here's the thing, though. I'm used to being tired. I have lupus—tired is all I know. And when I get tired, I don't get quiet. Exhaustion does not result in complacency. It solidifies commitment.

I worry you underestimate the communities whose civil rights you attempt to strip. You can call us angry, but we see you. Right through you.

And we're tired of you assuming we'll surrender.

Please trust that should this socially Darwinist bill become law despite no report from the CBO and via uncouth pandering to undecided senators, I will dedicate my time, energy, and financial giving to supporting the opponent of each senator and member of congress responsible for enacting such cruel legislation into power. I will see to it that others do the same.

This is not the America I was raised to love.

This is not the America you promised to your constituents.

We beg you: remember your oaths. Do the right thing. For every American.

Thank you for your time,

Alyssa MacKenzie



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** no on Graham-Cassidy to protect Americans' health

My husband and I are in our early 60s and he has had cancer twice - thyroid cancer when he was 40 and just this year he had surgery for colon cancer. We are both retired so can not get health insurance through work. We are not old enough to qualify for Medicare in California. We pay for private health insurance through Blue Shield. While still expensive, the price is much better than it would be without ACA. If the Graham-Cassidy repeal goes through and insurance companies can discriminate against those with pre-existing conditions, we will be unable to get affordable health care for my husband.

My sister got Hodgkin's Lymphoma when she was 29. Her Hodgkin's lymphoma was treatable and she thankfully had an individual health insurance policy (not provided by her school or work). She is now healthy and living every day with gratitude. The only problem is health insurance. She used up her lifetime cap due to her Hodgkin's chemotherapy, radiation therapy and related complications. She has been told by insurance companies that they won't cover her due to cancer. The Affordable Care Act has saved people like her, who couldn't afford or couldn't get health insurance without it.

For my family and others who need health insurance that does not discriminate and exclude those with pre-existing conditions, I plead with you to vote no on the Graham-Cassidy bill. You are playing with people's lives. Please step up and rise above partisan politics - work on a bipartisan fix to ACA. We can do better. We must do better. Please vote NO!

Cathy Walz  
Los Altos, CA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Karla Vallance <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote no

Please do not saddle us with a bill that hasn't even been looked at by the CBO. Don't rush to do something that will be agonizing to virtually everyone. Just don't do it. Please.

Karla Vallance

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**From:** Lisa Simonetti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Why is the Senate rushing Graham-Cassidy legislation through without a full CBO score, debate, and transparency to the American public?

Please note that destabilizing the health insurance market, impacting 1/6th of our economy, and leaving millions uninsured is not going to help the economic outlook in the long term.

In fact, you're sowing the seeds for single payer; for-profit medicine is financially crippling & cruel. At some point, it'll be so expensive government will need to step in because they'll be no other options. This bill is its path.

As it stands now, medical debt is the leading cause of bankruptcy in this country. Graham-Cassidy is short-sighted on fixing the many complex issues of healthcare including this one.

Finally, I am appalled at the bribery being used to push this bill through. As a hard-working, taxpaying American it's reprehensible you're offering Alaska & Hawaii ACA provisions while the rest of can suffer losing them. Life isn't fair, but this is depravity & downright criminal.

Sincerely,

Lisa McLoughlin

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**From:** Dawn Allen-Carlson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** healthcare

This letter is to urge anyone who reads it to vote against or agitate against the immoral Graham/Cassidy bill.

People are counting on our representatives to look after our best interests and this bill does not; in fact it will spell the death of too many Americans and make many of the remainder fearful and anxious about their future. As near as I can tell, this bill benefits absolutely no one although I have read that it will benefit the benefactors of the writers of the bill.

I am tired of begging for my life and the lives of my fellow Americans; on my knees asking the people who take our hard earned money for their paychecks not to kill us.

Dawn Allen-Carlson

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**From:** Mark McKennon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Mark McKennon

In 1990, I was diagnosed with several pre-cancerous lumps in my neck, on and around my thyroid. As a precaution, in 1991, I underwent surgery for a partial thyroidectomy. A test on the extracted tissue determined I did not have cancer, and without a recurrence of the condition in several years I was deemed cured and at minimal further risk. I worked full time in those years, so most of the costs (though not all), for surgery, doctor visits and blood tests were covered by Blue Cross. In subsequent years I decided to leave full time work, even though I would be risking my health without insurance as a benefit of the job. I subsequently discovered that all insurance companies from which I attempted to buy a policy either would not cover me because of this "pre-existing" condition, or would charge an exorbitant, extortionist monthly premium. This was unacceptable, both as a practical matter and in principle.

I have never been a smoker. I have always been athletic, a fitness buff, maintaining a sensible diet, optimal body weight and well above average physical capacity. I completely resented the fee policies of insurance companies, especially when I saw that many full time workers, though sedentary, overweight, and some with smoking habits, were fully able to obtain health insurance through their employers at only contributory or minimal cost to them. Yet I, Mr. Health, was denied coverage at an affordable rate, or denied coverage altogether. The system was VERY broken.

As a result, I did not have health insurance for more than 20 years, from 1993 to the enactment of the ACA.

In 2009, I was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, an electrical malfunction of the nerve tissue which fires the heart. My heart was beating increasingly out of rhythm and putting me a risk of a stroke due to an inefficient exchange of deoxygenated and refreshed blood. There was a small but measurable chance of a blood clot traveling to my brain. It was imperative that I obtain health insurance so that my condition could be monitored. At the time, I was only about 54 years old. My atrial fibrillation -- a fib -- was worsening over time. I could still work out and exercise, but I could no longer run with the same vigor or distance, and in recent years I have had some difficulty climbing more than a few flights of stairs.

My primary physician and cardiologist were kind enough to treat me at cost, as was the blood lab who regularly checked my samples for a number of factors which helped to determine aspects of my blood chemistry, cholesterol, levels of TSH (thyroid stimulating hormones) and so on.

When I obtained insurance through the NY State Exchange, beginning in 2013, I could then have regular doctor visits, blood tests, EKGs and other diagnostics to so that I and my doctors could track the function of my heart.

I take 5 medications per day -- Levothyroxine, Metoprolol, Xarelto, Quinnapril and Spironolactone. Some of these are relatively inexpensive, Xarelto is not, but without an insurance to help cover the costs, I could not afford all of them on a daily or a monthly basis.

Without the affordable insurance (but, at least as important, insurance that accepts policy holders with pre-existing conditions) that I have been able to obtain through ACA, it is not a stretch to say that it's possible that I could be in poor physical condition, or dead, at 62 years of age. Is that fair?

**If the administration and Congress abandons ACA and tosses me and millions of others into a biased and unregulated marketplace, that will jack up rates or deny coverage, it would be tantamount to a violation of human rights, and a potential death sentence for me and my fellow Americans. IT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE AND INTOLERABLE. IT WOULD BE BETRAYAL OF ONE OF THE VERY KEY PURPOSES OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS TO ASSIST AND IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CITIZENS.**

Mark McKennon

Brooklyn NY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Zara Day [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Craig Butler; Lyle Dennis  
**Subject:** Cooley's Anemia Foundation Testimony  
**Attachments:** CAF Finance Testimony Graham-Cassidy 9.22.17.pdf

Dear all,

I hope this email finds you well. Please see the attached testimony from the Cooley's Anemia Foundation in advance of the September 25 hearing on the Graham-Cassidy healthcare proposal.

Zara Day, JD, MPH  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jessica Penner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill

To Whom it May Concern:

I was born with Ollier's disease, a syndrome that causes tumors to grow on my bones. These tumors stunted limb growth as a child, made bones brittle, and penetrated my brain. I have spent many hours of my life in hospitals and in recovery from surgeries to combat this incurable disease. Before Obamacare, I always had to pay higher premiums or have limited coverage because of my pre-existing condition. That changed with Obamacare. Under Obamacare, I've been able to see doctors when necessary and without fear of being denied coverage.

If you pass this horrific bill, I will once again have to read the fine-print of every health plan, pay higher premiums, and forgo care because my insurance company will have the right refuse me coverage.

Sincerely,

Jessica Penner



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**From:** Lwanser [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidyHeller ACA repeal bill

Dear Madam or Sir,

I reside in 89128 zip code & am a 61 year old white female who has been working full-time for 45 years and never taken a dime of government assistance.

Currently I find myself out of work & without any employer provided insurance. All the positions which are available to me are part-time & offer NO benefits. Medicare is not available to me until I turn 65 in 4 years, unless the GOP decides to cancel that between now & 2021.

With my current preexisting conditions of Fibromyalgia, degenerative disc disease & arthritis the estimated premium for a year under the GrahamCassidyHeller will be \$31K. That is more than I have available to me from my emergency \$ & retirement accounts per year. I guess I can live in my car & stop eating to pay for my healthcare.

To have worked 2 jobs without benefits for many years & then finally having work that supplied insurance for the last 20 years & to now be set adrift under the repeal of the ACA, which I can afford, is brutal. I either have to go without medical insurance & cross my fingers or pay for what I can afford & use everything I have ever saved from working to pay premiums. This is not the way the greatest country in the world is supposed to treat those who worked so hard to make it such.

Kind regards,  
Laurie Wanser

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**From:** Nancy J. Karter [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** You do know how many do not approve of this bill correct?

**Importance:** High

The flaws in Cassidy-Graham have been found to be severe enough to warrant the strong and nearly unanimous objections of nearly everyone in the healthcare profession, from insurers to doctors to hospitals to advocacy groups.

An incomplete list of those who object to this bill are below:

American Medical Association  
American Lung Association  
American Heart Association  
Children's Hospital Association  
ALS Association  
American College of Physicians  
Academy of Pediatricians  
Arthritis Foundation  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Hospital Association  
Nurses Association  
National Health Council  
Multiple Sclerosis Society  
American Cancer Society  
March of Dimes  
Blue Cross Blue Shield  
AARP

The bill is also opposed by all 50 state Medicaid directors, from Republican and Democratic states, as well as dozens of governors, including many GOP governors.

I also take particular issue with the assertion that C-G is the only solution, when as recently as this week there was found a bipartisan proposal introduced by GOP Senator Susan Collins to try and shore up ACA markets (source below). There have also been other bipartisan efforts to try and find real fixes to the flaws in the ACA, one of which was recently scuttled by GOP leadership simply because it interfered with the promotion of Cassidy-Graham (which I hope you agree is an egregious dereliction of duty).

I implore the Finance Committee, the Senate, and indeed all of the current government to set aside this disastrous, unpopular, and potentially lethal bill, and put an honest and genuine effort into finding real and acceptable solutions to our healthcare problems.

*Thank you and have a great day!*

*Nancy*

Nancy J. Karter, Accountant

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**From:** Annie Rose Birney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not support the 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 particularly concerned that it would seem many in the Senate know even less.

Equally alarming is the fact that there has 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,  
Annie Birney

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Repeal & replace

Please don't let the graham Cassidy bill pass. Too many people will not be able to afford health insurance for the pre-existing conditions.

Sent from my iPhone  
Donna Cohen

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**From:** Barbara L. Emmerth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Some GOP Senators may be well-intentioned in their support for this bill. Others favor it for less-than-honorable reasons: e.g., get rid of anything Obama stood for, free up money to fund tax cuts for those already wealthy, tow the GOP line whatever the consequences.

Simple solution. All members of Congress and their extended families should have the same health insurance coverage they vote for. If they like Graham-Cassidy, let them have that kind of 'coverage' for themselves.

Personally, I think G-C is terrible. Too many people will lose their health care (for various reasons). I can't support something that would hurt my fellow citizens. Why would the Senators who were elected to serve their country/its citizens support G-C? They shouldn't.

I urge every member of the US Senate to vote 'NO' on G-C.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Melissa Henriquez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** DO NOT PASS THIS BILL

This bill will do far more damage than good.

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**From:** Gary Nelson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:22 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.

Gary Nelson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Orrville, Ohio 44667

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**From:** Catherine Cole [REDACTED]  
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Catherine Cole  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Winnemucca, Nevada 89446



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Dawne Meneguzzo

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[REDACTED]

AUSTIN, Texas 78758

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Caitilin Kane  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dell Rapids, South Dakota 57022

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Harold Lanier  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Slaterville, Utah 84404

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Betty Strom [REDACTED]  
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Betty Strom  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57106

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Michael Sileno  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Greensboro, North Carolina 27408

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Daniel Judge  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bexley, Ohio 43209

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**From:** Brigitte Hennig [REDACTED]  
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Brigitte Hennig

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

riedstadt, Texas 64560

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Evelyn Coltman  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Waynesville, NC, North Carolina 28786



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**From:** Karen Multer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:14 PM  
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Karen Multer  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Lenoir, North Carolina 28645

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Bonnie Westbrook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

OH no, not again! The Republicans' newest version of Trumpcare would likely kick 32 million people off of healthcare (they won't wait for the CBO analysis), devastating working families and rolling back the progress we've made in protecting so many Americans.

Also, hidden in this insidious Graham-Cassidy bill is a \$20 BILLION tax break for the highly-profitable medical device industry, an industry that reportedly has \$230 billion in profits stashed offshore - on which it has not paid a dime in U.S. taxes! NO TAX breaks for any industry which has cheated the American taxpayer like this!

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 measly hearing is a HUGE embarrassment to our democracy and an absolute outrage given the life and death matters at stake.

I STRONGLY urge the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee to reject Graham-Cassidy and to protect the healthcare of millions of Americans.

Also protect tax fairness! It's about 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 AND our crumbling infrastructure. This should be a top priority given the devastation from recent hurricanes - it's NO TIME to be giving corporations unearned tax breaks!

Bonnie Westbrook  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Southport, North Carolina 28461

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

Finance Committee,

The newest version of Healthcare repeal would lead to 32 million people losing this vital service, 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.

This is unconscionable, and it is your duty to represent the people and not the special interests!

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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.

Thank you very much for showing that the government cares for those most vulnerable members of our society by refusing to pass destructive bills like this one.

David Leader  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Asheville, North Carolina 28804

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

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Like thousands of Americans, I am dependent on Social Security disability and Medicare. Without this, I would surely face homelessness.

So, I urge you NOT to approve this "healthcare" measure - please.

Deborah Dobson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:14 PM  
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Jim Webb  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Canton, nc, North Carolina 28716

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Graham Cassidy effect on Health Care

Thank you Senators for your time and attention to this very important matter. As a clinical psychologist in private practice in North Carolina, I strongly oppose the Graham Cassidy bill due to the severe impact it would have to people with mental health disorders which would be considered a pre-existing condition. My clients would be unable to afford the care they need and I would be out of business. I am proud of Senator McCain for standing up to his party and voting NO on this bill for the good of Americans. Please work together to come up with a bipartisan solution that tweaks the problems with our existing healthcare and stop President Trump from undermining it just because President Obama succeeded in passing legislation.

Thank you.  
Kristen Valus

Kristen L. Valus, Psy.D.

[REDACTED]  
Cary, NC 27511  
[REDACTED]

I cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information sent by e-mail. Please use the telephone for any urgent communication.

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Connie Harvey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Danger of repeal to Medicaid  
**Attachments:** image1.JPG; ATT00001.txt; image2.JPG

I am writing to express my concern with the current plan to repeal the Affordable Care Plan and possible cuts to Medicaid. Let me tell you the story of my newest granddaughter.

My son is a middle school teacher and his wife is a nontraditional college student(went back to college as an adult). She had an Obamacare policy due to the fact that she had heart surgery as a child and had been excluded from insurance for years. Last year they found out she was pregnant with their first child. The 20 week sonogram revealed that their baby had transposition of the great arteries (pulmonary and aorta arteries had attached in wrong place) and that without surgery immediately after birth she would die within days. With this look g over them financially I encouraged them to see if she would qualify for pregnancy medicaid since I knew that as a teacher in North Carolina he made very little money. They did and thank goodness! The hospital bill for Aurora's surgery exceeded half a million dollars! Medicaid paid for this!

Without the preexisting condition clause of the ACA my granddaughter would not be able to access most insurance policies as an individual. She may need further surgeries in her lifetime.

So my son and his wife, when faced with such tremendous medical issues and bills, could have legally aborted the pregnancy. But they never even considered this and did the pro-life thing: brought their beautiful daughter into this imperfect world, hoping that she would live and grow to become a contributing member of society. I'm attaching two photos: one immediately after her surgery in Feb 2017 and one of her today as a healthy, developmentally normal 7.5 month old. I urge you to em the right thing for the most vulnerable of our society. Lack of resources should never force a family to have to make decisions about the future of the children.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Adam B [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare Bill

Hello –

My name is Adam Beskind; I am originally from Atlanta, Georgia and am currently a student at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

I wanted to greatly encourage you to stand up against the latest attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Had the caps on spending for disease treatment included in the bill currently on the table been in place when my father died from colon cancer three years ago, my mom, siblings, and I would be financially devastated. I would not have had the opportunity to attend Duke and to be studying Public Policy and Innovation & Entrepreneurship in hopes of making the world a better, more just place. So please, stand up against this newest bill and allow others in situations like mine to continue to succeed and thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration and for all that you do for our country.

Adam Beskind  
Duke University '20  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Bianca Sobral [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Graham-Cassidy

It's ignorant to even propose such a bill. The audacity! You've lied to all of America saying that pre-existing conditions will be covered. Stop thinking with your wallets, and start thinking with your hearts. Show some damn empathy. I don't mind spending an extra couple bucks a month if it means helping out someone who is sick. What good is extra money in my pocket if my neighbor is suffering? Shame on you, senators who support this bill.

Thank you,  
Bianca Sobral  
Morrisville, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Anne Tomins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

Dears Sirs and Madames,

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy Bill. This bill is not in the best interests of the citizens of this country. Why would you be opposed to providing health care protections for the men and women who voted for you - for the men and women who pay for YOUR health care coverage.

Thank you,  
Anne Tomins

[REDACTED]  
Cary NC, 27518

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Angela Maddix [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not approve this bill! I beg you!

**My family of four rely on our affordable quality healthcare. We oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. We have experienced difficult financial times when we were self employed and could not afford health insurance. Our children were school age and it was a daily fear and burden to not be secure with coverage. We know what vulnerability feels like. We are saddened that this current Congress will not protect us and will not listen to 90% of Americans that approve of the ACA. Shame on you for threatening us and scaring us weekly with your mean spirited and non-compassionate healthcare proposals. If you have better ideas, propose them and work on bipartisan resolutions to improve not replace the ACA.**

**Angela Maddix**

**Asheville NC**

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** GF [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the G-C bill.

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My niece has a son with metabolic syndrome. My cousin's boys have autism. My best friend has breast cancer. My mother had a hematoma. In truth I don't know anyone who doesn't need quality affordable health care. People's lives depend on it, and pushing for a plan that has not been fully evaluated for its financial impact is irresponsible and mean-spirited. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Fitzgerald

Raleigh, North Carolina

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Ellie Snow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** graham-cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband and I are self employed and have a very difficult time affording healthcare as it is — our cheapest option this year was 150% of the cost of our monthly mortgage payments with an 8k deductible, which is not affordable for our family of three. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, rather than a repeal.

Sincerely,

Ellie Snow  
Durham, NC

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[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Anna Piper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

It is reprehensible that the current Republican Party is so dead set on undoing all the good Obama did for this country.

Passing this bill by pushing it through in a week goes against all the order of the Senate. You lament that Obamacare was pushed through while it actually had months of debate and multiple Republican Amendments but refuse to do the same.

This bill is designed to hurt those who are most disadvantaged the most. As a wealthy country keeping our citizens healthy should be of high concern. Every other first world country has single payer healthcare.

As the party that says they are fiscally conservative, it's unfathomable that you won't wait to see how dire this will be for a large chunk of our economy.

This is merely a way for you to give your rich donors a tax break. You are supposed to represent your constituents not the wealthy. This bill will end up killing people and causing medical bankruptcies.

Please go to a bipartisan effort to fix Obamacare, not take everything good about it and throw it away.

Thank you,  
Anna Piper  
Wilmington, NC 28411

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Eric Earley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Fix the ACA, don't repeal it

My family and I would not be able to afford healthcare without the ACA. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Health care should not be a privilege for the richest citizens. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Eric Earley  
Chapel Hill, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Susan Andre [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing

I, and the MAJORITY of American citizens, would like to see a BIPARTISAN Congressional effort to IMPROVE the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Susan Andre of Davidson, North Carolina



**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** liz stiglets <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

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

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Sincerely,

liz stiglets

asheville, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Pat Momich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy bill

We have many friends and family members who have enjoyed health insurance, often for the first time in their adult life, because of the Affordable Care Act. They are farmers, chefs, small business owners, yoga instructors, and many self-employed folks. While the ACA is not perfect, it has definitely worked for millions. It would hurt so many to repeal the ACA. PLEASE, use your powers of wisdom, intelligence, communication, and compromise to improve the ACA through a bipartisan effort. Do not repeal the ACA. Oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you,  
Pat Momich  
Hot Springs, NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Adam Matar ([REDACTED])>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject unconscionable Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Adam Matar  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Asheville, North Carolina 28806

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jennifer Keith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with [Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, disabilities, affordability, etc.] is... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Jennifer Keith

Youngsville NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Errol Genois [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Errol Genois  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Huntersville , North Carolina 28078

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** p hiatt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:46 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare.

The Republican plan to replace the ACA will harm all but the highest income individuals in this country. I do NOT support this plan. If my representatives for the state of North Carolina help get this passed, they will NOT receive another vote from me for ANY office.

The healthcare system in this great country needs to supply help to all, but especially the elderly, the ones with preexisting conditions, and the poor. The Republican plan does NOT supply this by giving states "grants". I oppose this plan!

Paulette Hiatt  
North Carolina  
Employed and I vote every election

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Bob Tucker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 9:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I don't have the words/GrahamCassidy

To whom it may concern,

I have no words how it makes me feel that a group of people want to change insurance policy simply because they said they would. It doesn't have anything to do with if it's good for the people that put them in office or not.

My Wife has Multiple Sclerosis, her meds that she takes everyday cost about \$7100 a month to the insurance company. That's a 30 day supply, 30 shots. On occasion, she has to take another Med called Acthar, it's \$30000+ a vial, that's 5 shots to be taken over 5 days. That's it. I am not going to get into drug prices at the moment but that is all absurd anyway. If I do some simple math \$85200 a year, and for the next 20 years that is \$1,704,000 for what she takes everyday. That's just the meds, that doesn't include the MRI, Dr's visits, anything else.

So when would she hit that cap? What would we do next? I have no idea. That doesn't even touch if they get into preexisting conditions.

If you don't know Multiple Sclerosis, after you get it, it lasts the rest of your life. That's just her story, just think of anyone else that might have some other condition and what it might be like for them.

Most people have loved ones that would be impacted by this.

My Aunt just got her second liver transplant, preexisting condition, would she be able to get the second liver. I can't even imagine what the medical bills would add up to.

So let's just throw all these people under the bus, maybe not today or tomorrow but when you hit your limit or something goes wrong. You know what this is like, and if you have even done any research for pet insurance you'll know this. Some of those companies will cover the pet this year but if something happens, sorry that is a preexisting condition we won't cover that pet anymore.

Just treat us like a bunch of dogs. You know if they those that voted on this stuff used the same insurance that they voted on this wouldn't be an issue at all.

Think about someone that you care about and if they were rejected for whatever reason how you would feel and what you might do.

I know I have called, faxed, and twitted, and not stood by. Need to VoteNo, I know how we vote next time will be 100% impacted by this.

Have a nice day,

BOB

Creedmoor, NC

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## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Kristen Rivera [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Dears Senators,

As an active voter, I am urge all of you to vote against this latest health care bill. It is unacceptable for the American people. If this should pass with your vote, myself, my family and my friends will be relentless in voting you and your colleagues out of office. It will be a betrayal of the oath you took to serve your constituencies. It is unacceptable, unfair and unconscionable. For once put patients before profits.

Please remember, you work for us the people- not the corporations.

A concerned and active citizen,  
Kristen Rivera  
Charlotte, NC



**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jeannie Regan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:09 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

I rely quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am a contributing, compassionate member of society, and I also have bipolar II disorder. Without health care I would not be able to take support my family. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Regan

Black Mountain, NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Carol Bouchard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:50 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy

This bill is a nightmare; please do not pass it!  
My daughter has Type-1 diabetes through no fault of hers or ours as do millions of other Americans. She must have insulin and healthcare to live, and this Trumpcare bill offers no protection.

DO NOT PASS!

Carol Bouchard  
Apex, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Julie Bell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject Graham-Cassidy

I oppose this bill as it still leaves too many vulnerable Americans without health care coverage.

I would like to see Congress work TOGETHER to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

We need to face up to the fact that voters wanted to "repeal Obamacare" before they realized it was the same thing as the ACA.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Julie Bell  
Arden, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Betsy Baldwin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
Sept. 25, 2017

Please vote NO for Graham-Cassidy Bill.

This bill has little to NO support from physicians, health care providers and patient advocates.

The American people deserve better than this pitiful excuse for a health care plan.

Shame on those in GOP who support this quickly conceived and heartless plan which does nothing more than appease their wealthy donors, at the very expense of the health of the average American citizen.

Betsy S. Baldwin

[REDACTED]  
Winston Salem, NC 27106

8) Increases the life expectancy of Americans; does not result in additional thousands of premature deaths per year as compared to the current situation. It is fine that we forgo the savings to Social Security that would result from those premature deaths.

I will note that I do not expect health care reform to provide income tax relief, for me or for our nation's wealthiest. Reducing taxes that directly and demonstrably raise health care costs is fine but we must not use reducing health care for our nation's neediest as the means of increasing the wealth of our nation's most fortunate.

I do not know why Senator Alexander and other members of his party walked away from an attempt to find a bipartisan solution to some of the problems with the Affordable Care Act markets. Frankly, I expect the whole matter was a ruse to provide political cover while yet another slap-dash effort was made to reverse the progress embodied by the ACA. I urge each of you to commit to finding bipartisan solutions to our most pressing health insurance issues. In particular, the Senate should roundly reject the pending Graham-Cassidy bill and should ensure that insurance firms are certain that CSR payments will be made at least through 2020 and that the payments are made in a timely manner.

There is much we can do if we work together. We can repair the problems with the ACA. We can address the health care free-rider problem. We can ensure that our less fortunate citizens are not abandoned.

Thank you for considering my viewpoints. I strongly believe that an open, honest, multi-partisan debate could lead to significant progress toward equitable and affordable health care. The longstanding hyper-partisanship that has dominated the discussion has not, and will not, provide for long-term solutions and it has been corrosive to our democracy. I urge you to do all you can to change that dynamic.

Sincerely

Marshall R. Taylor

[REDACTED]



Virus-free [REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Marshall Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Graham-Cassidy

[REDACTED]  
23 September 2017

Senate Finance Committee  
GCHcomments@finance.senate.gov

I have been covered through the Affordable Care Act's marketplace since its inception. The assurance of individual health insurance coverage allowed me to leave a position with a national engineering firm, where I had excellent health insurance but a demanding schedule which required extensive travel, to care for my wife who had brain cancer. With the ACA, I could work as an independent engineering consultant and give my wife the care she needed until her death. I still make my living as a consultant, I am not yet 65 and the insurance guarantee provided by the ACA is essential to me.

I believe you must steer reform of the ACA toward a sustainable solution that ensures that all Americans have access to quality health care, where the word "all" includes all children, all disabled, all seniors and all those with preexisting medical conditions. I'd like to tell you some of the characteristics of health care reform that I would applaud. I would welcome a reform bill that:

- 1) The CBO would score as increasing, not decreasing, the percentage of Americans with health insurance.
- 2) Reflected a national policy that health care for children and disabled persons is among our nation's highest priorities. A nation that abandons its children will not, and does not deserve to, thrive.
- 3) Based Federal assistance for the purchase of health insurance on household net worth, not current income. There is no justification for individuals in their late 50s and early 60s with \$1 million and larger net worth, but low current income, receiving Federal subsidies for the purchase of health insurance.
- 4) Effectively addressed the free-rider issue. I believe that using the Federal tax code is the most efficient way to address this issue but I care less about the mechanism than reaching the point where people who can afford health insurance do not shirk their responsibility while knowing that the rest of us will pick up their bill for medical emergencies. I believe the tax or fees related to being uninsured should be based on net worth, not current income. Those who choose to be uninsured should, as a group, bear the full cost of unreimbursed health care provided by our hospitals and health care providers. That would end the free-rider problem.
- 5) Removed barriers to the (re)importation of prescription medicines from reliable sources and, additionally, addressed the costs of domestic prescription medicines.
- 6) Addressed medical tort reform in a reasonable and balanced way. I would like to see the analyses of the estimated reduced costs of health care nationwide if non-economic tort damages were restricted to values of no more than \$500,000 or \$1 million.
- 7) Established the mechanism and incentives for states to decrease the market barriers to insurers that want to sell multi-state policies. The bill must ensure that this does not simply create a race to the bottom when it comes to the quality of insurance and related consumer protections.

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Fedde [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Greetings. My elderly father and I both rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a freelancer, I have difficulty accessing affordable healthcare plans and in fact went ten years without coverage. I and many of my friends were finally able to access coverage thanks to the ACA. Now I'm terrified that that safety net will be taken away from us. My 80-year-old father depends on Medicaid to take care of his heart problems. The proposed cuts in Graham-Cassidy would directly impact him and thousands of other North Carolinians. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Fedde

Hickory, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Beth Howard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 6:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The Graham-Cassidy Bill

I beg you not to allow this bad health bill to pass. I'm very disappointed and worried that such awful legislation is being rammed through without a proper scoring from the Congressional Budget Office or hearings.

Hippocrates said, "First, do no harm." This bill will do much harm to the health and lives of millions of Americans. I am ashamed of the people who are pushing this forward and worried for our shared future.

Beth Howard

Charlotte, NC 28210



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

Finance Committee,

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

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

Steven Stobbe  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Statesville, North Carolina 28677

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Nathaniel Grubbs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Nathaniel Grubbs  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Durham, North Carolina 27713

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** cindy smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:42 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 story with 44 years of diabetes has been one of insurance costs that at times were prohibitive as an individual and forced me to stay in a job way beyond the time when I should have moved on.

ACA gave me a sense of freedom I have not had in my adult life. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, cindy smith

Black Mountain, NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** hilary m knause [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My family and many people like us rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. If insurance companies are allowed once again to increase rates or deny coverage for pre-existing conditions, I fear what will happen to my 9 year old son's friend who has a rare genetic disorder that requires daily medicines and multiple surgeries and procedures throughout his lifetime to keep him healthy. Or another friend's 5 year old who has Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis, which is a condition so rare, his family travels from South Carolina to Texas to see the only specialist for that disease. My son has asthma. I've had 2 c-sections. My mother is an alcoholic and has dementia. My cousin is a breast cancer survivor. My mother-in-law has COPD and anxiety. My father has high cholesterol and blood pressure. It is hard for me to come up with someone I know who doesn't have some kind of pre-existing condition. People cannot be punished for actually needing the coverage they pay for.

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

Sincerely,  
Hilary Knause  
Asheville, NC

4. Same with the over fifty. Without affordable medical care, many over fifty will have conditions that will escalate into disability and early retirement. The U.S. will have a huge portion of the population now at or below the poverty level.
5. The items above will impact purchases of goods and services and lead to an avalanche of foreclosures and bankruptcies.
6. Let's just begin to think about accelerating economic and racial unrest. This could totally drain state and local budgets, any benefit they might have been given in block grants would be wiped out.
7. We would be a poorer and more unstable nation. This would affect bonds, and the ability to get out of any holes that we slip in.
8. This is the most frightening. If there is a horrific infectious disease, a flu or other contagion, and the majority of the country does not have preventative and general health care this could be devastating to everyone.

In conclusion, health care is essential. I truly believe that our constitution supports a right to health and life. Efficiency, affordability and universality is essential to the success and well-being of our nation. We need to see health-care in terms of what it is, a security issue, not unlike the military. We need our people healthy, productive, and ready to work, think, and take part in our democracy. I personally believe that universal access to medical care insures the success of our capitalist system.

This bill is a tantrum. It is not our best. We can and must do better. Please do not vote for it. Please do not be intimidated by pacs and lone wealthy men who vow to remove funding. Be a hero. Do what is right.

Thank you,  
Judith Freger

Judy F.  


## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** artistmon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham- Cassidy  
**Attachments:** Graham\_Cassidy.docx

- Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing
- Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017
- Full Name: Judith Freger
- Address [REDACTED] Charlotte, NC 28270
- [REDACTED]

I do not support this bill. It is like throwing a stone in a pond, the ripples effect so many people and institutions.

We know, immediately that it impacts 1/6<sup>th</sup> of our economy, but let me as a teacher who is out there in the real world tell you what I see. I am just a teacher, I believe if the GOP consulted with MBA, Economics and Medical Systems consultants they would come up with some other ideas. Better yet, I strongly suggest that you consult with Medicaid Directors, healthcare providers, insurance industry folks, other countries, states who have great plans, MBA, Econ, medical systems reps, and researchers and professors from our great universities. Make a brain trust and make this the most unique and best system ever imagined. Accept the challenge to be the solution.

If you don't believe me then, I suggest you spend a month substituting in a lower economic school and get to know the people of America.

Here are the problems that I see.

1. If people do not have access to health care, they will get sick and eventually die. The getting sick, will impact all, including businesses whose employees will struggle. People will be going to work sick and they will get sicker and eventually become a burden, then be unable to work. Will you also end the ADA? Then what?
2. People who are sick and can't afford care, opt for pain relief. Have you considered what an expanded opioid crisis will be? I imagine, many will end up in jail, where gosh...you will be providing health care (horrible, but still health care). And the cost for an average inmate is \$168,000 (I could talk about this too!) anyway where is the savings?
3. Lots of folks have pre-existing conditions, they do well with medical care, but if they can't afford it, they will have no alternative than to get ill enough to go out on disability. A doctor and a lawyer is so much less expensive than a rated policy. Are you willing to see millions of folks leave the tax system for the dole? Isn't it just better to keep these folks working and paying taxes?

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** diane mooney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Don't repeal the ACA!!

I am an adjunct professor. My university does not pay for my health care. I rely on quality, affordable healthcare that I get through ACA. 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,

Diane Mooney

Asheville, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Felisa A Meier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

My spouse and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. When we first got married, we were both "underemployed" and had no access to employer-based health coverage. We were spared the stress and worry of not having healthcare coverage thanks to the Affordable Care Act. I also have friends who were in the same boat and continue to need the ACA for coverage.

As a person with pre-existing conditions, I am highly concerned about any elimination of or rise in cost for coverage of pre-existing conditions. Healthcare is already expensive. My community will not be helped by receiving fewer healthcare dollars.

Due to the significant cut in healthcare monies, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Felisa Meier  
Durham, North Carolina



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Janice Jennings [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy vs ACA

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

- My husband is about to go on Medicaid, as a retiree. I will join him there in a few years.
- My youngest daughter and I have pre-existing conditions. She suffered with depression a few years ago. She no longer does, but she's branded with the diagnosis for life. I have pre-diabetes, but control it with diet. No meds, no further progress on the track to diabetes, but I too am branded for life. But G-C will consider our history and it is likely our insurance provider will charge us a lot more than we currently pay, whereas the ACA has treated us fairly.

We are not poor. We can afford our current healthcare, but we cannot afford the projected exorbitant costs anticipated by G-C proposed legislation. I cannot even imagine how those on the lower end of the middle-class would manage.

I want a bipartisan Congressional effort, conducted in daylight, to improve the ACA. I do not want it repealed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Janice Jennings

Winston Salem, NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Michael Harrison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Almost every member of my extended family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. For that reason, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

With a special-needs son with autism, and family members crippled by cancer and debilitating, incurable diseases, we *absolutely* need healthcare that is free from exorbitant rate hikes for pre-existing conditions and lifetime spending caps.

Supporters of the Graham-Cassidy bill keep talking about how it will better finance the insurance pools, or that it will ensure waivers for maintaining coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions, but there's nothing in the bill explaining HOW. That's a non-starter.

Add to that the fact that the bill seems designed to punish states that have been working to implement the Affordable Care Act by re-allocating funds, and the attempts to rush it through without proper CBO vetting, and there's really no question: the Graham-Cassidy bill seems to be a partisan attempt to shove bad legislation onto the books solely to "kill" the ACA, with little to no regard for the collateral damage this will cause.

Listen to us. Listen to the AMA, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the AARP, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and Kaiser Permanente, the American Heart Association and American Cancer Society, the Public Health Institute and the American Hospital Association. Listen to the experts. This bill is not good for our country.

We don't want to kill the ACA. We want a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve it. Please get back to work on *that*.

Sincerely,

Michael Harrison  
Chapel Hill, NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** trexpar . [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I feel strongly that every American deserves affordable healthcare. While obamacare is not perfect, it protects more people than the proposed Graham-cassidy bill would. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Patricia Robinson

Charlotte, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Holly Matt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Dear Senators,

My Family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is un-American and uncivilized. I am a 60 year old professional running my own small business and can barely afford my single policy now, let alone what will happen if you destabilize the insurance market. I would like to see **a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA**, not repeal it. Get to work on behalf of All of the American People.

Sincerely,

Holly Matt

Southern Pines, NC

28387

Holly A. Matt

Pegasus Design Group, LLC

[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Melissa Malkin-Weber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Citizen testimony

Sirs/Madams,

During the recession, like so many Americans, my family suffered from job loss. We were lucky that our layoffs came far enough apart that we didn't lose health insurance. We knew that if we lost our insurance, our medical histories would preclude us from buying health insurance that protected us. Lest you judge people with pre-existing conditions: let me assure you that we devote considerable time and effort to staying fit, eating right, and preventative care.

Entrepreneurs and small business people rely on insurance purchased through Affordable Care Act exchanges. Graham-Cassidy would put a huge damper on these heroes of the American economy. That's a terrible idea. Congress should be looking for ways to strengthen the Affordable Care Act - not to gut it for partisan gain.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Malkin-Weber  
Durham NC

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**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Linda Crivaro <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

My family relies on affordable health care. I have 2 close family members who are in skilled nursing facilities who through no fault of their own are dependent upon Medicaid to maintain them where they currently reside, and to receive the care they require in order to live. I have a career in health care that spans over 40 years and I continue to struggle with increasing costs such as deductibles and out of pocket expense increases each year. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

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Linda Crivaro, RN  
[REDACTED]  
Asheville, NC 28806  
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[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Donna Kaye [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against Graham-Cassidy Bill/Amendment

I am strongly against the Graham-Cassidy Amendment. I have a grandson who was born with a pre-existing condition and I am very afraid that if this bill passes, his life would be negative impacted by not having access to health care he will need. Giving all the money to the state's to manage is a bad idea. State legislatures are very gerrymandered these days, and can not be trusted to oversee this money in the true interests of its most vulnerable citizens, which is now my grandchild because of being born with a congenital illness.

I have dear friends who work as church youth ministers and day care providers and do not make enough money to cover their children. Medicaid has been a god-send for these hard working dear friends who do not make enough money to pay for health insurance. Why would we make people to play by the rules and work hard pay for tax cuts for people who are already wealthy.

Thank you,

Donna Kaye  
North Carolina

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Jessica Greene [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband and I are small business owners, and my husband also drives for Uber which does not provide health insurance to its drivers. Without the ACA, we would not be able to afford health insurance. My sister has a pre-existing condition, Crohn's disease, which she has had since she was 12. Before the ACA, she was unable to get health insurance unless it was provided by her employer. As more and more jobs no longer provide health insurance, it becomes more difficult for people to afford it or even access it. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jessica Greene

Durham, NC



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Lee Hatling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

This bill frightens me so much. The state of North Carolina has, to me, one of the most mean spirited legislatures towards the least of us, and most vulnerable. They routinely cut help for the disadvantaged wherever they can, including refusing the Medicare supplements provided by the ACA.

I realize the ACA needs to be fixed, but giving more power to the States is not the answer. That will only cut and maim people.

Please do not allow this bill to even come to a vote.

Thank you

Lee Barnhardt Hatling

[REDACTED]  
Kernersville, NC 27284

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Burke Patricia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject Graham Cassidy Bill

To Whom it May Concern,

I rely on quality and affordable healthcare. Because of this, I STRONGLY oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am the sole breadwinner of my household and rely on my employer healthcare to pay for expensive healthcare costs such as hospital stays, mammograms and colonoscopies. I would like to see a well thought out, BIPARTISAN Congressional effort to improve the ACA, NOT repeal it.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Burke

Durham, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Christy wright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

**I** rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I suffer from an autoimmune disease that makes me rely on several different prescription medications and constant doctors appointments for blood tests. With this cruel bill, my disease would be considered a pre-existing condition, and I would be forced to pay so much more for my healthcare. The same goes for all 3 of my sisters.

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

Sincerely,  
Christy Wright  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Patricia Rieser [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

Dear Sirs and Madams, Servants of the People:

I'm an American citizen, voter, retired nurse practitioner, and mother living in Durham, NC. Having spent my professional life providing care to children and families affected by chronic illnesses, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill in the strongest possible terms. More than half the families I saw when I worked at the UNC-CH School of Medicine, a state referral center, were covered by Medicaid or CHIP. Many of these were families in which the parent(s) worked multiple part-time jobs, none of which provided health insurance.

As the mother of an adult son with well-controlled asthma who is covered by an ACA Small Business Exchange health plan, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill in the strongest possible terms. His pre-ACA plan on the individual market had a \$10K deductible and explicitly excluded coverage related in any way to his asthma. If he is able to obtain coverage at all under this bill, should it pass, the cost (based on Kaiser Foundation estimates) would double or triple, effectively eliminating him from the market.

More small, rural hospitals in NC would be forced to close; several have closed already due to NC's refusal to accept Medicaid expansion under the ACA. For some NC citizens, the nearest emergency department now is 90 miles away.

As you know, every reputable health care-related professional organization opposes this bill, including major insurance companies. Many governors of both parties oppose it. State Medicaid directors of both parties oppose it. National patient advocacy groups oppose it. AARP opposes it. Many of the people in the far-right base who support it will applaud initially, as it symbolizes President Obama, then realize they've been had when they or their family members begin to experience its effects.

The amount of misinformation about the ACA that has been deliberately promulgated to uninformed citizens borders on criminal.

One is left wondering what you have in mind even considering such an action - other than a partisan political "win" that will literally result in the deaths of American citizens.

National Improved Medicare for All is the answer to controlling health care costs and providing quality care to Americans. It's the only bill that deserves the support of Congress.

Patricia Rieser, RN, FNP (retired)  
Durham, NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Maxine Dalton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

I live in a small rural community in Western North Carolina. The median income in my county is \$30,000 +. My neighbors are truck farmers, small business owners (e.g., well drillers, wholesale plant nurseries, graders and haulers). These folks are the working poor. They are not eligible for Medicaid. They work more than full time and they work hard. They had no health insurance before the ACA. The minute that the ACA was passed into law, a number of my friends and neighbors sought medical attention for conditions that had been festering for a long time. In one case, my neighbor - a farmer- was diagnosed with melanomas at two sites on her body. She has now had treatment and there is a probability that this saved her life. She is only 55 years old.

The ACA was the best that could be accomplished at the time. Everyone knew that tweaks would be needed in the future. The Graham Cassidy bill is an ill thought out vengeful proposal designed to erase the legacy of our former president and slip a bill through before bi partisan support for a health care bill becomes essential. It is a travesty. To whom it may concern - listen to John McCain and do not support this shameful attempt at partisan game playing - a game that would have deadly outcomes for some people.

Sincerely  
Maxine A Dalton  
Spring Creek, NC  
(Madison County)

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Laura Tremper-Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:48 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Dear Senators,

I would like to voice my concerns regarding this bill. First let me tell you that I am a veteran, I am a nurse, I am a nurse practitioner, I am the former executive director of a NC Free Clinic (charity) for the uninsured, and I am a breast cancer survivor. All of these things have shaped my opinion on this bill as you can imagine.

As a veteran, I don't want the 1.75 million veterans who receive Medicaid to lose their care.

As a nurse and nurse practitioner I am not only concerned about the health and access to care of my patients, I am also concerned about the availability of jobs for the folks I work with everyday.

As a Free Clinic director, I saw the ravages that lack of health care access has on the residents of North Carolina. Their desperation was palpable.

As a breast cancer survivor I am afraid for my own access to care as well as the bills that my future care might incur.

I ask you all, for what? So that rich people can have even bigger tax cuts? When is the GOP going to learn that we are tired of funding the rich. We cannot have a strong nation without strong people. The GOP is already walking on a tight rope by supporting this traitorous president, and now you want to take people's health care away?

Please work together and strengthen the ACA.

Sincerely,

Laura Tremper-Jones, RN-BC, MSN  
Pinehurst, North Carolina

Sent from my iPhone

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Vicki [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** RE: Healthcare for a select few?

The Graham Cassidy healthcare bill now before the Senate and being rammed thru, is NOT something the GOP should wave a flag for. I am hoping that a few will vote no out of the concern for many. All of us are waiting for good healthcare for ALL – instead we get a bill designed to throw us backwards into the chaos.

Taking money from one state and giving to another – defunding the healthcare system – all designed to favor one party and those who can afford the best care already – is NOT in the interests of our country, as a whole. Please listen to the many, many organizations, who KNOW about healthcare, and are rejecting the claim that this is a “good bill”.

Give us the facts – spelled out – and open the floor for discourse on how to make US Healthcare a model for other countries to copy.

Vicki Howe

NC

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** carole dupre [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:56 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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carole dupre  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Carrboro, North Carolina 27510



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Michael Hamden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 11:57 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy GOP bill

Honorable Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee on Finance:

The Graham-Cassidy bill, proposing ill-considered and radical changes to the health care industry, is misguided and deeply flawed. Republicans have long insisted on CBO scoring as a baseline requirement for the consideration of any legislation. When an industry that comprises more than 15% of our entire economy is threatened by legislation whose impact is likely to be broadly destructive, there can be no legitimate justification to move forward without the benefit of analysis, expert opinion, and thoughtful deliberation.

The notion that the legislation must be passed because Republicans have promised to repeal Obamacare is a poor excuse for policy that will profoundly damage our health care system to the detriment of hundreds of thousands of Americans. Neither Americans, in general, nor even Republicans, in particular, favor the replacement of the ACA with the reckless approach of the Graham-Cassidy bill. If politics alone motivates the initiative, it should fail on that basis because the havoc it will create will engender outrage among the electorate that will produce electoral catastrophe for Republicans.

A more productive approach would be for Republicans to work with Democrats to reform the ACA for the benefit of all Americans.

I urge each of you to put aside ideology and adopt legislation that will serve the interest of our country by providing affordable, high quality health care to all Americans.

Thank you for considering these ideas, and for your service to our country. Best wishes.

Michael Hamden  
[REDACTED]  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

cc: Senator Thom Tillis  
Senator Richard Burr

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Anita Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill  
  
**Importance:** High

Please do not cap or cut services to Medicaid, which include funds for Innovations waivers, EPSDT services and many other health and disability services. My family member would be devastated. Please oppose the Graham -Cassidy Bill.

*Anita Smith, Administrative Assistant*  
Blue Ridge Area Foundation  
WNC Group Homes for Autistic Persons

[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Virginia Moyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy Bill

**As a physician and as a parent, I am writing in strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill.** My family, and my patients, rely on quality, affordable healthcare, which this bill not only does not guarantee, it sets the county back significantly in our efforts to provide this essential service to our population. America's ability to compete in world markets, as well as to support our own economy, is seriously threatened by our current unfair and inefficient "non-system" of health care – this bill would make that far worse. The ACA is not perfect, but it is a step in the right direction and should be improved, not repealed. I will actively oppose any legislator who supports this bill, and will actively support legislators of both parties who instead vote against this bill and work together, across the aisle, to improve the ACA.

Sincerely,

Virginia A. Moyer, MD, MPH  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Michelle Byron [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Personal Testimony, Graham-Cassidy Hearing

To whom it may concern:

I rely on quality affordable healthcare, which I am currently able to obtain at a little less than \$200/month because of the ACA. With this in mind, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Although I work hard to keep myself in good health, I do have a couple pre-existing conditions, which under the old regulations, would have left me with inordinately high premiums. I would love to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Michelle Byron  
[REDACTED]  
Raleigh, NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Paul Mosca [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

In 1996, my kidneys failed. That same year Blue Cross Blue Shield raised my health insurance premium from \$200.00 to \$1600.00 per month.

The Graham Cassidy bill would allow insurance companies to charge more than a mortgage for me to receive healthcare. The pre-existing carve out in the Graham-Cassidy bill would end my startup company, force me to make a choice between a mortgage and health insurance, cut our family budget and possibly bankrupt us. We live month to month one diagnosis away from an insurmountable financial health crisis.

I've seen it before. For '97, '98, '99 I paid premiums that rose 20% each renewal period. If I had let the coverage lapse my renal disease would never be covered again. Those were very dark days. If Graham-Cassidy passes those days will return.

My hope is that we can repair our broken nation, repair our system of governance and improve the ACA. We can only do this with bipartisan teamwork. It's called compromise. I remember it from the '70's and '80's. So I know it's possible.

Yours,  
Paul Mosca  
Raleigh, NC

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Penny Freeland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Penny Freeland

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Avon , North Carolina 27915

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jenny Mercer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** comment on the ACA repeal and Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern,

After many years of paying higher and higher premiums for weak health coverage through Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NC, because of my husband's employment situation, we were eligible for the ACA subsidized coverage. Now our premiums are reasonable and we do not have to struggle to pay them. We live in a state that has refused to expand Medicare, even though we all have supported that expansion with our taxes. The refusal is political and spiteful. I have no faith that individual states can be trusted to administer block grants fairly.

It is wrong that a developed country like ours is so woefully behind in caring for its citizens. Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is opposed by all major health organizations and by me, a voting American citizen.

Thank you,

Mrs. Jenny Mercer  
[REDACTED]  
Asheville, NC  
28804

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Nancy Troxler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** vote no the Graham-Cassidy bill

My daughter is a low income worker. She relies of quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. She has received good health care under the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Nancy Troxler  
Brasstown, North Carolina



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**From:** Lauren Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Good afternoon,

My name is Lauren Smith, and I recently moved to North Carolina to pursue a job at a nonprofit organization there. Until I was offered this position, I was a contract employee (working for nonprofit organizations as a teaching artist and then for a university as an instructor while I was in graduate school). Because of the contract nature of my work, my healthcare was not consistently available through my employer. Because of the ACA, I was able to afford quality healthcare which both helped me receive treatment when I needed it and to keep up with my preventative care, including routine check-ups.

Even more importantly than the benefits the ACA has afforded me personally, however, I know the importance of this coverage for the young people I work with. In my work for nonprofit arts education organizations, I work with many students who come from lower-income backgrounds. The Medicaid expansions that the ACA made possible have helped to ensure that my students have access to both preventative care and can receive medical attention from a doctor when they need it. My students' families rely on these provisions to ensure a healthy life for their children as they continue to work on building stronger futures for their families.

I oppose the proposed Graham-Cassidy bill for the reasons above. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve and strengthen the Affordable Care Act, not repeal it. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Lauren Smith  
Greensboro, North Carolina (27410)

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Brian Lopez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Regarding Graham-Cassidy bill

Honorable Senators,

This bill is horrific in its construction and intentions. Please start acting like adults and tell the truth to your constituents: You will need to REVISE and IMPROVE the ACA. If you stop calling it Obamacare, half of your constituents will actually applaud you for your hard work and keeping their best interests at heart.

As for ACA-improvements, please start with the obvious: costs. Specifically, procedure, hospital and drug costs. If you create a public information website that publicizes these costs for all states and consumers to see: you create competition and a more fluid market, eliminating waste. Just an idea since fiscal conservatives supposedly care about the reduction of market impediment.

In conclusion, this bill is horrendous and the people who sign this because its "not Obamacare" need to become an adult and stop lying to yourselves and the American people.

Regards,  
Brian Lopez  
American Citizen and resident of North Carolina

Sent from my iPhone

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Nancy Zora [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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Nancy Zora  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28412

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**From:** Bruce Miller [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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NO ONE wants this bill, including non-partisan organizations Like Americans for Tax Fairness, Consumer Reports, etc. Your passage of this bill will be one that is never forgotten by your electorate.

Bruce Miller  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Asheville, North Carolina 28803

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Michael Preib [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:12 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

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

In addition, rare disease patients and their families rely on Medicaid for life-sustaining and life-saving care. Under the Graham-Cassidy plan, federal funding of Medicaid would be substantially weakened by per capita caps and block grants, resulting in states potentially delaying or outright refusing coverage for necessary care.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mr. Michael Preib  
[REDACTED]  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Michael Eisenberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Michael Eisenberg  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Raleigh, North Carolina 27613

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

charlotte, North Carolina 28208

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

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Leslie Hutcherson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792



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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:46 PM  
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e cook  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

cary, North Carolina 27511

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Karen Ziegler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

PLEASE do not pass this bill. I am a nurse practitioner and I know that it would be a disaster for nurses, doctors, hospitals, and everyone who every needs health care. Jobs will be lost. Lives will be lost. Hospitals will close.

My neighbor, Shannon Mallery, is a young mother who has three children; the whole family is on the Affordable Care Act. She says it most eloquently: "We are a real family, and these are real children. The Affordable Care Act enables our family to have health care. It has given us security and a true sense of freedom. It would be devastating if the actions of Senator Tillis weakened the health care coverage we are able to provide to our family. We are not wealthy people, and all of the actions of the GOP are focused on benefiting the wealthy at the expense of working people like ourselves. It's wrong, and it must be stopped."

I know that the only reason why the GOP is ramming this down our throats is because your billionaire donors have said their check book is closed unless you repeal the ACA. They are wrecking democracy for all of us, and if you vote for this bill you have no shame at all. Please vote no.

Sincerely,

Karen Ziegler  
Durham, NC

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Frank Rabey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy vote

Everyone who is paying attention and understands anything about health care knows this bill is a rotten, rotten piece of legislation that will cause lasting harm not only to a huge swath of our economy, but also, and much more importantly, to so very many vulnerable Americans. Passage would be shameful, the worst example of pure politics at the expense of constituents in recent memory.

This bill is new grades of terrible even beyond the last repeal and "replace" offering, and so much of America knows it. Why in the hell don't you?

Vote it down, for the good of the people who voted you in.

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Frank Rabey

[REDACTED]  
Winterville, NC 28590  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Coleen Brock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Coleen Brock  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Trent Woods, North Carolina 28562

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Peggy McLeod [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:24 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 Medicaid concerns my 91 year old mother with dementia. Her doctor has told us that she will need full time nursing care. This has become even more of an immediate need since **my mother had a stroke this past Tuesday, September 18**. She is now in rehabilitation and we do not anticipate that she will be able to return to independent living. Her small savings will run out within a few months and she will need medicaid in order to receive the nursing home care she desperately needs. If we, as a nation, don't take care of the health of our most vulnerable, such as the elderly, what kind of country are we?

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

Sincerely,

Peggy McLeod

Weaverville, NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Nancy Isenhour [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care bill

I am a mental health advocate in NC. This bill would be devastating to the mentally ill. States could deny coverage and caps could be put into place making it impossible to obtain meds. Our adult son lives with me and my husband. He has tried a total of 25 meds for his illness. He is currently waiting for prior authorization for a new med. Cost of that one med is 800.00/ mo. He takes seven meds. His disability check is 700.00/ mo. You do the math. More people will be unmedicated and on the street.

Please vote no. This bill is not acceptable.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Isenhour  
NAMI Rutherford-Cleveland-Burke NC

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Carolyn Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Potential cuts to Medicaid

Dear Committee Members,

I am Carolyn Brown, a newly retired educator from Salisbury, NC. I am writing to oppose cuts to the appropriations to Medicaid, specifically to programs that support assistance to those with autism. As you are undoubtedly aware, the rates of autism have skyrocketed in recent years with a current statistic in North Carolina of 1 in 54 for males. However, one therapy in particular, Applied Behavioral therapy, has been proven to be extremely effective in treating autism, resulting in positive strides that help alleviate the behaviors that make life challenging for those on the autism spectrum.

My daughter is a resident of Charlotte and in addition to having a master's degree in special education, she is also a board certified behavior analyst for the Autism Society of NC. Many of her clients have seen marked improvement in social interactions and ability to learn and "fit in," if you will. Of course, these services are frequently supported by Medicaid funding and cuts to Medicaid would halt the current progress.

I ask you to vote "no" to cuts to Medicaid now and engage with colleagues to do further deep analysis and discussion of the human fallout. Getting legislation to pass must be an onerous task, and I thank you for your service to our great state. However, I do believe more time is needed to make decisions that will be in the best interests of our citizens.

Respectfully,  
Carolyn Brown

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** T Ellis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:30 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. I have one son who is on Medicaid because of being intellectually disabled, and another son who was born with a serious heart defect and because of that may have a hard time getting insurance. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you for your attention,

Tami Ellis  
[REDACTED]  
High Point, NC 27262



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**From:** Jacqueline Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Repair, Don't Repeal

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. The ACA was intended to be a starting place, not the end-all be-all healthcare solution. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Please work harder to work together for the constituents you represent to make adjustments to the current healthcare act. It doesn't need to be reinvented just because of who signed it into law.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Brown  
Raleigh, NC

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**From:** Robin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:48 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Keep ACA

Please represent the people of the US. This bill does not provide needed health care for us. Keep ACA.  
Robin MacCurdy

[REDACTED]  
Fairview, NC 28730

Sent from my U.S.Cellular® Smartphone

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**From:** Anne Schneider [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to: Graham Cassidy Health Care Plan

September 22, 2017

Stephen J Schneider  
[REDACTED]  
Durham NC. 27703

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I have been a below right knee amputee since 2013 and have been successfully using a prosthesis for my daily activities. This would not have been possible without a strong medical /prosthesis team and medical insurance coverage!

I am writing because the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Plan will hurt me and all individuals living with limb loss in the United States.

I have studied the effect of this bill. 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.**
- 2. Graham-Cassidy will permit insurers to discriminate against individuals with pre-existing conditions.**
- 3. Graham-Cassidy will result in an explosion of uninsured Americans.**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my point of view on this important issue.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Schneider

cc: Thom Tillis  
Richard Burr

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Travis Fowler [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:41 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.

As a self-employed, HIV positive person with several other pre-existing conditions, I rely on the Affordable Care Act to ensure I can afford insurance, and retain quality healthcare. Before the ACA I could not have insurance as a self-employed person because the cost was too high, and it would be pointless given my pre-existing conditions. I depend on the ACA and my insurance to assist in the purchase of my anti-viral medication. This is, literally, a life or death issue for me.

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

Sincerely,

Travis D. Fowler  
Asheville, North Carolina

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**From:** Faith Love [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have several pre-existing conditions which would not be covered if I lost healthcare and needed to reacquire it. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Faith Love

Winston-Salem NC 27106

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**From:** June Simpson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Please don't bring this bill to a vote. I am an amputee and this bill would drastically limit the quality of prosthetic care amputees would receive. Quality prosthetic care enables amputees to live productive lives, thereby lessening the burden placed to society. I urge you to work together with democrats to come up with changes to make Obama care better.

Thank you for your consideration.

June Simpson

[REDACTED]  
Greensboro, NC 27410  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** june linhart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

Finance Committee,

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june linhart  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

raleigh, North Carolina 27616

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**From:** Sarah Morse Morse [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Sarah Morse Morse  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Spindale, North Carolina 28160



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**From:** Z. Vijay Director [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Z. Vijay Director  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare Repeal

Dear Senators,  
I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.  
Please vote against this bill that would leave many working, productive Americans without healthcare insurance. The ACA is not perfect, but let's work to improve it, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Speidel  
Petaluma, CA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** senator@feinstein.senate.gov  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

I am opposed to passing the Graham-Cassidy bill that will mean the loss of affordable insurance to millions of Americans. Health insurance is a right that should be granted to all Americans with a "guarantee" that pre-existing conditions be covered and that no cap be placed on the level of coverage they are entitled to. Everyone should be required to be a participant so that the cost of those requiring more care can be spread over the totality of all Americans. Even most young Americans will be sick or need end of life help sometime during their lifetime. It is good that they pay in during their early years to help pay for the expense that will likely come later in life. While I am ok with older Americans paying somewhat higher premiums, they should not be such as to limit the affordability by the majority of this group.

I have questions about having medicaid or any health insurance as a state run program including: Portability across state line? What is the offering by the states that decide to offer the minimum allowed by the plan language? How will we explain the increasing death rate and shorter life span in those states?

Thank God for John McCain, standing up for what is right instead of worrying about where his next campaign contribution is coming from.

Thanks for you time.

Richard Pellett  
[REDACTED]  
Carmel, CA 93923

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham- Cassidy Bill

My family's health and welfare depends on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband was uninsurable before the ACA took away pre existing conditions. I believe that every American can and should have access to basic, affordable healthcare. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Sandy Clingan Smith

Brentwood TN

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**From:** Andy Artz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I do NOT support the Graham-Cassidy bill

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As the parents of two young children, having affordable care for our family and for ourselves is crucially important. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Alexander Artz

New York, New York

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**From:** Jacqueline Vollmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jacqueline Vollmer RN

Ronkonkoma, NY

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Lee Clasper-Torch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Health Care

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for inviting public testimony related to the Affordable Care Act .

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

I have recently retired from full-time employment and my wife and I no longer are able to receive health insurance through my employer. The ACA has indeed made it possible for my wife and I (and our two young adult daughters) to get affordable insurance and care, We need to be expanding the access and availability for healthcare to all--not curtailing it. Health care is a human right and a legitimate function of good government, not a privilege dictated by the whims of a for-profit insurance market.

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

Sincerely,

Lee Clasper-Torch

Providence, Rhode Island

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**From:** Hannah Gibson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:38 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,  
I DO NOT support you pushing this bill through congress. The majority of your constituents and most medical organizations oppose it and it hasn't been reviewed by the CBO. You know fully well this isn't going improve the healthcare system, and will likely result in millions of people not being able to get health care. It's obviously a purely political move to appease republican party donors. Just know that if you support this bill, you are going against the will of the American people. Thanks, Hannah Gibson (Cambridge, MA)



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**From:** Debbie Karau [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

Hello,

My grandson is a 4 year old with Down syndrome. After using the Birth to Three Program my son and daughter in law realized there is a gap in between services for children who are 3 years old and not in school yet to receive the public school's help. Their in home daycare provider was unable to keep him there any longer as he grew more challenging in a day to day setting. While my son and daughter in law were looking for a new day care they found that day care providers are not very accepting of children with disabilities in their area.

Thankfully after many searches they found a compassionate director at Kyria Day Care who was willing to take on my grandson and his needs. She also informed my son and daughter in law that they could look to see if they were eligible for a state one on one aide to help my grandson with his daily needs and routines as he needs much more repetition than most children in order to learn. They are now very fortunate to have been approved for a state aide. Because of that our grandson is no longer regressing and is incorporated into daily class routines with all the other children and is now thriving. Just because of that small change. It is truly amazing for them!

The Forward Health Card also helps them out financially! He has been hospitalized 3 times in a 4 year period for respiratory issues as pneumonia and dehydration. All of the bills for those stays, on top of his regular and specialty doctors that he needs to see (therapists) would not be able to be covered by them had they not had the financial assistance that they have.

Debbie Karau  
[REDACTED]  
Oshkosh, WI 54902  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Thomas P. Britton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Good afternoon. Please accept my note for you as a body to deny support for the proposed health reform bill. Gateway Foundation is the largest non profit provider of addiction treatment program in the country serving over 35,000 people a year with severe and life threatening substance use disorders. The introduction of substance use benefits on commercial plans and Medicaid for low income individuals has expanded access to care for millions of people per year suffering from addiction. Addiction has far surpassed being simply a public health issue and has entered one of fiscal crisis. It's estimated that the financial impact of substance use annually is \$450 billion dollars a year. A roll back of access would be devastating financially and take countless lives. Me and my organization are available for support or comment in any way that would be helpful.

Dr. Thomas Britton

Thomas P. Britton, DrPH CCS ACS LPC LCAS President and CEO Gateway Foundation  
[REDACTED]

Chicago, IL 60604  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Rebecca Killeen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Public Testimony

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because it would endanger my brother.

My brother has mental and physical disabilities as a result of a premature birth. As a result, it is difficult for him to secure long-term employment, but his daily medications help keep him focused enough to complete his tasks.

My brother, now 26, is employed at the moment. But if he loses his current job, he will need to shop for his own healthcare. If he cannot get affordable coverage due to his pre-existing conditions, he will lose access to his medicine, and thus lose his ability to attain another job. On the more extreme side, he could lose access to his CPAP machine, which helps him breathe at night. My current income cannot support both him and me if he goes through this.

My brother does the best he can with the abilities he has. He should not be punished for his premature birth, something that was entirely out of his control.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it and put my only sibling at risk.

Thank you for your time,  
Rebecca Killeen  
Sherman Oaks, CA

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**From:** Holly Kerr [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Many people I work with rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. They have come to rely on Medicaid and have dramatically improved the quality of their lives- not to mention that they are healthier and can work more. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Holly Kerr

Highland Park, IL

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**From:** Terry Jo Bichell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:26 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. Terry Jo Bichell  
[REDACTED]  
Brentwood, TN 37027  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Susan Stewart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** (SENDER VALIDATION FAILED --- May not have originated from apparent sender )  
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Ms. Susan Stewart

[REDACTED]  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mary Kelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against Graham-Cassidy

As a registered voter and citizen of the USA, I urge you to reject Graham-Cassidy as "the answer" to the Affordable Care Act, at least until there can be serious consideration of its ramifications, with hearings. With every professional medical association, most major insurance companies, and most if not all advocacy groups (Cancer Society, American Heart Association, etc), voicing unequivocal opposition, passing this bill will demonstrate your complete lack of accountability and a perverse failure of concern for the country. Vote no or shame on you.

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**From:** Freddie Sumilhig [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Freddie Sumilhig  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

FAIRFIELD, California 94533



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**From:** Peter Schumacher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

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Sincerely,

Peter Schumacher

San Francisco, CA

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**From:** Marion Lakatos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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Marion Lakatos  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Croton, New York 10520

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**From:** Yuvonna Harris [REDACTED]  
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**To:** gchcomments  
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Yuvonna Harris  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

New Ross, Indiana 47968

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**From:** Cathy A [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to plead with you to vote NO on the latest version of ACA repeal that the Senate has put forward. The Graham-Cassidy bill is cruel and poorly thought through. There is no CBO score, and those groups that know health care the best - doctors and the AARP, for example - are against it. It's a terrible way to treat our war veterans and our seniors, not to mention our children, who have no voice in this "debate." The majority of American governors are against it as well.

It is just amazingly heartless, and it does not embody the values that our country stands for. We used to have a moral compass, we used to do the right thing.

I ask you to return to that and to NOT support the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you.

Cathy Armer

Dorchester MA 02122

A healthy (no Rx) 56-year-old self-employed mother of a 10-year-old who cares about her neighbors and fellow Americans

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**From:** Janice Flake [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Bad proposal

>  
> Hello!  
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> It is my impression that these Republicans do not care about people. They only seem to care about getting tax breaks for the super rich. The proposed health care program is really bad and reflects a very greedy agenda for the Republicans.  
>  
> Janice Flake  
>  
> Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kathleen Hopkins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare. Reject Graham-Cassidy.

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The representatives who do not represent the people who voted for them and their preferences for medical care are not "democratic" and are not doing their jobs. This is a legal issue which must be addressed. There must be checks and balances as provided for in our constitution. This country is out of control giving money to the wealthy and corporate interests. The 1% do not need assured health care, they can buy doctors to come to their location. There is no excuse for "taxation without representation" which is what we are seeing in a "democratic" nation. Everything they are doing is WRONG.

Kathleen Hopkins  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Oakland, California 94610

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**From:** Katherine Ross [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for the Graham-Cassidy hearing

I have an existing condition, breast cancer. I have been a survivor for over 25 years. I have been able to maintain coverage all these years through my union health plan. After Obama Care was enacted, I felt that I could change jobs, change careers, or even become an entrepreneur. But, with the vehemence that Republicans treated it, I never felt it was secure enough to last. And so, I have remained on my union health plan, because while it limits my work options, it is secure. What I'd like to see is a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. More people like myself will then be freed to work to their full potential.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ross  
Chicago, IL

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**From:** lbucc Bucciarelli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:21 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

As an American, I find the way that this bill is being forced upon Congress offensive. Let the numbers be worked first so the impact to the public is understood. Debate the ramifications of how pre-existing conditions are handled and allow discussion among ALL congress members before a vote is undertaken.

The fact that the GOP keeps steamrolling things through Congress is repulsive. They are killing democracy all by themselves and should be stopped.

Please halt this bill for the good of the American people.

Thank you.

Lisa Bucciarelli  
[REDACTED]

East Falmouth, MA 02536



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**From:** Dori Egan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Budget considerations on the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

The Graham-Cassidy bill is a financial disaster for anyone with a pre-existing condition that does not work for a large corporation. The average person cannot afford health insurance premiums that run \$20,000 plus a year, especially if they are over 55, sick, injured or just poor.

If you think this is not likely to occur then you have not tried to buy health insurance in this country in the past 5 years. I am self employed and in 2013 at the age of 59 my Kaiser insurance premium was close to \$9000 a year and I was in good health. I was dreading the annual 8% yearly increase plus the mid year increase on my 60th birthday (on my 55th birthday my premium jumped 15% mid year + 8% at the beginning of the year = 23% in one year)

That policy was actually not even as good as the Silver policy I was able to purchase thru the Covered California Plan with a lower premium and still with the same provider (Kaiser). The ACA policy also did not change mid-year on my birthday. Unfortunately last year I was diagnosed with breast Cancer. I had the lump removed and had Radiation Therapy and am doing well BUT I now have a pre-existing condition. If this bill passes I will probably not be able to afford health insurance, if I can even get insurance. Many hard working people that are self employed running mom & pop stores, etc. are not wealthy and they will not be able to pay high premiums for health care. So instead they will just not go to doctors and instead of catching a disease in the early stages where treatment is often very successful and usually far less expensive, they will end up in a hospital with stage 4 cancer, kidney failure, liver disease, etc.. If they have no insurance and no money the government will end up paying all the costs of treatment and very likely having to support their families as well as it is likely hospital bills will leave them bankrupt and destitute.

This system does not make sense, insurance premiums with a set cost is a much more reasonable way to go. We can work on fixing the ACA by curtailing runaway drug pricing, etc.

Other Nations have various health care for all and their costs are far less of the GDP than the US pays. Switzerland has far better health care, everyone is covered and the annual cost is 12% of the GDP . In the USA the share of economic activity devoted to health care grew from 7.2% in 1970 to 17.9% in 2010 (stats from Kaiser).

All other nations tie drug approval to drug pricing, this can and should be implemented in the USA. Drugs already approved for distribution can be reviewed on a case by case basis until all prices are stabilized.

Thank you for your consideration,

DL Egan  
Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523-2910

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Jim Bagniewski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Bill -

I/my family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with [Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, disabilities, affordability, etc.] is... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Jim Bagniewski

La Crosse, WI

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**From:** Victoria Reierson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health

My name is Victoria Reierson. I am a certified School Nurse. I work with many families who rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I work with families who have members with conditions that would be considered "pre-existing". All of them would prefer not to have Diabetes, Asthma, Cystic Fibrosis (and the list goes on) but did not have a say in the matter. With the "option" for states to charge more for these conditions available, there will be the creation of a different "class of citizen". This is not what America is about. On top of which, any of us could find ourselves in this position. We need to work together to create a healthcare plan that will serve all Americans. The health of our country is tied directly to the health of it's citizens. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Reierson RN NCSN  
Acton, MA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:23 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

I/my family rely/relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with [Medicaid, pre-existing conditions, disabilities, affordability, etc.] is... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

David Hutton  
Monson, Massachusetts

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

Hello.

I have a son with Down syndrome and autism, ODD and OCD, Explosive Disorder and Impulsive Disorder. My life is hard enough without having to worry about his health care as well as his behavior. My other children have allergies and asthma. My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

This past year, I had 5 surgeries on unrelated parts of my body due to several illnesses and injuries. I had my ovaries and fallopian tubes removed when I developed a cyst that was thought might be cancerous. I had my gall bladder removed when it stopped functioning. I had knee surgery when the meniscus tore and I couldn't walk without extreme pain. I had to have my shoulder repaired when a student pushed me and tore my rotator cuff (I am a high school English teacher who works in a day treatment program with emotionally disturbed teenagers). And I had to have skin cancer removed.

So you can see, unusual a year though it was, I would have lost my house had I had no affordable insurance.

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

Sincerely, Carolyn Kintisch  
Webster NY

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**From:** Olson, Krisjon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony for the GCH  
**Attachments:** GC Hearing Testimony.Olson.docx

**Title of Hearing:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
**Date of the Hearing:** September 25, 2017  
**Full Name:** Krisjon Olson  
**Address:** [REDACTED] Whitefish Bay Milwaukee, WI

Do you mean to take health care away from this big sister?



That is what is under consideration today. My daughter has benefited from birth to 3 services, school interventions, and more over the course of her life. These are vital to her present and future well-being. They are also crucial to our employment, and our young daughter's happiness and ability to contribute as she grows. This photo was taken as her dad and grandfather taught her to body surf this past summer, together with her sister. A kid that, at 3, couldn't walk and needed special accommodations to crawl in the classroom.

Blaming Medicaid recipients is becoming a common strategy in states where recipients have a difference (race or disability) from the majority of lawmakers and voters. As such racist and ableist attitudes toward Medicaid recipients often dictate state policy. But Wisconsin has a strong system in place. And as a constituent I have voiced repeated opposition to your proposed policies.

From the early history of the country's various benefit programs, allowing local discretion as to who qualifies has continually led Black families, and those with disabilities, to receive less or be removed from programs completely. The proposed legislation is nothing short of eugenics.

As a scholar, parent, and person I implore you to expand Medicaid, not take it away. Our kids count on you.

Sincerely,

Krisjon Olson  
Milwaukee, WI

Krisjon Rae Olson, Ph.D.

[Redacted signature block]

Milwaukee, WI 53226

[Redacted contact information]

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**From:** Rachel Wundrock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25th

Hi to you all,

I am writing you to let you know how Medicaid cuts would affect my family personally. Please vote no for Graham-Cassidy-Johnson-Heller bill. Money would be less for respite services, which would eliminate the option for help with my son who has autism. I need to work and I have no other option besides respite for summer and after school care. I am a single mom who is just making ends meet to pay the bills and I need all the help I can get because I don't have the money to pay for services on my own. Also, I need a break every once and awhile so I can run errands or get my hair done or just some time away to do something fun. I rarely get that opportunity because I can't hire a babysitter like most other families can because of my son's autism. And I don't have family around to help often. Also, he uses weighted blankets, medical id bracelets, communication software on the iPad, and various other items that have been paid through medical assistance.

He also gets dental work and is put under anesthesia every time. My primary dental insurance doesn't cover it all and medical assistance picks up the rest. It would be a huge expense to me if that were taken away.

I have always advocated for my son. I will do anything I can to protect his rights. Please take my story into consideration when voting. It scares me to think my son would not be able to receive services that he so desperately needs.

Thank you for your time.

Rachel Wundrock  
[REDACTED]

Verona, WI 53593  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Ann Hopkins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No on the Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I therefore oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. In addition to opposing the bill because it will cause millions to lose their insurance, as a cancer patient in remission whose COBRA coverage will run out several years before I am Medicare eligible, I am particularly concerned about how the bill will allow states to gut the protections for pre-existing conditions provided under the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Ann Hopkins  
El Cerrito, CA

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**From:** Marilyn Lamoreux [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

Good People:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. When I was laid off from my job in 2011 I was unable to obtain insurance on the open market (through local health insurance companies) because of pre-existing conditions. When I decided not to look for another job because I wanted to start my own business, health insurance became a huge issue for me. I was fortunate to be able to purchase retirement health insurance from my former employer (because I was over age 55, but at a very high cost) and to be able to start my own business. My health insurance costs almost \$10,000 per year even with my former employer paying 1/3 of the cost. My husband who is on Medicare pays a fraction of what I pay and his coverage is better than mine. Many small business owners are unable to afford health insurance for themselves and their families because of pre-existing conditions or prohibitive costs. I believe that it is in the interests of our country to encourage people to innovate and start their own businesses. Making it affordable and possible to obtain health insurance no matter what should be a right for everyone, not just those who have jobs in big companies or who are wealthy.

While the affordable healthcare act has had a few problems in the startup phase (what new program doesn't have challenges?), it has been a substantial improvement for small business owners like me. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve ACA, not repeal it. I'd like to see single payer insurance for everyone in our country through an expansion of Medicare for all.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Lamoreux  
Plymouth, Minnesota

*Marilyn Lamoreux*  
[REDACTED]

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly, what is essential is invisible to the eye." - Antoine St Exupery, from *The Little Prince*

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**From:** Karen Griffiths [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** please do not pass Graham-Cassidy

I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, and urge (and beg) you not to pass it. Repealing the Affordable Care Act has become a partisan issue, and passing this bill for the purpose of repealing the ACA will leave millions of people in dire, dire need, and will most definitely lead to needless deaths. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Please think about the actual lives that are at stake and are being held hostage to political ideology.

Sincerely,  
Karen Griffiths  
Lexington, MA

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**From:** Mariah MacCarthy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** no on Graham-Cassidy

Dear members of the Senate,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. Without the ACA, my son could have been born with respiratory problems; he had meconium in his amniotic fluid. Because of the ACA, my physicians were monitoring my pregnancy constantly, at almost no cost to me. They saw the meconium in my amniotic fluid and knew that it was time to induce me, so as to keep my son healthy. Without the ACA, I could not have afforded to see the doctor as often as I did, and this problem would not have been caught. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Mariah MacCarthy  
Queens, NY

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[REDACTED]  
(Like what I'm doing? Make feminist art happen)

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Juliana Post [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

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

Yours sincerely,

Julie Post

Connecticut

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**From:** Amy Bethancourt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy bill

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

My children are both adopted from the child welfare system, and have had intensive needs for medical, mental health, developmental, occupational and other special care to help give them a chance at life and help repair the damage that was done to them due to the mistreatment they experienced prior to their time with us. Before birth and in their first years of life, they were both extensively exposed to drugs and alcohol, severely neglected, and were left with physical, neurological, and psychological damage that will be with them all their lives. Without their insurance coverage, our family would have gone bankrupt due to the high costs of providing them the care that they need.

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

Sincerely, Amy Rochino  
San Diego, CA

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**From:** Lorynne Young [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy Bill

Dear Finance Committee Members:

I implore you to speak out against this bill which would rob millions of people of much-needed basic health care. It is never a good idea to rush through a bill covering complex issues. The fact that the authors don't want to wait for proper vetting by the CBO and hearings and debate at the various relevant committees should be a red flag that there are things in the bill that many people, probably a majority of people, would object to if they had the time to really study it.

As a person with diabetes and asthma, I am particularly concerned about any health care bill that would allow states and insurance companies to not cover pre-existing conditions. Prior to the ACA, I was unemployed for a time and without insurance. My doctor refused to even see me, not because he was worried about getting paid for his services, but because he didn't want to take the chance that he would diagnose some condition that would then not be covered when I went back to work and had new insurance.

I know the ACA has problems, but they can be fixed. And as a Democrat I can say with confidence that my senators would work with Republicans to come up with a bi-partisan solution. Please stand for what is best for the American people, not just the wealthy and insurance companies.

Lorynne Young  
Pasadena, California

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**From:** Brian Rice [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

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

I am against this proposal.

Before Obamacare... after I had cancer and was working for myself... my Cobra expired... the insurance company was more than willing to resign me for... \$3,000 per MONTH!

Let's not go back to that scenario... please?!?

- Brian

Brian Rice

[REDACTED]  
Darien, IL 60561  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Jeremy Marks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members

I am a neonatologist at the University of Chicago Hospitals in Chicago, IL. I am writing to oppose in the strongest possible terms the above-captioned bill being entertained for passed by the Senate.

My practice entails caring for critically ill newborns with life threatening illnesses. The majority of my patients are born to families on Medicaid, and will be on Medicaid themselves after they are discharged.

Under the proposed bill, block grants to States will inevitably result in steadily decreasing allocation for Medicaid patients. This means that my patients will have increasingly difficulty in getting care while they are in the hospital and certainly after they are discharged. All states will enter a fiscal crisis in 2027 when block grants are eliminated

Furthermore, even for those of my patients who are fortunate enough not to be on Medicaid, the ending of federal protections for pre-existing conditions and the ending of lifetime caps on benefits will disproportionately hurt my patients. Essentially all of my patients will have pre-existing conditions. Denying Americans insurance due to pre-existing conditions is unethical, cruel, and economically shortsighted.

In the absence of protections from a lifetime benefits cap, the cost of a 2 or 3 month hospital stay in the intensive care nursery – a not uncommon occurrence among preterm or critically ill full term babies- will result in these children inevitably running out of health care benefits well before middle age, leaving them without benefits when, like the rest of the American population, their need for health care once again becomes high.

The Graham-Cassidy Bill will increase costs, decrease accessibility, result in harm and death to countless Americans. This is a travesty of a bill, being rushed though without any vetting, without any CBO score and without debate. The honorable members of the Senate, with their gold-plated health care plans, will not experience the suffering that will be inflicted by this bill which they claim will improve the health care of all Americans. This claim is plainly false.

Please reject this bill. Instead, it is critical that the Senate works in a transparent, bipartisan manner to build on the achievements of the ACA by addressing its problems. With bipartisan efforts dedicated to improving health care delivery for all Americans, I have no doubt that the Senate can craft a bill that strengthens the ACA's individual markets and increases competition among insurers across the country, thereby driving down costs while improving the quality of health care and its delivery. With such a bill, there should be no difficulty in garnering more than 60 bipartisan votes and receiving a favorable evaluation by the Congressional Budget Office.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy D. Marks, PhD, MD, FRCPC

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Chicago, IL 60637

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**From:** SARAH GRIFFITH [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Keep the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I have it through work right now, but that hasn't always been the case. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I've had to have emergency surgery twice and my daughter's birth disabled me from working for almost a year. I need eye care and dentistry. Now my daughter depends on having my coverage as she develops her career. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Sarah Griffith

Cambridge, MA

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**From:** Janet Haisman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please do not give states the option of opting out of coverage for pre-existing conditions. You will never again be elected once that goes into effect!

We are only one family for whom pre-existing coverage at an affordable level is vital. Our grandniece was diagnosed with Wilm's Tumor at the age of 4, and she had to undergo the loss of a kidney, heavy duty chemo, radiation, and surgery. She is now 10 years old and will need this coverage for the rest of her life. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill and hope you will put yourself in the place of this child and her future needs. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Janet K. Haisman

Oak Park, IL 60301

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**From:** Barbara Anderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. My son and daughter-in-law have two teenaged daughters and are contributing significantly to the care of my son's father, whose only income is from Social Security. Without the Affordable Care Act, the cost to my son to insure his family would increase exponentially.

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

Sincerely,  
Barbara Anderson  
Davis, California

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Emma Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony submission

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. After college, I went to serve as a teacher in Mombasa, Kenya with almost no money of my own and extremely minimal benefits. The Affordable Care Act's provision that I could stay on my parents' health insurance until I was 26 made this possible. I would not have been able to serve safely and with peace of mind, nor start my career as an educator, without it.

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

Sincerely,

Emma Johnson

Cambridge, MA

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare Graham-cassidy Bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with high blood pressure, severe back problems and depression, I depend on Medicare for my health issues. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Lesa Bernstein

Chicago, IL

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Georgiena M Vivian [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Obama Care Repeal

What has this country and it's politicians come to? They are a disgrace!

We can change those truths by voting down a bill that will hurt millions of Americans.

Ignore your donors republicans, and join the Democrats in making this country sing! Have a heart this week!! Show your compassion and your moral values!

Vote no!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Pls excuse typing errors

Georgiena M. Vivian, President  
VRPA Technologies, Inc.

[REDACTED]

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Fresno, CA. 93722

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**From:** Kathy Kwait [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Submit public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing.

Good morning, my family relies on quality, affordable healthcare.

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

We would love to see a United States of America that gives ALL Americans access to affordable healthcare irregardless of their pre-existing conditions, disabilities, racial or ethnic background, socioeconomic status or ability to pay.

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

Sincerely, John & Kathy Kwait

[REDACTED]

Albuquerque, NM 87113

[REDACTED]



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Bob DeVito [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against: #GrahamCassidy Bill

Please turn down the Graham Cassidy bill. I understand that it doesn't contain protections for those with pre-existing conditions. This would either price me out of Insurance or take away my existing SSDI, Medicare, and Medicaid.

At age 49, I had been diagnosed with Stage 3a male breast cancer in 2012. My treatment was expensive. I had a mastectomy with lymph node dissection, 6 rounds of aggressive chemotherapy over 6 weeks, that was followed by 25 daily doses of generous radiation. I'm currently on a 10 year regimen of the anti-estrogen drug Tamoxifen. In the Spring of 2016 I was diagnosed with early stage prostate cancer at age 54. I AM a pre-existing condition and I'm scared of losing Medicare and/or being priced out of the marketplace.

Please stop the "repeal and replace" craziness. ObamaCare needs some tweaks. But millions of people's health and their care are in jeopardy; mine included.

Thank you so very much for your time and attention to this important concern.

Regards,

Bob DeVito  
[REDACTED]  
Waterbury, CT 06708-1230  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone 7

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Bob DeVito  
#MenGetBreastCancerToo

"He who has overcome his fears will truly be free."  
—Aristotle

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**From:** Rhonda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:42 PM  
**To:** gchc@comments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

I am writing to ask all Senators to vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal. Please, please don't punish people like my grandson who was diagnosed with a brain tumor at 18 years of age, an intelligent young man who graduated close to the top of his high school class just two months before diagnosis, who has had two brain surgeries and multiple other hospitalizations. Who is now a diabetic and has lost a significant part of his vision. Who is disabled by the profound side effects of exogenous steroids needed to keep him alive. While the tumor was benign, it has a high incidence of recurrence because of its nature, so he will need MRIs every six months for the rest of his life. Increases in premiums and life-time caps doom him to an existence of "just getting by" or it could possibly be even a death sentence for him. He is a brilliant young man who is coping with all of the residual damage and returning to college. However, he also gets up every day wondering if his tumor has started growing again, and now he is living in fear, afraid that his healthcare coverage under his mother's insurance could be capped or when he needs to get his own insurance, he will be unable to afford it because of his pre-existing conditions.

I am asking the Senators to work together in a bi-partisan effort to fix the ACA. This country needs to join the rest of the civilized world in making sure that its citizens have access to affordable healthcare coverage. And, making sure that no citizen need fear bankruptcy or death because they could not afford to pay their medical bills.

Respectfully,  
Rhonda M. Salerno  
[REDACTED]  
Tucson, AZ 85750

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**From:** netzow.p [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Submitting public testimony for 9/25/2017 Graham-Cassidy hearing.

**Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:**

**My family member relies on the Affordable Care Act for treatment of serious medical conditions. Our family is grateful for the ACA! We are a hard working family which contributes to the US economy.**

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

**Sincerely, Pamela Netzow**

Trinidad, California

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*Pamela H. Netzow*

[REDACTED]  
*Trinidad CA 95570 USA*  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jennifer Drayton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senators,

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

I have a pre-existing condition: skin cancer. My husband has a pre-existing condition: degenerative arthritis, prompting two hip replacements before he was 50. My sister is a breast cancer survivor. My step daughter was injured on the job and is now 100% disabled and on Medicaid.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Drayton

Sacramento, CA

Sent from my iPhone

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Jessica Marlowe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill - NO!

Hello,

I'm writing about the proposed Graham/Cassidy Bill. I'm concerned about the bill for many reasons and am stunned that any Senator could in good conscience, put the bill forward.

- 1) It is being voted for before it has a CBO score
- 2) There have been no bi-partisan discussions amongst Senators
- 3) It leaves our most vulnerable in an even worse situation- the poor, the disabled, and disadvantaged children will be subject to loss of coverage. Those with pre-existing conditions face steep (possibly not affordable) insurance hikes or must again fight for coverage, with possible long probation periods (the way it used to be before Obamacare).

We are in need a universal health care solution, not something that doesn't provide affordable access to healthcare for those that truly need it. Not something that has limited coverage. Not something for only the healthy, and young.

On May 30th 2015 I had a stroke. My lower peripheral eyesight is gone. Doctors found that I had a hole in my heart that caused the stroke. It was an undetected birth defect. I had a procedure that plugged the hole in my heart and I am doing well now. I am still working and because I work for myself, I didn't miss any time working, and never stopped providing for my family of 3.

We currently pay over 3K/month for health insurance. Yet I'm happy to pay it knowing that I am covered if anything else goes wrong.

It would be ideal if Congress could work on making healthcare more affordable without sacrificing the care that is needed. If you need help figuring out how to do so financially, may I suggest cutting the following:

- eliminate golf cart rentals for secret service @ Bedminster and Mar-a-Lago costing taxpayers \$59,585.00 as of August 8th 2017 (source USA Today)
- eliminate guarding Mar-a-Lago by air and sea which has cost taxpayers \$6.6 million as of July 29th 2017 (source Chicago Tribune)
- eliminate the 61 million Trump signed into a 1 trillion dollar spending bill to cover expenses incurred when he and his family are in his resorts or Trump Tower, or his other private properties. (source: Fortune.com)
- Also eliminate the \$58 million for costs such as rent for housing his secret service (previously in Trump Towers) (source: Fortune.com)

I already have to run my own business, so I do not have time to research/ list all the expenses that could potentially be eliminated, but you guys do this for a living. I'm hoping that you will find a way to cut costs without sacrificing our health and lives.

Thank you,

Jessica Marlowe

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Catherine Cassidy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill opposition

Hello, we are small business owners in Alaska and have been purchasing health insurance on the individual market for 30 years. Insurance prices have gotten so high in the past few years (over \$20,000 per year for the two of us) that we now would not be able to afford insurance at all without assistance through the ACA.

We need Congress to make a bipartisan effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you,

Catherine Cassidy  
Erik Huebsch  
Kasilof, Alaska 99610

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**From:** MaryEllen Rodda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

I value our democracy more than my own health. Regardless of personal outcome, please engage in a transparent, considered, incremental bipartisan process to best address our government's ongoing role in our health.

Thank you,

MaryEllen Rodda  
Hampden, ME 04444

Sent from my iPad

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Kavita Pillay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee staff member,

My husband and I are educated, we make six figures, but we are self-employed, which means we buy our insurance out of pocket. We have one child but we're scared to even think about having another — I can't imagine being pregnant and suddenly finding out that we have to pay thousands more because pregnancy is suddenly a pre-existing condition. And god forbid that one of us gets seriously sick. For all this and more, I adamantly opposed Graham-Cassidy, and I hope that this zombie of a debate finally dies so that we can get back to dealing with other vitally pressing issues.

Sadly though, I've mostly given up on America figuring out how to make health care affordable for all. I'm lucky — my husband is from Finland, meaning we have an escape hatch to a truly equitable, democratic, corruption-free society that long ago figured out that healthcare is a way to invest in a nation's future. I'm grateful to have the option to move to Finland, but how sad and absurd is it that we're considering leaving the richest, most powerful country in human history over healthcare?

Very few Americans have such an option, so I'm writing for the millions who can't just pick up and leave for greener pastures. The continuing debate over healthcare leaves us all in purgatory. It leaves us feeling like powerless, hopeless captives of a vast and difficult to comprehend system that is ready to do us in at any time. The more I think about it, the more ironic it seems to call it healthcare!

For all of our sakes, please figure out a bipartisan way to deal with this issue, posthaste.

Kavita Pillay  
Cambridge, MA



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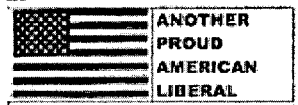
**From:** Diane Garey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Health Care

Hello:

My family and I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Although we can afford health insurance we don't want to live in a country the cruelly passes such an outrageous piece of legislation without hearing, public inputs, bipartisan efforts. Please share my concerns with the US Senate before any vote takes place.

Diane Garey  
[REDACTED]  
Florence MA 01062

Diane Garey  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Gerry Fogarty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey); lizfogarty@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill, which would eliminate Medicaid as a federal entitlement. This is a poorly conceived bill that has not received sufficient scrutiny or CBO scoring. I oppose any measure which does not protect Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.

Sincerely,

Gerard Fogarty

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Norwood, MA 02062

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Kelly Cameron [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Personal Statement

Members of the Senate:

My name is Kelly Cameron and I have been a Western NY high school English teacher for 19 years. I can't remember a time when I didn't want to work with kids. Once I began second grade, my younger brother became the student and I taught him everything I learned each day in our "classroom" downstairs. My students are like my children and I have been able to see them grow into amazing adults. I've been to their weddings, baby showers, and children's special events. There are many gifts to the profession.

Last year at this time, I was hiking up to eight miles, maintaining a very healthy weight, and eating a primarily vegetarian, organic diet. I don't drink or smoke and never have. My loved ones joked about my "rabbit-like" existence. So it was obviously a bit surprise when I found a lump in my breast the day before the 2016 election. I received my official cancer diagnosis five days before my fortieth birthday. So much has changed for me. Since then, I have had a double mastectomy, chemotherapy, radiation, and physical therapy. I still need quite a few surgeries as well as hormone therapy for the next ten years to help keep the cancer from coming back. Those drugs are essential to maximizing the chances of long-term survival. Of course, we all know there is always the possibility that cancer can return. My body did not react well to the trauma of the surgery or radiation, so I also have lymphedema, a life-long condition. I will also need more physical therapy to help regain mobility in my chest and shoulder since that has also been impacted by my surgery and treatments. If this bill passes, my cancer is most certainly a pre-existing condition. If this bill passes and lifetime caps are reinstated, I don't know what I would do. I'm a teacher. I do not make enough money to pay for my care outright, but my life has meaning. Every human life has meaning. I just want to be well so I can start my new normal helping kids without worrying about choosing between bankruptcy or my life. I was healthy until I suddenly wasn't. It can happen to anyone, regardless of how well you take care of yourself. Vote no on this bill. Protect the millions of Americans who elected you to do the RIGHT thing for us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelly Cameron

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Joe Schmitt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

As the adoptive parent of 3 children, now adults, with special needs, I dread the thought of losing the stability and affordable nature of the ACA. Please don't do this to us and millions more Americans. If you value your own families and mine, then why would you vote this unscored last ditch act of desperation into law?

Signed,  
Joseph P. Schmitt  
Madison WI

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Halley Sanchez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill will harm millions (public comment)

Like millions of Americans, my family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It will defund Planned Parenthood which gives cancer screenings and health access to lots of women--and men. I want to make sure that I can maintain access to birth control, which I take primarily to prevent debilitating cramps.

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

Sincerely,  
Halley Sanchez  
Pasadena, CA

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** emma rivera [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposing Graham-Cassiday ACA Repeal Bill

Hello:

My name is Emma Rivera and I live in Brooklyn, NY. I am e-mailing to voice my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal bill. I feel that a bipartisan approach to fixing the ACA and stabilizing the insurance markets is the approach I want our elected officials to take. As Sen. John McCain stated: "The issue is too important, and too many lives are at risk, for us to leave the American people guessing from one election to the next whether and how they will acquire health insurance. A bill of this impact requires a bipartisan approach".

A bill that affects millions of people both health-wise and financially should have a long and truly weighty debate, and not be rushed through as if the well-being of so many is a political afterthought.

Please do not let the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal bill be pushed through in this manner and with such little thought on the long-run consequences to the health and financial well-being of millions.

Thank you for your attention.

Emma Rivera

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Penny [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a teacher, I work with students and families who rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Many of them are on Medicaid because of disabilities and mental health issues. If the ACA is replaced many of my student's ability to come to school and learn would be at risk.

I would like to see a bi-partisan congressional effort to improve the ACA, not replace it.

Sincerely,

Penny Sebastian

Rochester, NY

Sent from my iPad

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Shawn Reed [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy-Heller Bill

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill. Unofficial analyses indicate this repeal/replace bill is likely to be worse than previous Senate bills, impacting seniors, children, women, people in poverty ... especially vulnerable, low income citizens.

It could result in the closure of hospitals and clinics, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

We are probably looking at the return of lifetime limits and pre-existing conditions. Family planning, women's healthcare, preventive care, chronic disease care, and maternity care appear likely to take hits. Premiums for fixed income retirees will go up.

The ACA is flawed, but it has many good things. Many of my friends have seen their access to medical care improve drastically. Some have had major problems.

I want a solution that preserves the good parts of the ACA while fixing the flaws. I want access to good quality, life-saving, preventive care, health care for my family, my friends, and the citizens of this country.

Slashing medicaid, threatening medicare, and granting states waivers to do whatever they want is not a way to fix health care.

Citizens have spoken loudly, repeatedly ... the country wants access to good healthcare and so far neither the House nor the Senate has made any effort to do anything but make the situation worse.

And by trying to rush this through without even a CBO analysis, the Senate appears to KNOW this bill is bad, and is everything the United States constituencies oppose.

I oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Shawn Reed  
Mt. Juliet, TN



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**From:** christopher kroll [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Sir/Madam:

I rely on quality, affordable health care, which I get through my employer. I, therefore, oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill which will carry us backwards instead of forwards in terms of quality, affordable health care for all Americans. I have excellent health care coverage through my employer and I wish that all Americans were similarly well provided for as in all the other major industrialized countries of the world.

I support Medicare for All as the only fair and equitable option for health care in this country. The Graham-Cassidy bill is a step backwards and must be rejected.

Sincerely,

Christopher Kroll

Berkeley, California

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Rebecca Tankersley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Don't repeal ACA!!

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I work for a tiny nonprofit and rely on ACA for health care. I suffer from chrons disease so it is imperative I am covered. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Tankersley

Anaheim, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Catherine C. Prabhu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The ACA

My family and I have always had health insurance, and so I have had a sense of security and the ability to see a doctor whenever I needed to. But millions of Americans did not have that security until the ACA. And now they do.

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, Cathy Prabhu

Palo Alto, CA

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**From:** Deidre Ditton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I am a 4th generation Wyomingite...

Dear Senators,

My name is Deidre Ditton and I am writing today to express my 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 (my husband and I and all our extended family) choose to live and work in Wyoming. We have made Wyoming our home for generations. We are lawful, decent, hardworking people who value education and blue-collar experience in our communities. I am a young married woman. My husband is a civil engineer, graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2016. I am a 3rd year teacher in Sheridan, also graduated from the University of Wyoming and currently providing some of the educational experiences a child can receive in Wyoming. My brother-in-law 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 grown up with, 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 brother 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 brother 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,

Deidre Ditton  
[REDACTED]

Sheridan, WY 82801  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Karen Knutson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony - Graham-Cassidy hearing

I, my family, my friends and my community, like most people in America, rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. My brother passed away recently, but he lived with quadriplegia and many related medical issues as a result for the last 39 years of his life. He was fortunate enough to have both Medi-Care and Medi-Cal for his many medical needs. He would have died decades sooner than he did if he had not had medical care through Medi-Care and Medi-Cal.

I also represent many clients with family members with disabling medical needs. Many have aging parents who rely on Medi-Cal (Medi-Caid in other states) to provide all or part of the cost for their placement in residential care facilities or nursing facilities. They often need placement for dementia related to Alzheimers and can no longer be cared for safely at home. Many have adult children with developmental delays who also rely on Medi-Caid for vital medical care and sometimes to provide all or part of the cost for their placement in residential care facilities or nursing facilities because they have medical or behavioral needs that cannot be met by their families in their homes.

The impact on Medi-Caid that the Graham -Cassidy bill would have that would negatively affect millions of Americans and their families is unacceptable. I see the Graham -Cassidy bill as a "wealthcare" bill intended to save money for the wealthy and corporate interests. I don't see it as an effort to improve health care costs or access to health care. Again - this is unacceptable.

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

Sincerely,

Karen Knutson

Santa Monica, California

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Caryn Cochran-Branson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** TrumpCare Bill -- VOTE NO

As a medical social worker, hundreds of my patients rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Many of my patients are unable to work due to their catastrophic illnesses and injuries. Without the Affordable Care Act, they and their families would not have health insurance. Many of my patients receive too much money from disability to qualify for MediCal. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Caryn Cochran-Branson, LCSW

Sacramento, CA

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

I am absolutely opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill.

I am opposed to its lack of bipartisan authorship.

I am opposed to its lack of a CBO score before insistence on voting.

I am opposed to its subversion of the democratic process. Where are the public hearings?

I am opposed to its clear discrimination against women.

As someone who relies on birth control pills to regulate my stage 4 endometriosis symptoms, I object to enabling insurance companies to charge me for essential medication.

As someone whose father passed away from stage 4 colon cancer, I am grateful for the insurance which paid for his chemotherapy drugs (\$7K per visit) which gave me one extra year with my father. Without it, my parents, already retired, would have gone bankrupt.

Sincerely,

Kristine J. Schmidt

[REDACTED]  
Mystic, CT 06355



**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Kristin Marie Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA and Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern:

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,

Kristin Smith

Vista, California

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As someone working in the non-profit industry, I rely on the marketplace to provide insurance. There is no way my current employer can provide employee benefits like healthcare. If rates go up, I won't be able to afford insurance. I am fortunate to have relatively few health issues, but still need affordable insurance for things like check-ups and occasional medication. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Hannah King

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Morris, MN 56267  
[REDACTED]  
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"Making History Come Alive"

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Katie Roper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony Graham-Cassidy hearing

Hello -

My family and I rely on quality, affordable health care. Twenty years ago, the retina in my husband's right eye detached, due to a genetic condition (the same had happened to his father). Fortunately, at the time we had company-provided health care and so he had expert doctors re-attach it before too much damage was done. Then, five years later, the left retina began to detach. Again, we fixed it on company health care.

Then came the recession, and he lost his corporate job.

But when we went to apply for individual health care, they said my husband had repeated instances of the same surgery, so he was denied coverage. Never mind that he didn't have a third eye. We were forced into the high risk pool, and had to pay \$5,000 per month for his insurance alone.

Insurance companies do not operate in the best interest of the American public. That's the job of our elected Senators. Do not pass this horrible bill that throws us back into high risk pools for things that we have no control over. My husbands character, work ethic, lifestyle, etc. have nothing to do with his condition. It's genetics. It's not his fault. Families like ours shouldn't be forced into a choice between bankruptcy and blindness.

Catherine Roper  
Los Altos, California

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**From:** Patrice Hanlon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable Care Act public testimony for Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing.

**Script:** My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am someone with with pre-existing conditions due to cancer, and my daughter with Autism relies on programs and medical insurance through the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Patrice Hanlon

Concord, California

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Patrice Hanlon

**Horticultural Consultant & Educator**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Pura Vida means "pure life" and for me symbolizes the idea of enjoying life slowly, embracing the importance of strong community and conversation, celebrating the abundance of life and fostering a deep appreciation and respect for nature.*

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Lora Prochaska [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Countless other people in my community, state, and our country rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. You can make a difference.

Sincerely, Lora Prochaska Rockford, Illinois

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Gene Santillo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against Graham-Cassidy Bill

I want it on the record that I am AGAINST the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill.  
This Bill will in no way be an improvement on what we already have.  
Gene Santillo  
New York, NY.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Laila Tamburini [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:20 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 Hashimoto's Disease is truly a nightmare and I need lots of bloodwork and lab tests to keep me healthy. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Many Thanks,

Laila

Los Angeles, California

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I wish I could ride my bike forever. I wish the sun would never go down.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** cuters927@gmail.com on behalf of Kate Meehan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:56 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing: Public Testimony

Hello,

I and many of my family and friends rely on quality, accessible, and affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kate Meehan

Minneapolis, MN



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**From:** Mb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare - graham Cassidy

I rely on quality and affordable healthcare. I had healthcare thru my employer for 30 years but due to downsizing I have gotten insurance thru the ACA most recently. There is no way I can afford to access healthcare that's \$500 or more a month. Please don't repeal the ACA. My life and others depend upon it. I'm not on medications but do have a preexisting condition that requires me to have annual checkups to detect early signs of cancer. Without ACA, I wouldn't be able to checkups or procedures if required.

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

Sincerely,

Mary Kersten

Arcadia WI

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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

My patients rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Prior to the ACA I would have to work overtime just to figure out how to get my patients appropriate health care. Notice I did not say affordable, just appropriate. Many hospitals, specialty offices and care facilities won't even let a patient make an appointment without an insurance policy in hand even when a patient is willing to pay cash. Prior to the ACA most people without employee sponsored health insurance couldn't afford private policies and people living below the poverty line, most of whom have jobs by the way, didn't qualify for MediCal unless they were disabled. This group of "working poor" was doubly disadvantaged, too poor to afford health care and too healthy to qualify for government sponsored healthcare coverage. The ACA completely changed that and I am happy to say that 100% of my patients now have health care insurance and are accessing quality care that they would have otherwise been denied.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Help the doctors help their patients. Let's spend more time providing care and less time worrying about how to get it paid for.

Sincerely,

Denise Taylor, MD  
San Luis Obispo, CA

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Karen Ellery [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please do not pass Graham-Cassidy

If you do, the chances are very good that my husband will die without affordable care. He has a life-threatening preexisting condition and he and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Instead, please continue working on a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Karen Ellery, Minnesota

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Libby Cecchi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

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

In the last two years my son has needed emergency mental health care, I needed surgery for a herniated disk in my back, then gall bladder surgery, and I sprained my ankle. These were all very random events and had it not been for good insurance we would have been wiped out financially. (Otherwise we are in good health!) I can't imagine what this situation would have been like for someone also dealing with Type I diabetes, or some type of cancer, or living with cystic fibrosis. People who have jobs without health benefits (and this number is increasing annually) NEED affordable health care. And people without jobs also need access to quality, affordable health care. It's just plain silly that Americans need to rely on benefits packages from large companies in order to attain health care plans.

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

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Cecchi  
Edina, MN

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Libby Cecchi  
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**From:** K Sekiguchi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:00 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Comments

Hello,

I am writing to let Congress know that strengthening the ACA, not repealing it, would be the most responsible moral, ethical, and financial way to help Americans. The Graham-Cassidy bill would be too costly for states, and would seriously harm and impact Americans who rely on the ACA for their health insurance.

Before the ACA, my family twice faced major medical situations. We were not protected due to pre-existing conditions, and paying out-of-pocket for health care was a serious financial blow.

Being denied health care is un-American. Taking away health care is un-American. Letting the poor, sick, and elderly suffer without health care is un-American. Let's put people before profit and work together in a bipartisan way to strengthen the ACA--PLEASE.

Sincerely,

Karen Sekiguchi

Marblehead, MA 01945

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Natalie Bontrager [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH comments - Minnesota

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

My story with Medicaid and affordability is that prior to the ACA I could not afford healthcare and my job didn't offer it. I had no way to take care of myself and keep myself healthy with annual exams and physicals, nor an affordable way to visit the doctor. I utilized Medicaid during this time.

With the ACA I could again be added to my parent's plan and have access to all sorts of healthcare options.

After marriage, my husband and I moved to a new state and the only available employer plan was through the ACA exchange. If that hadn't existed the employer wouldn't have offered any plan - or we would have been priced out of it. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Everyday Americans need these plans. And especially those that have disabilities and pre-existing conditions. We shouldn't shoulder additional burdens on our less fortunate fellow citizens.

Sincerely,

Natalie B.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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**From:** Lois Gudeon Sloan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill on health care

**Dear Senators,**

**My family urgently needs quality health care. Several of us have pre-existing conditions which require steady, reliable coverage. I strongly urge you to vote NO on Graham-Cassidy, and to instead work together to strengthen and improve the ACA.**

**Sincerely,**

**Lois Gudeon Sloan/ New York, NY**

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**From:** Tanya Moss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have been unemployed recently and relied on affordable healthcare that I could purchase through the exchanges. Without the Affordable Care Act, I would not have been able to have health insurance. I am thankful for the ACA and know that there are people who have more serious health conditions and rely more heavily on affordable health insurance than I do. This is truly a life or death issue for many. It is disappointing that Republican lawmakers are pushing forward a cruel bill just to fulfill a misguided campaign promise without stopping to think about the real lives of their constituents.

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

Sincerely,

Tanya Moss  
Oakland, CA



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**From:** Neal Kielar [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I'm writing as an American taxpayer and decent human being to lodge my opposition to and disgust with the latest politicized effort to gut access to affordable health insurance.

The Graham-Cassidy bill has no constructive end and clearly is an ideology driven effort to score political points with the Republican funding base.

The physician's oath to do not harm should extend to anyone involved in shaping and managing health policy.

There many problems with the way this country prices and allocates health care. Simplifying the system is fine but it must be toward the outcome of providing near-universal access and affordably.

Members of the Senate must set aside their quest for power and longevity in office and do what's best for most Americans. Vote against this heartless and destructive bill.

Neal Kielar  
Golden Valley, MN

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**From:** debra cossette [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

My husband and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. We purchase insurance on the individual market and are both turn 60 this year. My husband has had cancer and although he was deemed cancer-free at his 5-year scans several months ago, we would not want to be denied insurance because of this pre-existing condition. This bill would significantly raise our premiums and destroy the individual insurance market. For us and for the many others who now have insurance because of the ACA, I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Debra Cossette

Hugo, MN 55038

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**From:** Katie Klein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

September 25, 2017

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

Submitted by: Katie Klein / The Josselyn Center  
[REDACTED]  
Northfield, IL 60093

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

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

On behalf of The Josselyn Center, I submit this testimony to the Senate Finance committee, in regards to the Graham/Cassidy/Heller/Johnson Amendment to the Budget Reconciliation Act of 2017.

It is known to every policymaker and every public health official that the opioid epidemic has had a devastating impact on all Americans, and Illinois is no exception. The Affordable Care Act, and the Medicaid expansion that accompanied it, has been a boon to substance abuse treatment to the people of Illinois. Not only would this bill put Medicaid expansion in Illinois at risk, but the reforms proposed to the Medicaid system would be outright disastrous to the substance abuse and mental health treatment communities. A vote in favor of this bill is a vote to stem SUD services, as vast multitudes of your constituents will lose vital coverage, leaving them susceptible to addiction and overdoses. It is also a vote to terminate life-long mental health care for citizens of less means, denying them an opportunity to be productive members of society that can contribute to our collective growth and well-being.

Health care economists Richard G. Frank and Sherry A. Glied estimate that 1.3 million people with serious mental illness and 2.8 million people with SUDs — including 220,000 people with opioid disorders — could lose health coverage under ACA repeal. Both chambers of Congress have spent the past several years expressing its concern for these populations, and support of this bill would be nothing short of a slap in the face to these vulnerable populations, at both a fiscal and emotional level.

As a result of zeroing out block grants for Marketplace tax credits and Medicaid expansion and additional cuts to Medicaid, the Graham-Cassidy bill is essentially repealing the Affordable Care Act without replacing it, and at least **965,000 Illinoisans would lose coverage by 2027**. The Graham-Cassidy bill would turn traditional Medicaid into a per capita cap, meaning the 2,201,841 Illinoisans who are enrolled on Medicaid would have their care jeopardized. Medicaid disproportionately helps children, seniors in nursing home care and people with disabilities. A study by Avalere found that Graham-Cassidy would cut funding for people with disabilities by 15-percent and 31-percent for children by 2036. Finally, allowing states to opt out of the Essential Health Benefits coverage means that insurance companies could once again put lifetime and annual limits on the amount of care one receives, even impacting people with coverage from their employer. Up to 1,195,000 Illinoisans with employer-sponsored coverage would lose these protections- and as you may be aware, addiction is a chronic disease, requiring a lifetime of care.

We hope your colleagues in Congress are aware that a vote in favor of this bill is a vote to decimate the progress we have made in fighting substance use disorders, as well as mental illness, over the past several years. However, we must not let our progress be stunted, especially as we stand upon the precipice of true advances for our most vulnerable populations.

Medicaid plays a vital role in providing behavioral health services across Illinois. Although the CARA act, as well as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and its mental health provisions, were a great boost to our mission, they pale in comparison to the contributions made by Medicaid. Illinois simply cannot afford for this bill to be passed, at a fiscal or a moral level.

The opioid epidemic, unfortunately, is just a scratch on the surface. When we take into account the costs of all substance abuse, including alcoholism, we see how dire the need for quality care really is. We are well aware of the political stakes involved in this vote, but the stakes in real life are even higher. Lives hang in the balance. Substance abuse treatment saves lives, and a vote in favor of this bill is a vote to curtail these services. We urge you to vote against this bill, so that you may consider yourself a true champion of our cause.

Sincerely,

Katie Klein, MA  
Clinician

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**From:** Christian Amato [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please do no repeal ACA

To whom it may concern -

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with ACA is similar to many. I lost my job, and being on unemployment, was able to take advantage of ACA at a low cost. Without ACA, I would lose my coverage, which is necessary, especially at this time of year for me. Asthma is a big problem for me, and ACA provides the medicine that allows me to make it through the day. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Christian Amato  
Bronx, NY

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**Christian Amato**  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kayla Gogarty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

My name is Kayla Gogarty and I am a 25 year old resident of NY. My family and I all rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of my reliance on quality, affordable healthcare, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill leaves room for states to seek exemptions from following certain ACA-era regulations including being exempt from preventing insurances from raising premiums due to pre-existing conditions. The possibility that insurance companies can raise premiums due to pre-existing conditions is highly problematic for me. I am just starting my career so I am currently struggling financially due to student loans and I have pre-existing conditions that could raise my premiums.

Putting these possible exemptions aside, the Graham-Cassidy bill would also put other family members at risk including my step-mother who has 2 children under the age of 10 and who has been suffering from both stage 3 brain cancer for 7 years and was also recently diagnosed with leukemia. By decreasing federal funding to NY, the Graham-Cassidy bill would put my step-mother's care at risk. Would you like to be the one to tell my 10 year old half-sister and my 8 year old half-brother that their mother may die because she can no longer afford her treatment?

I understand that ACA has some flaws but these flaws do not compare to the flaws in the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve ACA, not repeal it. I hope you take this public testimony into consideration before bringing this flawed bill to the floor for a vote.

Sincerely, Kayla Gogarty

Medford, NY


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**From:** Alice Nadler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham- Cassidy

I greatly oppose the Graham- Cassidy bill. My family and I relies on affordable healthcare through the Affordable Care Act. Both my husband and I have pre-existing conditions and my son has several disabilities, that would leave us in jeopardy of having healthcare denied, if this bill becomes enacted. Please come up with a bi-partisan plan to improve the ACA, not repeal it. One that works for every American.

Sincerely,  
Alice Cohan Nadler  
Petaluma, California

*Alice C Nadler* 

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**From:** Cori Knudten [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. For a long time, I was a student with a limited income or working part-time jobs that did not include health care. With the ACA, I was confident that I would have access to health care, regardless of my income. If the ACA is repealed, I will no longer have that assurance. Can the ACA be improved? Of course it can. But the solution is not repeal but rather a bipartisan Congressional effort to make it better. Health care should not be reduced to talking points and politics. It is complex and difficult. Instead of trying to force a repeal through, I hope that Congress will instead work together on improvements that have wide, bipartisan support.

Sincerely,

Cori Knudten  
Davis, CA



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**From:** Betsy Bozdech [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy bill for public testimony

I, my family, and my friends rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It's being put forward in a reckless, ill-conceived way and promises to strip necessary healthcare from those who will suffer and possibly die as a result. I would like to see a bipartisan congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Betsy McNab  
Alameda, CA

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**From:** John Giordano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** testimony for Graham-Cassidy bill

Senators:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions and affordability means we will experience hardship under this bill should it pass. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

John Giordano

Newburyport, MA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 4:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing Comments

I am lucky that I receive healthcare insurance coverage through my employer. But within the next year, my young adult children will no longer be eligible to receive coverage under my plan. I am concerned about what healthcare coverage will be available to them. Many of my family, friends, neighbors, community members, and fellow citizens rely on coverage available to them through the ACA. One of my oldest and dearest friends survives life threatening illness by receiving dialysis and cardiac care through these programs. For these, and so many more reasons, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Susan Joseph

Los Angeles, CA

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse typos and odd auto-corrections.

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**From:** tmbrk1 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

We, my family members, rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My son has a pre-existing condition which would make it a horrible situation for him if his medical costs were not covered... I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you.

Jessie Timberlake

Cape Elizabeth, Me.

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**From:** Malorie Ross [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** KEEP MY HEALTHCARE

Hello,

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, Malorie Ross

[San Francisco, CA]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Allen Huff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware that Sen. John McCain's action may have already sealed the fate of the Graham-Cassidy bill, but I would like to add my voice to those opposing this legislation. Members of my own family rely, today, on health care plans they receive through the Affordable Care Act. If improvements to the ACA can be made, I and many others would welcome them wholeheartedly. The Graham-Cassidy bill will not do that. Please help to defeat this poorly-conceived bill.

Gratefully,

Allen Huff

Jonesborough, TN

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**From:** Katrina Tennis [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Fw: The Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

As an addendum to the email that I sent earlier, I'd like to let you know that I am a beneficiary of the ACA (aka Obamacare). As a freelancer, I rely on independent insurance that gives me coverage for pre-existing conditions. I'm incredibly healthy, overall, teaching indoor cycling classes, working out every single day, live in a 5th-floor walkup, and biking around town. But any one of my conditions, including relatively benign ones, like mild psoriasis, would be an excuse for insurers to reject me for health insurance because of them. I depend on regular doctor's visits and tests to monitor my underachieve thyroid and screen for cancer (so far, so good). However, that situation could change in an instant and throw me out of the middle class into poverty.

Also, I know two people whose lives were saved because they were able to get insurance through the ACA. I'm sure there are many more.

Please, I beg you, DO NOT LET THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL PASS. Please work with both major parties to craft a healthcare bill that supports and improves the existing ACA, rather than let it wither through budgetary neglect. The GOP was shouting loudly about Death Panels if the ACA passed. Well guess what - they will be guilty of murder if they undermine and/or replace the ACA.

Thanks for your consideration. This really is a matter of life & death!

Katrina Tennis

On Friday, September 22, 2017 3:54 PM, Katrina Tennis <katrinatennis@yahoo.com> wrote:

Please, for god's sake, do not let this malevolent bill go through! What in the world makes you think that depriving millions of Americans of affordable healthcare is "pro-life"? How dare the GOP try to ram through a bill without a proper budget review, with only 90 seconds of debate! Are the republican supporters of this bill so scared of losing their financing from the Koch Brothers, because they'll do what's right for Americans and their country? Shame!

So glad to hear Sen. McCain won't support it, but way too many still do want to "repeal" without a proper replacement that won't sink the economy and endanger the lives of so many. Thanks for considering one citizen's opinion.

Katrina Tennis  
Zip 10011.

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**From:** Lucia Song [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

Americans across the country 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,  
Lucia Song

Cambridge, Massachusetts



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**From:** Elizabeth Gessel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not pass this bill

I am writing in opposition to the Graham Cassidy health care bill. My family relies on affordable healthcare and the Affordable Care Act has made that possible. This new bill will make healthcare unaffordable for millions of people, especially here in my state of California. Please do not push through this unwise bill. I urge you to take the necessary time and effort to work to create a bipartisan bill that improves but does not repeal the ACA.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Gessel  
Oakland , California

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**From:** Karen Krigbaum [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Veto Graham-Cassidy plan

My family relies on quality affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy plan and ask that you do not support it.

Karen Krigbaum, Clarkston, Mi

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**From:** Elizabeth V. Diamond [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy Bill

As someone personally affected by cystic fibrosis (CF) aka a genetic disease that is a preexisting condition, I urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because it would roll back protections for people with CF and jeopardize their access to affordable, adequate health care coverage.

Cystic fibrosis is a life-threatening genetic disease that causes persistent lung infections and progressively limits the ability to breathe, often leading to respiratory failure. Over 30,000 people in the United States live with CF and there is no known cure.

People with CF require a complex and demanding care regimen, and need access to high-quality, specialized care. The Graham-Cassidy bill fails to protect our community and is absolutely unacceptable for people with CF because it fails to guarantee that people with CF will have the protections they need to access adequate, affordable care.

The Graham-Cassidy bill is unacceptable to our community because it would:

- Eliminate Medicaid expansion and drastically cut funding for the program by instituting a per capita cap or a state block grant system, putting coverage of new and innovative treatments at risk. Medicaid provides a critical source of health care coverage for one half of children and one third of adults with CF. We must preserve this safety net by retaining expanded eligibility and ensuring adequate funding for Medicaid.
- Remove full pre-existing condition protections for people with CF by allowing insurers to set premiums based on an individuals' health status. This may put insurance coverage financially out of reach for some people with CF and prevent them from accessing critical health care.
- Effectively remove protections against annual and lifetime coverage caps, including for the millions of Americans with employer-sponsored insurance, by making it easier for states to amend Essential Health Benefits standards. Health care costs can accumulate very quickly for people with CF, making it very easy to reach annual or lifetime caps within a few years. The results of these caps can be devastating – leaving people with CF stranded without any coverage – and our community needs the protections against these caps to be kept in place.
- Allow states to use block grants to reestablish high risk pools. People with CF and other chronic diseases have seen firsthand that high risk pools often result in unaffordable premiums of 150-200 percent the average non-group rate, waiting periods of up to 12 months, and strict enrollment caps due to funding restraints. We cannot return to the high risk pool system.

I urge you to consider the critical role that health care coverage plays in enabling people with cystic fibrosis to lead longer and healthier lives. Oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill and any health care reform proposal that fails to guarantee adequate, available, and affordable health insurance coverage for people with pre-existing, chronic conditions like CF.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Diamond

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Gloria Swanson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against Graham-Cassidy

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with pre-existing conditions and lifetime coverage limits is my 37 year old niece has Stage 4 Breast Cancer, first diagnosed at age 11 - the ultimate pre-existing condition. Without those protections she would have lost coverage long ago and would probably be dead now. As it is, we are struggling with trying to figure out the best way to continue her coverage when she stops working soon, because we can't depend on Congress to continue the ACA. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Gloria Swanson  
San Jose, California 95124

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**From:** Tyler White [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable health care for pre-existing conditions

My sisters and I were all diagnosed with depression in our mid-30s. Access to quality health care has allowed us all to manage our mental health and be productive members of society and the US economy. If passed, the Graham-Cassidy bill could effectively prevent us from acquiring quality, affordable health care if we have a lapse in coverage. Allowing individual states to opt-out of the essential health benefits coverage would mean many people currently suffering from depression and getting effective treatment with medication and mental health counseling could lose this coverage if their state decides to opt-out. Because of this, I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Tyler White

San Diego, CA

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| Tyler White [REDACTED] |  
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| "For a moment, nothing happened. Then, |  
| after a second or so, nothing continued |  
| to happen." - Douglas Adams |  
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**From:** Janet Pietsch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Because my family of five and my large, extend family rely on quality, affordable healthcare with coverage for pre-existing conditions, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

My family has already lost three members to Alzheimer's disease, and another family member suffers from a different dementia. The proposed changes to Medicaid outlined in the Graham-Cassidy Amendment would have a drastic impact this family member and others of us who are genetically predisposed to develop this devastating disease. Not to mention the overall increase in fees insurers would be allowed to charge older Americans, if they \*are\* able to secure insurance.

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

Sincerely,

Janet Pietsch  
Sleepy Hollow, NY

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**From:** Joe Monge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; scdd@scdd.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal  
**Attachments:** 020.jpg

Joseph Monge

[REDACTED]  
Santa Ana, CA 92705-7831

- o Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal
- o Monday, September 25, 2017

My sons, Keith and Michael Monge, are twins born with a genetic disease. They rely on the services supplied by MediCal (Medicad), the Regional Center and Social Security. These services are vital to giving them the quality of life they deserve. Please do not repeal the Affordable Care Act. It is critically important that this program be retained.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joseph Monge



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

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have hypertension, a pre-existing condition according to insurance companies. Health care should not exclude those that need it most, and it should be affordable for all. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Kristin Dovalina

Las Cruces, NM

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**From:** Olga Loya [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Casidy bill

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

Olga Loya  
[REDACTED]  
San Jose, Ca 95150  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Bridget [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:57 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** New healthcare bill

My name is Bridget Nelson. I live in High Point, NC. (4621 Freestone Street High Point, NC 27265) My 8 year old son has Autism. My son has Innovations Waiver. Without the support and health benefits he receives from this Medicaid-funded assistance, our family would be unable to keep him in our home and he would be in a facility where his quality of life would suffer greatly. We simply cannot provide for his many extensive needs, both behavioral and medical.

My son began receiving these services December 2016. Before this time, our family of 6 was barely functioning with trying to pay for his medical bills and providing 24 hour, constant supervision for serious behavior and medical issues.

PLEASE remember and consider the many families like ours who have individuals with Autism or other disabilities living in our homes. Without Medicaid and other community supports, these disabled individuals would not be able to live at home or with a good quality of life.

Please oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill or other bills that make cuts to Medicaid for the sake of families like ours.

Sincerely,

Bridget Nelson

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**From:** Cathy Shotzberge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:16 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 don't want to see millions lose their health care! I want to protect women's health care! Everyone should have access to quality health care!

Cathy Shotzberger

19040  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jan Pozza [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

As a citizen of the United States, I am asking all our elected officials and representatives to listen to your constituents, and vote against the proposed Graham Cassidy. Not just because you will not be re-elected when you run for office again, but because it is your job and your duty to be the voice of the people. To represent the people.

Millions of Americans will lose their health insurance. Those with pre-existing conditions will suffer. People could die at worst and struggle at best. This is no healthcare bill.

I urge you to vote no on the proposed Graham Cassidy Bill.

Thank you,  
Jan Pozza

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**From:** ora prochovnick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

I urge you to vote NO on this legislation.

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Ora S. Prochovnick  
[oprochov@gmail.com](mailto:oprochov@gmail.com)

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It is not upon you to finish the task, nor are you free not to begin.  
Pirkei Avot 2:21

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**From:** Christina Haas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject Graham- Cassidy bill

Members;

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.

Christina Haas  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Alex Mercado [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

To the Honorable United States Senators,

I am the father of a 7 year old son and work for a nonprofit in Massachusetts. My wife, Kyra, is an 8th grade math teacher in her 4th year in remission from cervical cancer. At the age of 34, after going through weeks of chemotherapy and radiation, she was told she would need to have a total hysterectomy, ending the possibility of having any more children. This was a very difficult time in our lives. And every year, as my wife nears her annual checkup, we relive the the fear we felt in 2013 because, what if the cancer has returned? Because we live in the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where healthcare is required, because of the safeguards of the ACA, and because our healthcare rates were regulated, for all of the treatments, surgeries, follow-up visits, we paid only a \$250 copay for what would have been hundreds of thousands of dollars of medical bills. Not only that, we have the peace of mind that my wife will never be denied coverage because of the safeguards in the ACA. If not for the support of our family, the fantastic care by our medical teams, and the financial security we had knowing our health insurance was working for us, our situation and outcome may have been dramatically different.

I urge you to vote no on the Graham-Cassidy bill. While the ACA is not perfect, it is a good start and should be improved upon in bipartisan manner. Until hospital and pharmaceutical costs come down, it's a necessity that Americans have affordable and effective health insurance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alex Mercado



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I'm 65 years old - everything is pre-existing. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely

Manette Messenger  
Brookhaven, GA 3039

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**From:** Valerie Hurt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Health care is a basic human right. It is unconscionable that in this country we have allowed access to medical attention to be determined by class and finances. It is inhumane and unamerican to take health care access away from millions of people. If you can't see fit to provide universal single payer health care, the very least you can do is work with the existing ACA.

Thank you,  
Valerie Hurt

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**From:** Theresa J Montalvo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Healthcare bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee members,

What are single parents suppose to do if state Medicaid funding is cut back for them or their children?

My daughter has a rare desmoid tumor which she is having removed on Tuesday. This will entail major jaw reconstruction with a bone graft from her fibula. She will therefore have a pre existing condition.

We pay for private health insurance @ \$10,000 per year with \$15,000 out of pocket so far. What if an insurance company denies her insurance because of this condition. What are we suppose to do?

I will await your reply.

Sincerely,

Theresa J. Montalvo  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kathleen Seagriff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Hello.

I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill. I have worked in medical billing for the last 10 years, and I have seen first hand the improvements that the Affordable Care Act has made in the lives of my patients. I worry about what will happen if we lose the protections the ACA provides. Keeping insurances from limiting people's benefits based on pre-existing conditions, requiring that preventative care be covered, and the Medicaid expansion has greatly benefited our community. It is important to maintain the restrictions placed on health insurance companies by the ACA. Additionally, the Graham Cassidy bill has been rushed into and we don't have a full analysis of the expected costs and repercussions of this bill.

I hope that you will not pass the Graham Cassidy Bill. I agree that our health care system is flawed, but I do not believe that the Graham Cassidy Bill could improve it at all.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Seagriff  
Rumford, RI

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**From:** Elena Barillas Flóres [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 10:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to Graham -Cassidy Legislation

To Whom it may concern ,

I am strongly opposed to the new legislation to repeal and replace "Affordable Health Care" .

I support a nonpartisan approach to legislation for humane and economically feasible universal health care . Legislators on both side of the aisle must work closely with nonpartisan and informed members of the public and come up with a workable solution .

Sincerely ,

Elena B. Flores

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** phillip plaza <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT FOR GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL HEARING

Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Hearing date: September 25th

Phillip Lewis Plaza  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Committee Members,

**Can you guaranty me that the following person will not suffer under your proposed Graham-Cassidy Bill? This is based on a real person at the present time.**

This 76 year old woman is no longer married. She lives alone. She collects her husband's social security of only \$281 a month. Her financial resources ran out many years ago. She presently lives with a senior citizen's rental subsidy and her food stamps come to \$300 a month. She is presently under Medicaid.

And just last year she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This 76 year old woman cannot be supported by her only child who must support his own family.

As you know Alzheimer's disease is going to be an epidemic with baby boomers retiring at 10,000 retirees per day.

So what will become of this 76 year old woman? Cut backs to State Medicaid funding will essentially toss this woman out on the street to find a care facility that will even accept a Medicaid patient.

Have any one of you ever tried to find a care facility that will accept a Medicaid patient? I bet you will be greatly saddened by what you find.

Would you want to try and find such a facility for your own parent or relative? Please go out and try to find such a facility.

And then think about the consequences of trying to place an Alzheimer's patient somewhere when they are considered to have such condition and furthermore when the Medicaid funding has been cut and will be cut for the future generations?

In a country of such great wealth is this morally right? Someone spoke of death panels in past elections.

What will become of this elderly woman under the Graham-Cassidy Bill?

In your heart of hearts, in your compassionate heart, can you absolutely guaranty me that this person will survive and not lose her meager benefits now and in the future?

**If you can absolutely guaranty to me that this Bill will provide the care she deserves, then this Bill would be acceptable. If you cannot guaranty me this outcome then you are committing a moral sin, not living up to true Christian values and should be ashamed. And you should vote NO on this Bill.**

Consider this person as you would consider your own mother. She is not my mother but I have compassion for her never the less. You should as well.

Respectfully yours,

Phillip L. Plaza

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**From:** amelia beatty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, 09/25/2017

Last year our youngest son Orion was diagnosed with Angelman syndrome at 14 months old. Angelman syndrome is a rare neuro-genetic disorder that occurs in one in 15,000 live births. The geneticist who first told us Orion has Angelman Syndrome said "your son is severely intellectually disabled, he will never talk, he may never walk, he will not be able to learn even the simplest of tasks, he will never hold down a job, he will continue to have seizures, and he will need 24 hour care for the rest of his life..." Orion has to fight for every skill he has gained. My husband and I along with our entire family do everything we can to support that fight everyday. My husband works long hours to provide for our family and to give Orion health insurance. We are lucky to be residents of Virginia where Orion qualifies for Medicaid as secondary insurance on a waiver. Without that coverage we would be bankrupt from co-pays and out of network treatments. We still struggle to cover all of the extra therapy services Orion benefits from. If there was a cap on medicaid, a cap on his coverage, it would be like a cap on his potential.

Sincerely,  
Amelia and Paul Beatty  
Annandale, VA



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**From:** Michael Cmar [mailto:mcmar@ghman.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:51 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.

Michael Cmar  
Rochester NY

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**From:** Marie Jordan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please stop Graham-Cassidy

Honorable Senators:

I write to ask you to stop the Graham-Cassidy bill from moving forward, and/or to vote against it in committee and on the floor of the Senate.

As you know, the Affordable Care Act has allowed millions of Americans to obtain relatively affordable health insurance, some for the very first time. Some were made eligible for Medicaid, some received insurance premium subsidies. The vast majority received neither of those things, but something as or more important: **PEACE OF MIND.**

People like me. I was able to quit my job at a large company, and take my dream job at a small business, knowing that I could buy decent, affordable health insurance. You don't hear much about us - we do not have dramatic, heart-rending stories to tell you. We are simply hardworking people who felt a weight lifted after the ACA was implemented. We could get a colonoscopy knowing that a cancer diagnosis would not lead to bankruptcy. We could get quick treatment, kill our cancer and continue our productive lives. We could continue to pay taxes, grow the American economy and take care of our families.

This is the most important story you need to know. There are tens of million more Americans like me. Each time Congress brings a new repeal bill to light, tens of millions of Americans worry that our lives and the lives of our children are again at the mercy of Congress and the insurance companies. This is not the America I know and love. The ACA is as American as apple pie - we all pitch in so that no one is left behind. If I am healthy now, I won't be later. I pay my share, just like everyone else, so that each one of us can get the care we need when we inevitably face a health crisis through no fault of our own - a car accident, prostate cancer, a crisis pregnancy, and yes, old age and inevitable death.

You know that Graham-Cassidy does not improve the ACA - it guts it. Please do the right thing and kill the Graham-Cassidy bill. Thank you.

Marie Jordan

the Congressional Budget Office. Healthcare reform is too important for it to be treated in this manner. The decisions the Senate makes on healthcare will not only affect who receives coverage but will also affect who lives or dies.

My daughter currently can hold down a fulltime position and is self-supporting because her illness is kept in remission by the care she receives. The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Healthcare Bill would make her care unaffordable resulting in a relapse of her illness and quite possibly a long painful death. Please don't tell me that the state high risk care pools for persons with pre-existing conditions would take care of her. The U.S. has tried that model and it failed miserably because these pools were grossly underfunded. The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Healthcare Bill reduces funding dramatically to most of the states; this does not bode well for high risk pools.

Please do not pass the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Healthcare Bill.

Sincerely,  
Frank Cahill

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**From:** Frank Cahill Piano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Proposal Hearing time: 1 pm Monday, September 25, 2017

Subject: Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal  
Hearing Date: September 25, 2017

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

September 23, 2017

Dear Senator Hatch and Senator Wyden:

As a parent of a daughter with a pre-existing condition, I want to express my strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Healthcare Bill. This bill would end the Federal protections for persons with pre-existing conditions, would allow states to reintroduce annual and lifetime caps, and allow insurance companies to charge women more for their coverage. In addition, the essential benefits established by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would no longer be federally mandated. Prior to ACA, 75 percent of the individual insurance plans did not offer maternity care.

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Healthcare Bill also ends all cost sharing payments to low income Americans. My daughter works fulltime for a small business and purchases her health insurance through the ACA marketplace. She currently receives a cost sharing payment that comprises about 19% of the total cost of her monthly insurance premium. This is actually a smaller benefit than that she would receive if she worked for an employer who allowed her to pay for her health insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars. Why are the ACA cost sharing payments considered "bad" or "welfare" but not the tax subsidies being received by other Americans who pay for premiums with pre-tax dollars?

The nonpartisan experts who have reviewed the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Healthcare Bill say that it will increase the cost of health insurance to individuals and tens of millions of Americans will lose coverage. This is not the direction our country should be moving in. These healthcare experts include: the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the National Association of Medicaid Directors, the Commonwealth Fund, the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Center for American Progress, AARP, Brookings, Avalere, the American Academy of Actuaries, and the American Enterprise Institute. In addition, at least two major health insurance providers, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Kaiser Permanente, the American Hospital Association and a number of physician associations have released statements opposing the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Healthcare Bill.

Finally, I strongly object to how the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Healthcare Bill is being rushed through with limited discussion, and little outside input. It is being brought up for a vote before a score is released by

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**From:** Laurie Wheaton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** #GrahamCassidy

Dear Congressional Members,

Please vote against the Graham Cassiday Bill. It would not bring down the cost of health care to any person but would save many businesses from paying for their employee's healthcare. But the biggest and most heinous thing it would do is change Medicaid for the disabled. By this bill in 2026 Medicaid the funding to states would be cut by a third and the next year would be eliminated. The drafters of this bill expect states can spend the money more efficiently. Even if they can, healthcare costs will go up. The only thing states could do is cut vital services, needed tests and necessary screenings. I can not trust my state or any state to look out for the medical welfare of my daughter with Down's syndrome. Please vote against TrumpCare!

Sincerely,

Laurie Wheaton

Sent from Outlook

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**From:** Kathleen Fanelli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committee,

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill takes away my own healthcare options. 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.

[Kathleen Fanelli]  
[Marlton,NJ]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Emily Schoch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:50 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. I personally know several people who would be affected, one of whom would likely have to choose between living in incredible constant pain or dying. Thank you.

Best,  
-Emily Schoch  
Bloomington, IN

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**From:** nancy strachan west [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing, Monday, 9/25/2017

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have pre-existing conditions. So does my husband. Most people do. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Best regards,

Nancy Strachan

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Nancy Strachan West  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

How do you see the world?



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**From:** Nancy Suddarth <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

Hello,

We are losing our health care Oct 1 and being forced onto the only available policy in our area, Optima.

We are being forced out of the private healthcare market because of a point written in Obamacare that mandates a family business has 1 non-family member. This I won't even begin to attempt to understand unless it was a cunning way to force more people into the Obamacare market.

Although we have had high premiums and a high deductible at least we had choices with our health care.

Now we will have the same premium amount (that is until the rates for 2018 are released which will likely be higher); but we will not have the choices in health care. If we choose to go out of network it is all on us. The cost doesn't even go towards the deductible.

If we were to have an event like John McCain where we would want to go the experts we would have our hands tied. We are in our 60's so naturally a life threatening health event worries us. And we would like the freedom to go to the experts or at least get credit if we were to use our own monies.

We think that this is a travesty especially in light of the fact that Congress is not living under the same rules. You have re-arranged your groups and subsidies so that you still receive quality insurance.

We are suffering under the new laws and would like relief. If you all were to pass something it can't wait until 2020, as I have heard that is the year that GC would take effect.

I could go on about my choices about my votes--that I expected that the GOP would perform on their promises; but in the end it comes down to common decency for the people in your districts.

Nancy Suddarth

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**From:** Comcast [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:50 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.

Lara Seigel  
Moorestown, NJ

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Susan Loring [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Heller Proposal

I am writing to state my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal . I am the parent of a 32 year old man with severe autism. He relies on medicaid for his health care and his day habilitation program. In my professional life, I direct a family support center for families affected by autism spectrum disorder. Of the 3,500 families registered with our center, many currently rely on medicaid for health care and day programs for adults, for health care for their families or as secondary health care to assist with the high cost of treatment for their children on the spectrum. In the coming years these children will grow up and continue to need help and assistance to live productive meaningful lives as adults on the spectrum.

In Massachusetts MassHealth represents 40% of the state budget, Block funding will result in competition for resources among the elderly, group home residents and those with other disabilities. There will be decades spent on waits lists and the care and supervision of these defenseless adults will continue to fall to their families, diminishing their earning capacity and quality of life. Children will no longer receive the critical treatments such as ABA which research has shown to improve outcomes for individuals on the spectrum resulting in greater numbers of adults with autism requiring intensive and costly supports. At the same time their parents will age and also be in need of supports in their twilight years.

I implore you to defeat this iteration of this bill and work together to craft a health care solution that is mindful of those who are the most vulnerable in our society .

Susan Loring  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Our Gmail Acct <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:49 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.

Sunita Gupta  
Voorhees, NJ

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**From:** Kiera Pollard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

Please do not vote yes on this last ditch effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act. This needs to be a by partisan bill!  
Protect the people with pre-conditions because the States won't! Stop the behind closed doors politics!  
I do not have a pre condition and I have insurance through my job of 21 years. I am writing you to stand up for those  
who will not be able to afford it!

Sincerely,  
Kiera Pollard

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mike Holmquist [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Re:

My name is Michael Holmquist and I live in Covington Louisiana and I am not on Medicaid at the time but on a different health insurance plan. I am responding for my friends who are on waivers which are funded by Medicaid, those who have expensive equipment therapies and support and services to keep them out of institutions

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Rebecca Ratliff Cameron [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:49 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. As a mother of two young boys, I am especially concerned about the cuts to maternal care. Not only will this harm the life of the mother but of the child. How will this benefit our country? To be so cruel and so shortsighted, it's mind boggling.

Rebecca Cameron  
Brooklyn, NY

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**From:** Anne Riley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy

To whom it may concern,

This bill is harmful to the people of this country. That is all you should need to consider.

I have listed it's many failings, many times for my senators but will reiterate just a few here. First, our government is in chaos, thanks to the current executive. We have never needed regular order, and the protection of our systems and institutions more. The senate, our great deliberative body, must return to regular order.

Any changes to health legislation must do a few things. It must cover more Americans, and reduce out of pocket costs, those things need to be confirmed by the CBO before a vote is taken.

Then there are a few thing that are unacceptable, cutting funding, cutting Medicaid. Coverage for preexisting conditions cannot be optional, nor should it cost more. Annual and lifetime limits are unacceptable. Eliminating the Essential Health Benefits of the ACA would also be unacceptable.

Congress needs to work in a bipartisan way to fix the exchanges, and to stop the sabotage of the executive. The ACA is a lifesaver and Medicaid is essential to many of our most vulnerable. One thing that would fix any coverage problems, (though there are no longer any counties without options), is a public option, a Medicare, or Medicaid buy in. If you want to fix problems, there are solutions.

I have family members whose privacy I will not compromise here, but who would be immediately harmed by this legislation.

My state would lose billions, half a million would lose coverage in Indiana, what do you think that does to health sector employment? We need to learn that from the CBO. What does it cut from addressing the opioid crisis, Medicaid is essential in that effort.

We have more pressing issues, CHIP, the Dream Act, a president threatening the annihilation of 25M people via tweet, Puerto Rico, The U.S. Virgin Islands, Florida, Houston, massive fires. Focus on these more important thins, while working on that bipartisan solution.

Thank you,  
Anne Riley

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Karen Mae [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:48 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 affordability is that I could not afford the health care that I am now receiving. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Karen Mae

Larkspur, CA

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**From:** Pat Wynns [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Bill

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the health care bill now being considered by the senate. It is disingenuous for the Republicans to assert that this bill provides health care coverage for those with preexisting conditions when, in fact, it allows insurers to charge more for health care coverage for those with preexisting conditions. Both my son and I, as well as a number of members of my extended family, have preexisting conditions and could face exorbitantly high insurance premiums under this bill. And, of course, because the Senate is rushing this bill through, we do not have the benefit of knowing how many millions of people will lose coverage under this bill.

What the American people want is what President Trump promised--a health care system that provides good affordable health care to all of our citizens. It is time for the two parties to work together to come up with a bill that improves the Affordable Care Act and increases, not decreases, the number of people who have access to affordable health care. And it is time for open debate about any health care legislation so that the American people can know and understand the legislation before it is voted on by our elected officials.

Sincerely,  
Pat Wynns

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**From:** Sarah Omer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I know many people who struggle with healthcare costs- my family's health insurance is almost cripplingly expensive and we are in good health. If one of us got truly sick we would struggle even more as there are many procedures, tests, and medications not covered even once we reach our high deductible. We are small business owners and struggle to make ends meet as it is. We pay almost \$3000 per month to insure a family of three. But we are lucky to have been able to afford it thus far. And if it puts healthcare within reach for families less fortunate than ours, I am happy to pay it as I believe that quality healthcare should be accessible to everyone. I know many people with pre-existing conditions for whom loss of insurance would mean inadequate care. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, Sarah Omer

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sue Milazzo <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

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

My father is 91 years old and has used just about all of his and my mothers assets for her care. She finished her life in a nursing home covered by Medicaid. My father is currently paying for his assisted living care but will soon be out of money. Although he does not need nursing home care yet, I am worried that the proposed changes to Medicaid delivery by the Graham- Cassify Bill would jeopardize his ability to pay for his care.

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

Sue Milazzo  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** MaeveShields [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:48 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.

Warmly,  
Elizabeth Moore  
Shenandoah, Iowa  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Karen Criddle <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please don't do this to me

Trying to get healthcare on my own because my job does not provide health care is extremely expensive and difficult. I just received notice that my healthcare plan is likely to be suspended at the end of the year because of uncertainty. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. My family relies on affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. For the continuation of the ACA.

Please work together to provide healthcare to all Americans — Karen

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**From:** Dave Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy: Please don't pass it

My parents (both staunch Republicans) are in an assisted-living facility, and they're in a panic because they're counting on Medicaid to take over their payments if they run out of money to pay for their care.

Please don't pass this bill.

Dave Williams  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Rebecca Rozakis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

My friends and family rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My son has food allergies that require an endless supply of Epi-Pens. My grandmother depends on Medicaid to manage her cancer. A dear friend of mine suffers from mental health issues. Without affordable healthcare, she cannot afford the medicine that keeps her functional, stable (and employable).

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

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Rozakis  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Elaine Kasten [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy-Graham Bill for Healthcare

I am writing because of my concern that the ACA will be repealed and Medicaid as we know it, changed. Before the ACA I was worried that we would not be able to afford insurance because my husband had cancer. I was also very aware of his lifetime limit on health spending and watched as he crept closer to the cap. So I am thankful that we have the ACA and do not want to worry about this again. And I don't want anyone else to worry about it either--the babies I work with who would reach their cap before they leave the NICU, the children I work with who would have a pre-existing condition their whole life that could bankrupt their parents, or seniors on a fixed income.

I am also worried that Medicaid could be changed to a block grant with limited funds for the children I work with and for seniors who rely on it for nursing home coverage. I have seen what Medicaid offers for my patients and I don't know how their families would manage without therapy services, medical equipment like special strollers, and respite care. Certainly the greatest country in America can afford to take care of it's most vulnerable citizens. Elaine A Kasten

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**From:** Jackie Winn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Graham-Cassidy

Gr-Cassidy moves in the opposite direction from what a majority of Americans clearly want. My job is the source of my family's healthcare coverage. With the uncertainty about survival of the ACA, I cannot be available to my 90 yr old mom in another state, b/c if I leave my job to care for her we will lose coverage; and at our ages (60) coverage under GC would be very expensive, if we could even get it. Let's not even talk about preexisting conditions coverage. I am exhausted from worrying about this, and from the nightmarish uncertainty imposed on millions of us by these endless unpopular repeal & replace pushes. Who really believes that having 50 states wrangling about this for years will improve health outcomes, create a fairer system, or save \$? I support an orderly bipartisan process that improves the ACA. Prove to us that our government is not broken, and that leaders can model how Americans work together. Why has every other western country figured out how to divorce healthcare from employment status, or accidents of location???

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Winn  
Concord NH

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Tyrone Ligon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill comment

My wife was first diagnosed with breast cancer 17 years ago. In subsequent years, she has been declared cancer-free twice, has had a mastectomy, and has been dealing with stage 4 cancer for the last 4 1/2 years. She still has participated in triathlons, runs her own marriage therapy practice, and helped raise our 2 kids into wonderful, productive adults.

The Graham Cassidy bill, if passed as proposed, will likely kill her. If we sold our house and lived under a freeway, we'd have enough drug therapy money to keep her alive for maybe 18 months. Do not enact this abomination of a bill, unless your intent is to kill a lot of Americans.

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**From:** regina edmonds [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony on the Graham-Cassidy bill  
**Attachments:** Graham-Cassidy bill testimony.doc

Dear Finance Committee Members,

Please include the attached letter in your hearings related to the Graham-Cassidy bill. I am very opposed to this bill and the attached letter explains some of the reason why I believe this bill should not be recommended to the full Senate by your committee.

Thank you for taking into consideration my concerns.

Regina Edmonds  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Martha Shockey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

The devastation that this bill would have on my family is difficult to fathom.

I have a young adult who is disabled. Without disability I would have to pay for her medical care and I'm getting ready to retire. That means instead of trying to piece together my retirement I also need to try to take care of her and what happens to her if I leave this earth early? She dies a miserable death.

Plus, it would mean that I could not retire. Ever. Shame on you for even considering.

To pass this bill after all the years I've paid taxes is unconscionable.

Martha Shockey  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Emily Houk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare, which is why I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My mother has autoimmune hepatitis, a disease that destroys the liver. Two years ago, to our great relief, she received a lifesaving liver transplant from a living donor. A man who we'd never even met undertook great risk to save her life. We're forever grateful to him and his family, who supported his decision to donate and cared for him during his recovery.

As a recipient of an organ transplant, my mother is considered to have a **pre-existing condition**. As a recipient of an organ transplant, my mother will also be on immunosuppressants for the rest of her life. If she were to stop taking them, her body would reject her liver, and she would die. The idea that she could be denied health insurance because her lifesaving transplant is considered a "pre-existing condition," and have to pay out-of-pocket for the costly medication that keeps her alive is completely abhorrent. It is inhumane.

Not only do some insurance companies consider the *recipients* of organ transplants to have pre-existing conditions, many of them also consider *organ donors themselves* to have pre-existing conditions. This means the man who acted completely selflessly to save my mother's life could be denied health insurance in the future because of that choice. He could be punished for the heroic action he took. That's not right. (H.R.1270, the Living Donor Protection Act of 2017, would help to protect donors from this travesty, if that bill is passed.)

People need access to healthcare. Access to healthcare allows us to be healthy, to be active, to be generous and to care for others. Americans shouldn't be denied health insurance because a cruel accident of fate means that they are ill and suffering. Americans shouldn't be punished for wanting to save a life and doing everything in their power to do so.

For these, among other reasons, I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Emily Houk  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Barbara Gerend [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:13 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** b\_gerend@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy comments

The ACA should be improved upon and not repealed and replaced. Graham Cassidy (GC) would have devastating affects on my healthcare coverage. As a cancer survivor the ability to obtain and maintain coverage at a fair price is impossible with Graham Cassidy due to the lack of access to care for someone with pre existing conditions. GC does not guarantee pre existing conditions protections. Allowing states to apply for waivers that would allow insurers to raise premiums for people with pre existing conditions is evil. GC does not improve on any of the parts of the ACA that Republicans insisted they would fix.

In addition , no medical group approves of this bill and even insurance industry trade groups are speaking out against it! How can it even be considered when this is the case ? American citizens are on edge as you act as if our lives mean nothing. We are real people you are fooling around with and we deserve better.

NO TO GRAHAM CASSIDY

Barbara Gerend  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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parents we could be and care for our little boy. We did though, have to get used to having a stranger in our house while we slept (we still are not used to this but accept it as a reality) and who was going to stay with him and who would go to work while at the hospital when he caught a common cold.

The bill which is being proposed, HR 1628, the Graham-Cassidy bill, scares our family. These are the top three reasons, after having read the entire text of the bill:

1. Option for states to waive out of the lifetime limit ban afforded under the ACA: No state should be allowed to waive out of this although it appears likely that some states will. If not, it would not be in the bill. Why even make this an option if no state is expected to ask for a waiver? This would devastate families like mine. Pierce reached over one million dollars in health care bills in his first year of life. Based on what the lifetime maximums of our private insurance policies were, before the ACA, he would have not been insured after his first year of life.
2. Option for states to waive out of the pre-existing conditions ban: Since there is no definition of what 'access to adequate and affordable health insurance coverage' is, we must assume that Pierce will lose this protection. What is affordable for one, may not be for another, so effectively there is no protection for pre-existing conditions. My son has a number of conditions, many which he has had from birth and some he got before he left the hospital (tracheostomy, g-tube). It is not his fault that he has these conditions. Does he not deserve access to health care coverage like someone who was born without those conditions? He does. This bill will strip him of this protection.
3. Medicaid Block Granting and Per Capita Caps: States currently manage their Medicaid programs and all states are different. Pierce was lucky enough to get onto Medicaid through the Maryland Model Waiver program. His care costs around \$250,000 per year and that is without any hospital stays or changes in his health. A lot of that is due to private duty nursing so that my wife and I can sleep at night and go to work during the day. Both of our insurance plans did not cover all of his nursing, so Medicaid picks up the balance. Since the block grants reduce the overall spending on Medicaid by billions of dollars, it is likely that Pierce, and other kids like him, will not be able to receive the lifesaving care that they need. This is not how we should treat children or the most vulnerable among us.

I believe that the ACA is not perfect. It needs to be repaired. It is however, much better than what we had before. I would love to see the problems that currently exist fixed to create a more robust health care system. Unfortunately, this bill does not complete that task. Quite the opposite. It will hurt more people than it will help. Families like mine, along with many health care providers, doctors, nurses and other organizations do not support this bill. I urge you to listen to those voices and re-think how to repair the ACA.

The Graham-Cassidy bill, as it is currently written is likely to devastate my family financially and will remove the access to the health care Pierce needs to stay healthy, thriving and alive. It is for these reasons that I ask for you to stand behind Pierce and other kids like him by not supporting this legislation and work toward a bi-partisan solution to fix the ACA.

Thank you.



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**From:** Benjamin Zeitler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments regarding the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal

Members of Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for seeking comments from the general public on the Graham-Cassidy bill. I think that this is a good first step in the legislative process. I hope there will be many more before a bill goes to the floor to vote but thank you for this opportunity. I want to take a few moments to write you about my son's story, my family story and tell you how I feel about the bill in its current form.

My son, Pierce, is three years old. He has had a tough life so far, but is currently thriving and doing great. Pierce has a very rare syndrome called Moebius Syndrome. Along with that he is hypotonic, DeafBlind, has a tracheostomy to breathe, eats through a feeding tube, is non-verbal, cannot sit, stand, walk or hold his own head up and relies on a wheelchair to get around. I tell you all this, not to make you feel sorry for him, but instead to give you the whole picture of him. Once you get to know him, you realize that he is just your typical three-year-old kid. He likes playing with his toys, being around other kids, loves school, enjoys car and plane rides and takes much pride in giving his mother and father a hard time. He is just like any other kid, except, he has some medical complications. Pierce has been able to thrive and continue to grow because of home and community based services and great access to quality health care, both due to our family's private party insurance and Medicaid.

When Pierce was born, I was terrified because I didn't know how to be a father. I was just going to have to wing it, like every other father out there. Then my son spent 30 minutes on a table in the delivery room while doctors ensured he was breathing and, before he was rushed away to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), we got about 10 seconds for my wife to hold him and for us to get a picture with him. I followed the doctors and my son back to the NICU where I watched the doctors put him on a bunch of machines and where I saw him die and be resuscitated on the table in front of me. No father should have to endure that sort of terror and pain. It is something that I will never ever forget. Pierce spent 66 days in the NICU and ultimately came home. My wife and I were terrified when we brought him home.

Not only were we new parents, but we had a medically complex child and had to navigate insurance, Medicaid, private duty nursing, doctor appointments, colds, the flu, medical equipment and ultimately how to keep him alive at home. This is not something that one can prepare for. Due to the protections in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) we did not have to worry about the one-million-dollar lifetime maximum caps on our insurance plans. We didn't have to worry about Pierce being dropped from insurance. We didn't have to worry about going bankrupt. We didn't have to worry about quitting the careers that we had spent so hard working on. We didn't have to worry about whether or not to keep Pierce at home or institutionalize him. We just had to be the best

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**From:** Deborah Steinman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

I am a retired medical social worker with two preexisting health conditions. I am in the position now of being able to afford my Medicare plan A and B, a Part F supplement and a prescription plan. I am very fearful what will happen if the ACA is repealed and the proposed bill is approved. I have seen first hand the effects of inadequate health coverage in the form of people delaying medical care until it is urgent or until it is too advanced to be treated effectively. I have witnessed families who have had to choose between health care and food or rent or utility bills. These are real concerns resulting in lengthy hospitalization, prolonged recoveries if recovery is even an option. A health care plan which provides preventive care and access to early treatment is vital to the health and bottom line in this country for all of its citizens. Hospitals cannot act as social welfare agencies and continue to bear the increasing cost of unreimbursed care. Discharging patients with adequate care and resources is a challenge. Please do not allow a group of ill informed elected officials who enjoy excellent health care insurance to condemn the citizens they were elected to represent to suffer and possibly die due to lack of access to health care coverage.

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**From:** Andrew Seaton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

Hi,

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,  
Andrew  
San Diego, California

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**From:** Brantley Bardin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Letter Concerning my OPPOSITION to the Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

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

I have pre-existing conditions, my mother is 85 and in failing health. Before the ACA, I was paying over \$2000 a month for my insurance. I had to drop it and didn't obtain health insurance again until the ACA became a reality. It has saved my life. My mother depends on many services that will be deeply affected by the horrible Graham-Cassidy bill.

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

Sincerely,  
Brantley Bardin  
Los Angeles, CA

My own health suffered greatly during this time due to stress. I couldn't work due to his needs. I am on health care through the government and can only afford a catastrophic policy already. My financial costs have been through the roof as I have had to pay full price for my own health issues which have been tremendously costly. My daughters quality of life has also been greatly affected as a result of the trauma that my son and I have been through. You see, my son was also traumatized in one of his experiences and the scariness of this as well as just trying to help my son stay alive has also cost and greatly affected my extended family, my friends, so on and so on!

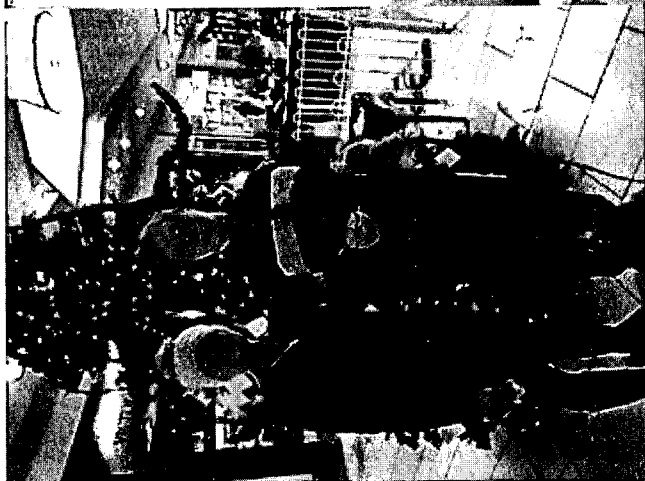
There are many stories out there very similar to my story and the majority of the public have no idea what so ever, goes on with this population as these people usually cannot speak or advocate for themselves and the families are so exhausted just trying to do what they can to help their loved ones that they,(we) are just too exhausted to have the energy to put into having to advocate and fight for the rights of our loved ones!!!

I have a Masters Degree in Education and have always been a hard working American citizen. These people need and deserve the help of our federal government in supporting our loved ones to have the best quality of life that is possible!!!

PLEASE!!!! It is our moral obligation and God's love for all people who are created equal in his eyes to help those who are less fortunate. I could tell you so many more details to my family's story and I would LOVE to come to Washington to speak and share my story that is not the only one in our country!

Do the right thing and vote NO this week please. If you want to make revisions, fine, but do NOT do this at the cost of those who CANNOT survive without Medicaid!! And I also need to be able to afford health care in order to be able to still be there for my son who needs me every single day in his life! I would trade places with anyone to have a healthy child and be able to go to work but I can't. PLEASE VOTE NO to the Graham-Cassidy... proposal this week! WE CANNOT SURVIVE with this suggested proposal!! Please be fair and vote NO, for the heart and fairness of our loved ones in America!! Sheila Kuhn at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thank you!



Hello!, I could write an entire book about our family's story for the critical need to protect and keep our Medicaid system as is, and to protect health care for all by voting NO this week to the proposal. But I will simplify our story and what can happen to any family, any child that is born: Having a child with special needs could have happened to one of your children, but instead it happened to my son and the traumatic events and the domino effect it has played on my entire family is real and we would never have survived without the federal government's help with Medicaid on so many levels. My son has severe autism (cognitive functioning level of a 2 year old), a seizure disorder, possible mental psychosis and is non verbal. He didn't ask to be born this way. He got cheated, the wrong end of the stick, he was the unlucky one of thousands of people who have to live this way! He has two sisters. My marriage did not survive because of all the sacrifices our family had to make to move from Nebraska to Wisconsin to receive services while my husband at the time, had to stay in Nebraska to work. My two daughters left their home as they knew it to move with me and to get help for my son.

Through the years of growing up Slader was very close to his sisters and we went everywhere together as a family. My two daughters were swimmers, one of them a two time Olympic qualifier, and yet we struggled tremendously financially to keep us together and to maintain some type of quality of life. That all fell apart in November of 2013 when something horrific went wrong with my son and he suddenly developed episodes of extreme pain and behaviors of life threatening caliber.

This included him jumping up and down, crying out and running over to a wall targeting specifically the corners of a wall to head bang repeatedly until he would split open his head. And if I tried to stop him he would turn around and want to bite my hand in order to bear down on the pain he was experiencing. (He is 6'2"). Being Non verbal he could not tell me what was going on. Over the last four years we have had fifteen 911 calls, been in the UW Hospital multiple times with experimentation on medications trying to stabilize him with very disastrous results. He ended up in three different institutions before finally becoming stable on 15 different prescription medications, taking an exhausting 3 years of dangerous challenges to finally save him. He is now being supported in an adult family home.

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**From:** Sheila K [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017)

Please read my SHORTENED version plea of the importance to voting NO to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal below!  
Skip below the photos of my son, SLADER, to read our story!

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**From:** Mark Eastburn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Since I stopped working for large corporations in the early eighties, my family has been uninsured. After we got our HVAC business established in the late eighties we were able to shop for insurance for me but no one would even offer a policy that would cover my wife because she was diagnosed as borderline bipolar in the seventies, even after her symptoms were controlled by a low dose of lithium, no one would touch her. For a time we were on CHIPS coverage that cost around four hundred dollars a month and came with a \$10,000 annual deductible. Seeing that this was wasted money we simply went without until we qualified for the Arkansas Works Program. Finally we had affordable coverage and it paid for my total right shoulder replacement. In the mean time I have gone on Medicare and my wife was able to qualify for traditional Medicaid through the ACA. She has recently been able to receive counseling and be seen by a psychiatrist about her bipolar and monitoring of her kidney function which taking the lithium can affect. She has had a great deal of stress relieved and now we just have to work to she does not lose her coverage.



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**From:** Susan Silverman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

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

My husband and I have both had cancer, a pre-existing condition that would exclude us from health insurance under Graham-Cassidy.

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

Sincerely,

Susan Silverman  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Beverly Benham <arthes@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

As an Oregonian, an American, and a compassionate human being, I am writing to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Specifically, I oppose any bill that lessens the requirements for coverage of pre-existing conditions--as leaving the determination of this coverage up to the states would do. I also oppose any cuts to Medicare, including any plans to redistribute these funds from states that expanded their coverage to states that refused to do so. Finally, as a woman who once depended on Planned Parenthood for basic checkups, contraception, and treatment for a pre-cancerous condition, I strongly oppose any effort to cut federal funds from this vital service.

The ACA is not perfect, but Congress should be working in a bipartisan effort to improve it rather than continually making these partisan attacks on it. Listen to the American people; we want the ACA, we want it improved, and we want Congress to work for us.

Beverly Benham  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Libby Buuck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony for Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

September 24, 2017

The United States Senate Committee on Finance  
Senator Chuck Grassley, Chairman  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-6200

submitted via: [gchcomments@finance.senate.gov](mailto:gchcomments@finance.senate.gov)

Re: Testimony for Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

From:  
Libby Buuck  
[REDACTED]

### PLEASE REJECT UNSTUDIED GRAHAM-CASSIDY-HELLER-JOHNSON MEDICAID BLOCK GRANT PROPOSAL

I am writing to you today as the sole caregiver of a family member who is a Medicaid patient, a dialysis patient with a spinal cord injury who is confined to a nursing home. I am 78 years old and have health challenges of my own. It would be impossible for me to care for my loved one without his Medicaid-subsidized nursing home. It would be impossible for him to live without 24 hour care. He cannot move from his bed without assistance. He needs help eating, bathing and dressing. I ask you to realize, his life still has value — to him and to us and even to his community, where his kindness and perseverance are an inspiration. Medicaid is our life-line.

In its 50 years, Medicaid has served as a critical safety net for more than 70 million Americans: children, adults with disabilities, and impoverished seniors. Take Louisiana as an example: In 2013, 28 percent of Louisiana's population received health coverage and long term services and supports (LTSS). 122K of those Louisianans were low-income seniors and 245,000 were children and disabled adults. The gradual elimination of Medicaid that this plan proposes is the gradual strangulation of these vulnerable people and their families.

When the block grants fall short — and they will, as the proposal decreases them over time — the cash-poor states and Medicaid participants will have to foot the bill. As someone on the Medicaid event horizon, I am here to tell you: the Medicare recipients I know, don't have the funds. People will die and families will see the awful specter of medical bankruptcy loom once again. So many families are one illness away from being wiped out.

I am urging you to reject the cynical idea that ever-diminishing Medicaid block grants will protect people like us. Please hear the testimony of experts on the destructive impact of block grant schemes on the program of Medicaid itself and you will know why we live in fear of this law.

I also ask you to consider that this short hearing is simply not enough exploration of an unstudied proposal that tears up one-fifth of the American economy. Please be diligent stewards of America's health and economy and hold many more hearings across the full congress, get a full analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, solicit in-depth testimony from doctors, nurses, patient's rights organizations and patients themselves, veteran's organizations, insurance companies, the disabled community, state governors, hospital corporations, state health officers, specialists on rural and urban medical access, experts on international health and other government specialists.

Bi-partisan solutions to American healthcare reform can be found. For my family, myself and the American people: Please reject this hastily made and cruel proposal.

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**From:** jeri korshak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Our healthcare costs are quite high. We have a child with Type 1 Diabetes and our costs for his care would be impossible for most families. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Jeri Korshak

Centennial, CO

necessarily a wise idea since there were many states where maternity coverage was not available at any price before the ACA federally mandated it), then the prohibition on abortion coverage for any plan paid for with subsidies is problematic. States, Massachusetts among them, that require abortion coverage be included in all policies would not be able to offer any policies on the exchange eligible for federal subsidies. Is this a feature or a bug?

I was living in an expansion state when the ACA went into effect and my eligibility and that of my son together with the ACA protections saved my family. I am aware that there are families struggling even with the ACA (I say “even with” and not “because of” since I do not think there is evidence that these families were doing better before the law), but there is nothing in the Graham-Cassidy bill that will contribute to lowering costs while also guaranteeing the same level of service. Most penalized of all are the people who the ACA intended to cover with Medicaid, but who did not get the coverage when their states fought to the Supreme Court for the right not to expand Medicaid (and the money that came with it). Graham-Cassidy seeks to right this supposed wrong (self-inflicted wound) by redistributing the money going to expansion states to all the states (including those who refused it in the first place). This seems wrong.

In closing, I beseech you to continue with the bipartisan effort to improve the ACA. Please, abandon these attempts for a “win” at any cost because that cost is people’s lives.

Thank you,

Carla Galfano

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**From:** Carla Galfano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing in strong opposition to the newest attempt at “repeal and replace” of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. I am not a doctor, or an insurance company, or a patient advocate group (you’ve already heard from those people about the damage this ill-conceived bill would do to healthcare) but I am a mother to two boys and a wife to a man who has been fighting cancer for five years. I am concerned about many things regarding his bill, but primarily about what it does to pre-existing condition protections. I am not an expert, but I know that the Affordable Care Act is a federal law that prohibits insurance companies from charging people who are sick (or have been sick in the case of many illnesses) from being charged more than healthy people or denied insurance outright. My husband just finished three months of chemotherapy, extensive surgery, and radiation to treat a second recurrence of metastatic colon cancer. We were without coverage for a moment during his last recurrence in 2013 and the bill for a single chemotherapy treatment (one of 12) was \$35,000. I shudder to think what my husband’s total bill for years of treatment might be, but I am certain that he has surpassed many of the limits that were common for health insurance policies prior to the ACA. Serious illness like cancer is financially devastating in many ways - lost wages, childcare costs, transportation expenses - but at least we don’t worry about paying for care. Please do not eliminate these protections.

And please don’t dismantle Medicaid. I am salaried with employer-sponsored coverage, but my position does not pay well (cultural, non-profit sector), so my children are eligible for Medicaid. Thanks to this eligibility, the state of Massachusetts helps pay my premium for employer-sponsored coverage. Without this assistance, my health care premium amounts to more than 20% of my income. Many of the most vulnerable among us - children, the disabled - depend on Medicaid in even more profound ways. Without care, they will die. Access to health care, especially preventative care (and Medicaid in Connecticut, where we lived before moving to Massachusetts, took preventative care seriously - I received repeated calls to remind me to get my son to the dentist by his first birthday) saves money and keeps people healthy. Please let’s not return to people using the emergency room for primary care. Everyone bears the costs of that.

As a woman (and a person who was born from a woman), I support Planned Parenthood. I am aware of the “money is fungible” argument, but federal funds already do not go to pay for abortions. Furthermore, abortions account for only a small fraction of the care that Planned Parenthood provides. Eliminating funding for Planned Parenthood means eliminating access to care for many women who depend on Planned Parenthood for everything from cancer screenings to well-woman visits to mammograms. If you are serious about reducing the number of abortions, you should consider keeping the ACA provision for no-cost birth control. There is scientific evidence that access to low-cost or no-cost birth control lowers the rate of abortion. Abortion should be safe, legal, and rare. Moreover, if Graham-Cassidy is really about returning health care to the states (not

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**From:** Ilene Anson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to Graham Cassidy PLEASE

I, am a retired high school math teacher, who most recently taught high school to court adjudicated male teenagers (Yes, one tough job). Prior to AND following my retirement, I routinely exercise, travel, volunteer at schools, hospital, nursing homes, ..., with my therapy dog, Roscoe. Further, I volunteer at our performing arts center, animal shelter, deliver mail at our hospital, and more.

Immediately following completion of my Bachelor's Degree, I noticed severe weight loss. The diagnosis was Type I diabetes, a totally non-functioning pancreas. There is no cure. Treatment requires a life sentence of insulin injections and more. This was simply bad luck, NOT poor choices or bad life style(s).

With good medical care and personal commitment, I've reacted to and treated my Type I diabetes 24/7 for 46 years! There is no time off, with Type I diabetes. I live well and function well, even with some inevitable complications.

My medical needs are currently being met. Graham Cassidy's eventual cuts would severely debilitate my needed treatments. My losses would be a painful death sentence via the

- loss of effective insulin delivery and dosing
- loss of continuous blood glucose monitoring
- loss of adequate ophthalmology and retinology treatments
- insufficient cardio testing and treatments

PLEASE VOTE NO on Graham Cassidy.

Ilene J. Anson  
[REDACTED]

The proposed rate changes among the four providers covers just under 340,000, or a little more than 10% of the state's 2.988 million residents. Those not covered in the individual marketplace are covered by an employer, a federal program, or do not have insurance.

Companies offering individual and small group health insurance plans must receive rate approval from the Arkansas Insurance Department. The department uses an analysis by a member of the American Academy of Actuaries to review the rates. The department has until Aug. 16 to rule on individual rate plan changes for 2018. The open enrollment period for 2018 begins Nov. 1, 2017 and ends Dec. 15, 2017.

Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS), the largest by coverage of the carriers in the individual market, said a higher loss ratio in 2016 resulted in rate increases for 2017 and 2018. Premiums written by BCBS in 2016 totaled \$613.4 million, with \$702.8 million in claims paid. The projection by BCBS for 2018 is \$1.089 billion in premiums and \$912.8 million in claims paid.

"In general, the factors that drove the proposed 7.81% rate change has been in large part the utilization and cost trend of this block of business which was determined to be 8.64% of allowed claims overall annually," the company noted in its filing with the Arkansas Insurance Department. "Also, the actual experience for 2016 came in higher than what was expected. We had projected a loss ratio for 2016 of 83.34%, whereas actual experience resulted in a loss ratio of 96.51%. This worse-than-expected experience lead to higher projected claims for 2017 and 2018."

The proposed 2018 rate changes for BCBS range between a 1.8% reduction and a 27.3% increase.



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**From:** Mark Eastburn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Relatively low health insurance rate increase requests for Arkansas' individual marketplace indicate the state is a leader in health care reform, according to Gov. Asa Hutchinson.

The Arkansas Insurance Department and Gov. Hutchinson's office reported Wednesday (July 26) that plan year 2018 health insurance rate increase requests "are among the lowest in the United States," and credited that fact on the Arkansas Works program.

Arkansas Works uses federal Medicaid dollars under the Affordable Care Act to purchase private health insurance for individuals with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level. It was created in 2013 after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled states had the option of expanding their Medicaid populations. Arkansas received a waiver from the Obama administration allowing it to purchase insurance through the private markets.

Work requirement changes and a change in the qualifying poverty level are estimated to reduce the enrollment by 60,000. Supporters of the changes pointed to the reduction of up to \$93 million a year from the state's budget. As of March 3, 310,893 individuals were covered, with enrollee numbers dropping to 264,076 as of July 15.

Following are the initial rate requests for individual on-marketplace qualified health plans for plan year 2018.

- Ambetter  
9.9% average increase requested  
93,171 insured
- QCA Health Plan  
22.05% average increase requested  
21,274 insured
- QualChoice Life & Health  
21.94% average increase requested  
20,101 insured
- USABLE (Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield – individual)  
7.8% average increase requested  
202,005 insured

"This round of initial requests places Arkansas among the lowest in the country as many states are seeing companies ask for increases between 50% to 80%," Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr said in a statement. "While these requests remain subject to actuarial analysis and examination, they show that insurers are better serving Arkansas policyholders thanks to a deeper understanding of the state's health insurance market."

Gov. Hutchinson said the state's unique approach to health care and changes by insurance companies to improve care management resulted in a "stable individual marketplace" and "significantly lower" rates than most states. Without mentioning the Trump Administration or Congress, the governor also suggested Arkansas' approach could be a national model.

"In the midst of the confusion and heated rhetoric about the future of health care insurance in our country, Arkansas has led the way in health care reform, and the result is that requested increases are much less than we are seeing nationally. We have maintained multiple choices for the consumer that are more balanced and competitive, but we have to continue to slow down the rising health care costs. This news shows progress," the governor said in a statement.

So you see, the benefits of Medicaid and federally funded basic health care affects people in all spheres of my life. I believe that it is our duty to work hard, teach our children to care for themselves and their neighbors, to be compassionate and help others when they need help. In return, our government, who from the time we start earning our first paycheck, and continue to send one third of our income for all of our working lives in the form of taxes, should be there to be our safety net to help us stay out of poverty, to help with health care needs. This way we stay united in our sense of relationship to one another. This social contract is the basis for my getting through my day. It is now continuously threatened by those who care only about their own enrichment and see Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act as an unnecessary burden to the rest of us. I believe I speak for the majority of Americans when I say that in order to stay together as a country, we have to take care of the myriad needs of all of us in varying degrees, depending on what life throws at us. Our constitution spells it out in the first few sentences:

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, **promote the general Welfare**, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

We must keep these principles in mind as we find a way forward with health care. 32 million people will suffer if the Graham Cassidy Bill goes forward. We are capable of so much more than this. We must do better. #Kill the Bill.

Sincerely,

Eileen O'Connor

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**From:** Eileen O'Connor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Judy Fletcher; Peter Beitchman; Kami Seligman; Ann Corrigan  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Comments

To the Health Finance Committee:

I am a family nurse practitioner working in the Bronx, where I work with many families struggling to hold themselves together. Examples include:

- The mother of 4 who was in a domestic violence situation. Her children witnessed this and suffered because of it and are in need of mental health services;
- A patient with cerebral palsy who has a 5 year old daughter and needed the help of a home health aid because she could not walk and hold her baby. She is unable to take public transportation and depends on her transportation to get to appointments;
- I have many elderly patients who are able to stay in their homes because their home attendants help with cooking, cleaning, bathing, and shopping.

I am a mother of a 23 year old daughter, who worries about paying for her health care premiums; I am one of 6 children, 2 of whom are beneficiaries of Medicaid and Social Security disability. One brother who has severe persistent asthma has prohibitively high copays and often foregoes treatment because of the expense; this is despite the fact that he works full time supporting his family and paying for his daughters college education. One of my nephews needed to go to a 330 federally funded site in order to pay for his mental health medication.

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**From:** Susan Deeney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to consider Graham-Cassidy-Hells-Johnson proposal - Vote NO

I urge you to vote against this inhumane proposal. I encourage you to work together to create a health insurance plan that will aide Americans. Consider modeling the plan after all of the other countries that offer plans for their citizens

Thank you,  
Susan Deeney

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**From:** Paula Israel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** healthcare

Dear Senators of the Finance Committee,

I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill to be heard on Monday Sept 25, 2017. The continued attacks on the ACA by the Republican party is shameless. They are attacking the health and welfare of their own constituency. While it is clear the ACA has room for improvement, it has allowed American citizens to obtain the care they need in order to live without catastrophic financial consequences for a catastrophic occurrence, provided the pre and post-natal care needed for healthy infants, and helped young people without employment in a difficult job market by allowing them to stay on their parent's healthcare. It is just baffling to me that some lawmakers can blithely state that it will turn out okay, just trust the process. You are literally endangering people's lives over this issue. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. The gamesmanship has to end, please act like adults and the people's servants that you are. Thank you.

Sincerely, Paula Israel

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**From:** Todd Snyder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare! I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because it would destroy my life and the lives of Tens of Millions of my fellow Americans.

Prior to the Affordable Care Act, my wife and I could not obtain health insurance because we both have pre-existing conditions. Obamacare is our lifeline!

Congress must come together to fix the existing flaws in the Affordable Care Act!

Sincerely,  
Todd Snyder

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Karen Shop [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy bill

I'm writing to urge you not to pass Graham Cassidy bill. My fears are twofold: inability to get coverage due to pre-existing illness and the uncertainty of state funding mechanisms.

I am a former benefits consultant and in my career, I've seen many lives shattered when a sudden illness impacts a family. Life time caps, pre-existing denials, exclusions are just a few of the words that create fear and panic in the best of people.

Then, it happened to my family. Fortunately, the ACA is in place and I don't have to worry about those things. I can focus on getting well. It's doubtful that any of you can ever truly know what this feels like. I don't ever want to go back to those pre-ACA days.

As to my second point, the states can't possibly assume the burden of providing coverage. It makes no sense to break up the rating factors by state. This is an apparent attempt simply to come up with something that's appeases the "states rights" advocates.

Finally, If you pass this - you should close your eyes for a moment and picture the political ads for 2018. Sick children. Mothers in nursing homes. Cancer patients. You'd be foolish to do this when you KNOW real people will be hurt by this.

Karen McGee  
Edwardsville IL

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**From:** Marta Gwinn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy is bad for Americans' health

Dear Senators,

Virtually every national group representing patients, health care providers, and insurers has condemned the Graham-Cassidy proposal. Why? Because its provisions would deny millions of people health insurance, withdraw protections from patients with pre-existing conditions, and destabilize insurance markets. In these respects, it is no better than prior failed attempts to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Health Care Act. Graham-Cassidy goes even further by transferring the responsibility for solving these problems to the states, while sharply reducing and then eliminating federal assistance in the form of Medicaid funding.

As a public health physician, I know what happens when people lack health insurance: they postpone preventive care and necessary treatment until their health is in crisis. When they finally reach the medical system, they require treatment that is far more costly and unfortunately, often unsuccessful. People die and their families are crushed with medical bills.

The Graham-Cassidy proposal does nothing to address the concerns of patients, hospitals, or insurers about access to health care or controlling health care costs. The rush to propose and pass this bill before September 30 reveals its true purpose: to score political points for Republican incumbents with their wealthy campaign donors. Whether or not this maneuver attains the legal definition of corruption, it certainly meets the moral definition. Policy that affects the lives of all Americans, as well as a large portion of the national economy, deserves careful deliberation with broad, bipartisan input.

Sincerely,  
Marta Gwinn, MD, MPH



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**From:** Molly Pease [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a recent graduate of the Graduate School at Northwestern University. I was not worried about graduating and entering the real world, because I knew I could be on Obamacare. Now, with the atrocious and insanely expensive bill being proposed, I may never have health care.

In fact, tens of millions of American could possibly not have healthcare, access to Medicaid, federal protection for pre-existing conditions, and others who will suffer because they cannot pay the insanely high cost of premiums to get treatment. Throwing America back into the dark ages, where the elite few can have their ailments treated.

I don't say any of this lightly. My mother has been a disabilities lawyer for over 20 years now. She reads cases and advises whether people are able to get Medicare every day. I have vivid childhood memories of days where she would come home sad and despondent after a particularly tough case where she was unable to get a client Medicare. I can't imagine living in a world where her "tough days" turn into her every days.

My father also has a pre-existing lifelong kidney condition where his body rejects his kidney. He has already had 2 transplants but will most likely need a 3rd in around 5 years or so. To think that health care would not cover this pre-existing condition, leading to the death of my father is terrifying and a thought I have had to live with every day since the Graham-Cassidy health care bill was announced.

I know my stories are a drop in the bucket that is the wide spread damage this bill would do to most Americans who depend on affordable health care to live. I believe that healthcare is a universal right, no matter a persons political affiliation. Health care should not be reserved for the wealthy. It is a human right and should be an American right. By not passing this bill, you are non-hyperbolically saving lives. Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Molly Pease

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**From:** Shari Kaplan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** PLEASE: DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!!

As a Social Worker at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, I see thousands of patients of every conceivable background who simply could not survive if they did not receive affordable healthcare. While I work primarily with the elderly, who are particularly vulnerable to any cuts in medical care -- and virtually all of whom have pre-existing conditions (won't we ALL by a late age??) -- I see children, teens, young adults and middle aged people come through our doors who need care. The families we see every day, particularly coming through our Emergency Department, are alive because of the medical care provided by Medicaid and have the most heartbreaking disability and illnesses which deserve proper treatment.

Healthcare is not a luxury -- it must be a right afforded ALL Americans, regardless of background. PLEASE, do not repeal the ACA... Work in a bipartisan manner to improve it and save the lives of the millions of our brothers and sisters who cannot afford to lose their coverage.

Thank you for your heartfelt consideration.

Shari Sirkin Kaplan, LCSW-R

New York, NY

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**From:** Mfclarkny [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Dear Senators,  
I write to oppose Graham Cassidy, which would cause the devastating loss of health care to millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

Miriam Clark

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**From:** Catherine Melton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose the Graham-Cassidy healthcare repeal bill

For the public hearing on the Graham-Cassidy healthcare repeal bill -

Good afternoon,

My name is Catherine Melton and I am a resident of Bristol, VA. Not only do I rely on quality, affordable healthcare for myself, I find it crucial that all those in our communities, especially the most vulnerable among us, have the same access to care. I have a pre-existing condition - two herniated disks in my back and sciatic pain - a health issue that is completely manageable day-to-day, but knowing that I have easy access to affordable health care in an emergency is a significant ease off my mind. After several years of being uninsured, I am thankful every day that I have insurance that is low cost and offers a wide range of services. This affordability and access should be expanded, not diminished.

Furthermore, a repeal of the ACA would significantly and disproportionately harm access to services specific to women's health. The rhetoric from DC usually focuses on access to abortion - which should remain an option for women and families - but often overlooks other crucial and important services such as pre-natal and postpartum care, birth control, mammograms, and routine OBGYN care. Women's health directly impacts a family's health and any legislation that limits access to women's healthcare is negligent and cruel.

Lastly, I am educator (school counselor) working in a high-poverty community. I need my students and families to be healthy in order for them to achieve their full potential. With a caseload more than twice the national recommendation, I am entirely dependent on additional health care and mental health services in the community. Without additional mental health counselors, physical and occupational therapists, family support services, public health services, specialists for students with disabilities, etc...I could not do my job and my students and families would be at risk. Many of these services that support my students are funded by Medicaid. Medicaid funding needs to continue or be expanded for these crucial support services that keep our kids healthy, growing, safe, and successful.

I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill and any legislation that aims to cut access to and affordability of quality healthcare. I would like to see a bipartisan congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. We see through your ill-intentioned efforts to bypass the proper process to enact meaningful legislation and will remember these actions in the voting booth.

Sincerely, and with great hope to see bravery and compassion in Congress,

Catherine Melton  
Bristol, VA

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**From:** Olsons [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

We are writing as parents of 30 year old twin sons with severe autism and intellectual disabilities. They have very limited communication skills and require 24-7 adult supervision and assistance. The severity of their disability has resulted in their determination of legal incapacitation; thus, we are their legal guardians as well as their parents. It is highly unlikely that they will ever be able to live and work independently.

Both of our sons have epilepsy and require medication, and the services of a neurologist to keep their seizures under control. During the day, our sons must be assisted by personal care attendants at their part-time jobs at a sheltered workshop for persons with disabilities and at their volunteer jobs at a local state park. Their Medicaid (1) keeps them safe from life-threatening seizures by funding their expensive medical services and medication and (2) provides them a quality of life in the community rather than in an expensive institution, isolated from the community, family, caregivers, friends and all that is familiar and important to them. Despite the fact that we are both employed, we do not have the financial resources to pay for our sons' medical care and attendant care without assistance.

Medicaid makes it possible for our sons to be as productive as possible in the community and to have a support system that is essential to their physical and emotional care.

Please don't let our sons' lives and ability to remain in the community be put in jeopardy. Please defeat Graham-Cassidy.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Carol and Eric Olson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.  
<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

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**From:** Francine Cohen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:07 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.

Francine Cohen

Somerville, MA

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**From:** Bruce Mosbacher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

I ask that you not support this bill block granting Healthcare funds to the States.

My 30 year old son who has Down Syndrome lives in a group home and his funding is in great part funded by Medicaid. To leave the allocation of funds, and less funding at that, to the politicians and bureaucrats in Illinois is a frightening proposition for me. Federalism is a fine concept but the reality of a loss of funding for my son and millions like him across this country for the sake of federalism is unwise and unfair.

Thank you,

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Bruce Eli Mosbacher, Attorney

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**From:** David Merriman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not pass this unconscionable bill

**To Whom it May Concern:**

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare as do most Americans. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Please do not repeal Obamacare. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. This legislation would be regressive and serve only the interests of wealthy people who finance the campaigns of elected officials. We are not blind to this fact. Do better; it's not that hard.

David Merriman

Florence, Ma.



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**From:** Jeffrey Turner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:09 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy doesn't do what it's supposed to

Please don't support the Graham-Cassidy health care bill, as it doesn't preserve pre-existing condition protections and will substantially reduce access to health care for millions of Americans.

Jeffrey Turner  
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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Karen Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy Bill Hearing - September 25, 2017

RE:Graham/Cassidy Bill Hearing  
September 25,2017  
From: Karen E. Williams, MSS, LSW  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Attention: Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As a voting US citizen, I write to you, urging you to vote NO on the Graham/Cassidy health care bill.

I am a grandmother, a mother, a sister, a neighbor and a social worker by profession. I could address you from any of these roles in my life regarding the perils of this dreadful health care bill.

Let me speak to you as a practicing psychotherapist. I work with parents of children with disabilities. These are professional, middle class parents, all of their children have congenial disabilities. I marvel at their fortitude, following a full work day, when they come home to care for the significant demands of their children, whom they love dearly. Their parenting challenges are demanding enough, yet this bill would create yet another set of hardships for them and their family. Under the Graham/Cassidy bill insurance companies could charge premiums for pre existing conditions that would make coverage financially impossible for them. Secondly, at present, their financial strain is relieved, by Medicaid insurance, however, this bill puts that assistance in question for them, as the Commonwealth budget is already in a yearly struggle to fund.

Honorable members of the committee, how can you in good conscious even consider this bill? I hope that you stand for your humanity, for the well- being of ALL Americans, and not for a tax break to those donors who already have more, so that they can have yet more! Do not do this by forfeiting the health and lives of millions of Americans.

Vote NO on the Graham/Cassidy bill.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Williams, MSS, LSW

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

What sense does it make to reinvent health insurance 50 times. The states cannot be trusted to create programs that give even and fair health care that include all Americans. This will lead to regional bias and prejudice producing unequal coverage. Congress wants to pass it to states so they don't have to deal with it. Debra Shelby

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**From:** Aaron Regberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:06 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.

Dr. Aaron Regberg  
Houston, Texas

Mark and Eric got off the Medicaid Waitlist through the Katie Beckett Waiver and with the combination of private insurance we purchased as their parents and Medicaid for Long Term Care benefits denied by ALL private health plans, our sons, their friends and our community benefitted from their rich and rewarding lives. We are better because they lived.

While Mark and Eric are at peace, millions of children and adults need both private and public health care. Everyone needs the 10 Essential Benefits to bend the cost curve, improve quality and create healthy communities.

This Bill must DIE, so that people can live.

Our family supports statements from The Arc of the United States, the Citizens Consortium on Disabilities and the Colorado Cross Disability Coalition.

**PLEASE VOTE NO!**

From the bottom of my heart, **PLEASE VOTE NO!**

Kelly

Kelly Stahlman  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mark's Gmail [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
September 25, 2017

Kelly Stahlman  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I have raised 3 sons and BURIED two. I have 25 years in health advocacy and policy. I

strongly opposed the Graham-Cassidy Bill and urge a NO vote at every hearing or on the floor.

WWRD! What Would Reagan Do?

President Reagan passed the Katie Beckett Waiver in 1981 allowing children w/ disabilities to be eligible for Medicaid, because even families with "great" health insurance could not care for their medically fragile kids 24/7/365 w/o help with their care. Reagan would vote NO because this Bill will eviscerate Medicaid.

I am a parent of three adult sons. I have buried two. My twins were born prematurely, 12 weeks early, under 2 and 3 pounds. They lived rich lives full of love and grace. They packed a hundred years of living into their 21 and 23 leads of life, despite their severe and profound cerebral palsy.

Mark used a wheelchair, a speech computer, a feeding tube, diapers and oxygen. He had a wicked sense of humor. He lit up the room and impacted students throughout his school years, his community overall and he loved baseball, basketball and theater! There were 700 people at his funeral ~ each one celebrated their friend. (I don't expect that many at MY funeral!).

Eric used a wheelchair, a feeding tube, oxygen and a ventilator to breath. Be careful what you wish for ... because once Eric learned to talk at 5 years old ... he never stopped! Eric first dreamed of being a radio DJ, but discovered baseball announcing and the rest is history. Eric called all 160+ Rockies games each year in preparation for his radio debut, which happened at the Sky Sox minor league baseball game! Twice!

Eric loved his high school sweetheart for 8 years before he proposed, just three weeks before he passed.

Mark and Eric hit their Lifetime Limit at 11 mos old, due to their NICU hospitalization and complex disabilities. As their parents, we looked at adoption, foster care, being charged w/ neglect/abandonment, and going to jail ourselves - just so they could have the medical care they required. Our oldest son would have had to go too.

I even considered suicide so my kids could get the care they needed, if I wasn't around to do the care myself. And it was physically impossible for one person or one family to care for our twins!

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**From:** darla chafin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy Graham

I am the parent of a 50-year-old daughter with lifelong disabilities, currently considered as a severe cognitive disability and severe autism. Ironically, for the first time in many years (if ever) she feels as if she has a home in a 24 hour care facility housing 3 other adults with similar disabilities. They feel as if they have an equal role in their lives in this home and in the community and trust their staff. This is after years of work and changes, including a change in states. Although her services again are in serious danger since a great portion of them are covered by Medicaid and the ADA, dying is not something we fear after her unhappiness and pain in the past. I hope that others can get at least some time where they are relieved of pain to the extent where they and their families can enjoy life a bit. It has been wonderful to consistently see her smile. Without the services that are able to be offered at this time, that seems impossible. Most families can't afford the medications let alone the support system that is needed without significant assistance.

I would refer you to an article in the 9/23 issue of the Maine Portland Press Herald discussing the placement needs of one man and the lifelong struggles of his family, not to cast particular blame on Maine, but to emphasize how heartbreaking and long-term the issues are that a family faces without even considering the complications of the rest of the family, often a result of the extended issues involved in raising such a child. I have lived in Arizona, Texas, Massachusetts, and Maine. Although my daughter was not with me in Massachusetts, I did have friends involved in the system. The problems are as individual as the people, but the net result is the same. A lack of health security deprives all impacted of reaching their potential capability and accomplishment. The Cassidy Graham proposal would destroy hope for many others who have finally felt they had a chance to better their lives and even be capable of contributing to their country's progress. Thank you for your consideration of this serious matter.

Respectfully,  
Darla Stimpson Chafin

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**From:** Joan Lavell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Proposed healthcare legislation

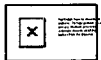
Please do NOT adopt this ill-conceived plan to change our health system. The U.S. surely needs changes, everyone should have access to healthcare and we should not be paying the highest prices in the world for it.

In the early 90s I was injured at the U.S. Open in New York. I had to go to an emergency room at a nearby hospital. It was an eye opener for me to see so many poor people waiting for care. One particular memory is of a mother with her young child who had an arm in a cast. The triage nurse asked why the mother hadn't gone to the City clinic. She said the doctor told her that her child need a doctor visit within 4 weeks of putting on the cast, and she could not be seen until 6 weeks later. This should not happen, that mother should have been able to walk into a clinic and get immediate care for her child.

This important issue needs time and careful consideration, and a REAL solution, not a political effort to satisfy campaign promises. Access to healthcare for all should be the goal, and significant changes must be made to bring costs down.

Joan Lavell  
Boulder Colorado

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**From:** Mark Eastburn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

I see that the only concern that your party leaders seem to have is not to improve health care in the US but to finagle enough votes to get repeal and replace through. Drop this topic and find out if our democracy is safe from our own Republican administration. If you truly want to serve Arkansas and not the Koch brothers then find out what the [REDACTED] went on during our last general election and the campaigns that preceded it. If you don't get this sorted out then everything the Republican congress and administration does will be tainted by this corruption, collusion and incompetence.

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**From:** Jane Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Many friends and their family members benefit from ACA. This is an indisputable fact. More than are harmed from it. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill as a consequence, and implore you to seek a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA NOT repeal it.

Sincerely, Jane Harris  
Brooklyn, NY

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**From:** Rebecca Benoit [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Stop GCH!

It is ludicrous to pass a bill w/o a CBO score, w/o knowing the affects!

Please work across the aisle to come up with something that works for all!

Personally I support Medicare for all.

Thank you

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**From:** Julie Gentz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearning

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with per-existing conditions and affordability of health care is this: I have an inherited condition that causes my ligaments to stretch too far, and thus they don't do their job of holding my joints in place, the cartilage wears out, and I develop osteoarthritis. I am only 67 years old, and since 2005 I have had both knees and both hips replaced. My husband has had Parkinson's Disease for 12 years now, and his medications are quite expensive -- especially when we get in the gap with Medicare. We rely on our right to quality, affordable health care that does not price us out of the market. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Julianne Gentz  
Ottumwa, Iowa

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** nancyham19@aol.com  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Healthcare bill

Dear Senators,

After working for over 41 years in healthcare, I retired at age 62, not to travel and enjoy retirement but to care for dying parents, my disabled husband and son. My ability to keep affordable, adequate health insurance is at risk, as is that coverage for my husband and son. I very clearly remember the days of lifetime caps on insurance and refusal of coverage for pre-existing conditions. Imagine being told that the insurance policy you were buying for your one month old infant would not pay for anything respiratory as he had been on a ventilator, neurological because he had seizures, that pretty much all that would be paid for would be broken bones. This was what I was told when we adopted my son. I saw the consequences on many, including infants and children who fought for their lives in extended stays in NICU's and PICU's only to find that their benefits had run out and they were uninsurable.

How do you decide whose life is worth consideration? My son is now 30 years old and has an active life through our Special Recreation Association and Special Olympics. Is his life, or those of the over a half millions people with special needs less than yours? Or the lives of the elderly who have built this country and protected you? Or the millions of children who are fighting for their lives?

The consequences of your actions if this bill passes will adversely affect millions in this country and will cause or hasten the deaths of many. All this because of a political promise? Or for tax breaks for the rich and corporations?

I ask, along with millions of other Americans to vote NO on the Graham Cassidy Healthcare Bill. There is a reason so many health organizations are against this bill. We are ALL one incident away from being dependent on affordable, accessible and adequate health care coverage.

May your conscience be able to live with your vote.

Nancy Hamilton  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Comments Correction

Vickie Vest Keen  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

RE: Senate Finance Committee-Graham Cassidy

Bill

Monday, September 25, 2017 (Correction)  
2:00 PM

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Graham Cassidy bill. To me, the hurried manner in which this was written by only a few GOP Senators, without extensive input from the medical professional communities and organizations, without a full CBO report and without almost any testimony from stakeholders whose very health and lives will be affected, is nothing less than shameful. It is particularly troubling that the supporters of this bill are anxious to radically re-order 1/5-1/6 of the national economy based upon such a flimsy and one-sided approach. I expect much more from the Senate. Clearly the ACA has some problems. Instead of working together with the Democrats to identify and fix those problems and actually help people, you are ripping people's lives apart and creating severe anxiety and angst by threatening the healthcare that they depend on for their very life.

It is highly persuasive, and almost unheard of, that virtually every professional medical community and association has publically advocated AGAINST Graham-Cassidy. Here in Ohio, even the renowned Cleveland Clinic has denounced the bill! The cogent conclusions of this extensive list of medical associations are, to me, far more credible than a few of the bill's spokespersons trying to push their product. My perception is, quite frankly, that these partisans will lie and misrepresent anything just to get what they consider a "win". And, again my perception is that they simply do not care about children losing their healthcare, grandma being kicked out of the nursing home, or people with serious medical problems and pre-existing conditions being priced out of the market. This is a startling lack of empathy.

While proponents of Graham-Cassidy have worked hard to sell the "block grant" advantages of the bill, I see absolutely no logic in their talking points. To take Ohio \$\$ and give it to a state that did not chose to offer Medicaid expansion to its residents, seems crass. Further, to give healthcare money to state politicians to develop 50 different plans of wide ranging benefits, defies common sense and I strongly oppose it.

I strongly urge you to work on a bipartisan basis, as many Senators want to do, and as polls show Americans support, to fix the problems with ACA. If there are a number of people whose premiums have drastically risen under the ACA, then that obviously needs a fix, but not a complete re-write of ACA that removes healthcare of tens of millions. Further, the HHS Secretary, who has proven to be a disgusting hypocrite regarding the insider stock deals and private jets, should be directed to spend the money that was allocated to support the ACA on actually doing that instead of him attempting to sabotage, in number of ways, the healthcare of Americans who pay his salary. This subterfuge includes his efforts to destabilize the healthcare markets. He is supposed to enforce and support our laws, not kill them from the inside!

And finally, I would ask Senators who are pushing this rather "deadly" bill, to give serious thought to who they wish to represent and work for. If they wish to work for their wealthy donors, then they should leave the senate and seek other employment. But if they want to stay in the Senate, then they need to remember that they work **for us**, the American people, and they should keep our "needs" as their primary goal. Further, they need to commit to work in a bipartisan manner—we want Senators to work together cooperatively and transparently. No more closed door, backroom deals made by a few men.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gloria Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO for the Graham-Cassidy health care bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

It's very irresponsible to vote for the Graham - Cassidy health care bill without having the CBO score to determine the impact this health care bill would have on individual's coverage and America's economy. The ACA is far from perfect. However, it prevents insurance companies from discriminating against people with preexisting conditions. Some of us are fortunate to not have preexisting conditions and/or financially situated to worry about receiving proper treatment that would break the bank. However, people with preexisting conditions are constantly worrying about their health coverage and health care affordability. It's a very helpless feeling knowing that friends and family can be discriminated because they were not born perfect under the Graham-Cassidy health care bill. For America to be great again it is essential to understand the productivity rate of our great nation 5 years, 10 years, and 25 years from now where a majority of healthy American citizens are contributing to our infrastructure and GDP instead of hindering our growth because they cannot afford health care. Americans deserve a bipartisan effort to reform the ACA, not a health care bill that will harm millions. Please consider voting no to the Graham - Cassidy health care bill.

Sincerely,

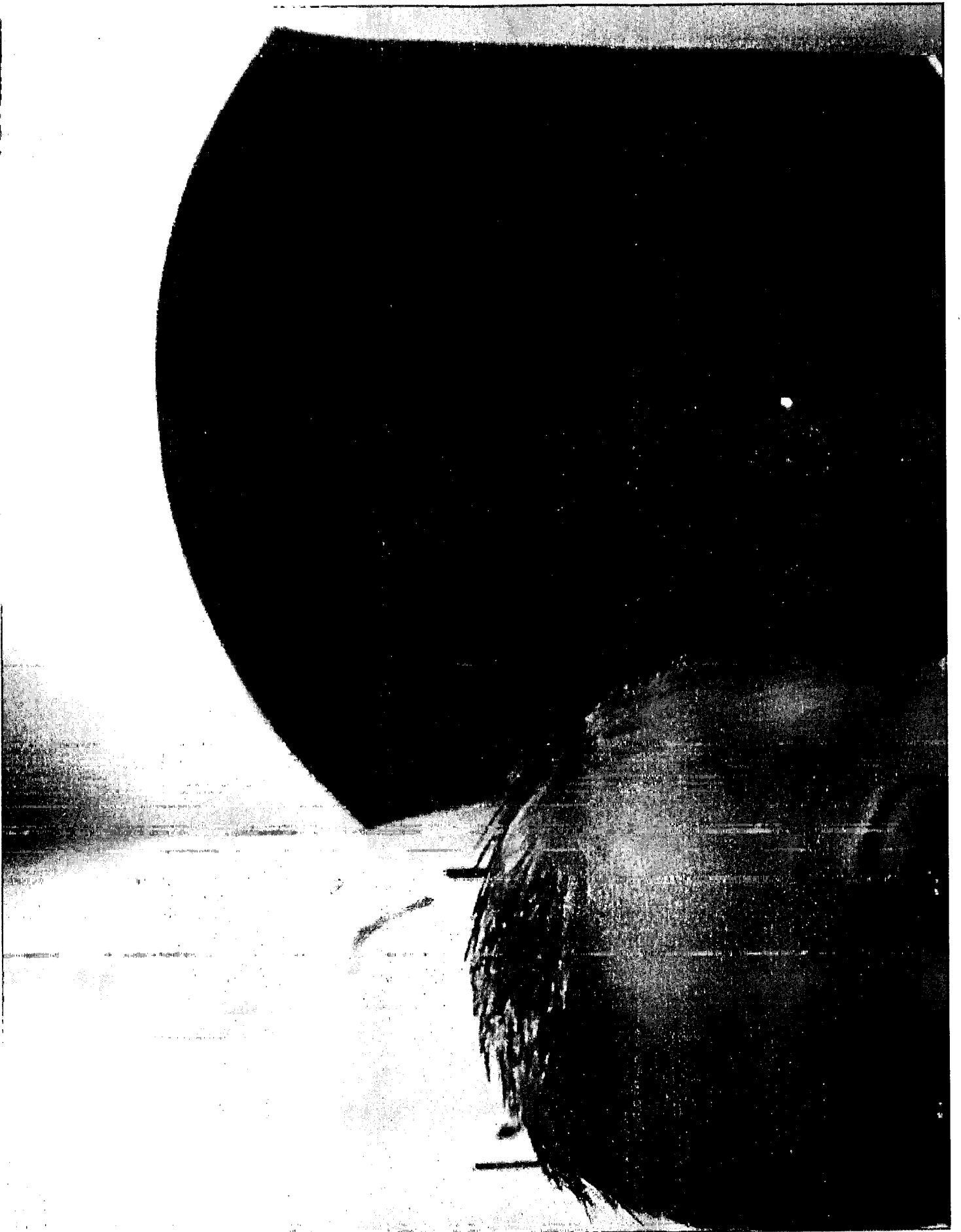
Gloria











If passed, this healthcare bill and the proposed Medicaid changes will simply destroy the lives of my sons and other children and adults with developmental disabilities. I do not use the word DESTROY lightly. I am begging you to vote no.

Thanks for your leadership and for taking the time to read this. I sincerely hope that you remember you represent ALL American people in your role - even people with disabilities.

Erin Hinz

Today, it is likely that your children woke up healthy. But, what if tomorrow something was different? What if they were unexpectedly diagnosed with an illness or disease that would qualify them as having a pre-existing condition and block their access to quality medical care for the rest of their lives? One day they will grow to be adults who will be either unable to receive healthcare benefits because of a pre-existing condition OR they will be unable to afford the policies they need. Is that a moral decision you can make without second thought and with rash decision making? Are you honestly willing to risk the health of America's children and most vulnerable populations to appease a party line? I sincerely hope not.

On top of that, I would hope and pray that my boys will one day join the workforce and be contributing members of society. That would mean they would rely on Medicaid in order to be more independent.

Medicaid monies allow individuals with special needs to access such things as: living independently, riding accessible public transportation to and from work, and working on job-training skills in the community. This is all part of the Medicaid Waiver program for Long Term Supports and Services.

Even with "medwaiver" budgets, families continue to carry most of the costs of living expenses and supports so that he can be successful.

The waiver program was created in the first place so that individuals, like Laird and Sterling, could live within their own community rather than in a segregated institution. The cost of institutions is at least 5-6 times higher per person, not to mention the awful quality of life. I have seen the institutions of Europe first-hand; you see they are the very places I RESCUED my children from. I can guarantee that you would not want your own sons or daughters living in one.

While I agree wholeheartedly that the healthcare and Medicaid systems are in need of reform, this healthcare bill is NOT the way to address those needs.

There are too many complexities that are being overlooked and/or ignored completely in an effort to rush to replace the current healthcare system. This is not how reform should be done. It is unAmerican to continue to attempt to push reform through without proper research and discussion. It is also imperative to mention the bipartisan effort that will be necessary to come to an agreeable policy by all impacted.

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**From:** Erin Hinz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on the GCH Bill - Personal Testimony

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

These are photos of my sons, Laird (5) and Sterling (11). What you can see from these pictures is that they both have Down syndrome. What you cannot see is that they are very much like your own children. They go to school, which both of them love. They enjoy rides and roller coasters at Disney, their favorite theme park. They love to go to the playground followed by the splash pad or pool on hot Florida days. And, they rely on their parents to keep them happy, healthy, and safe. You see, they aren't much different from your own children, despite that one extra chromosome.

The sad thing is, you would never consider putting your own children's medical well-being at risk. So, why are you comfortable putting my children's medical well-being on the chopping block?

You see, aside from their Down syndrome (which would exclude them from the very health insurance coverages they need since it is a pre-existing condition) they also have other medical conditions that make having an amazing team of doctors and specialists on board a necessity. Laird has asthma and is followed by both a pulmonologist and otolaryngologist. Sterling is a heart warrior; he had open heart surgery to correct an AV canal defect that was present at birth and is followed by a cardiologist.

The limitations in the Graham-Cassidy bill would make affordable health care impossible for those who need it most. Allowing insurers to block coverage and raise the prices on insurance plans for people with pre-existing conditions would guarantee the demise of health care as we know it and cause millions of families to choose between life and death or bankruptcy.

My husband and I are both teachers. We work hard for the benefits we receive and the benefits our children receive. We could not even come close to affording their policies under the Graham-Cassidy bill. As a matter of fact, they would send us in to bankruptcy.

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**From:** Kari Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Brown, Senator (Brown); Senator\_Portman@portman.senate.gov  
**Subject:** Hearing Testimony- Ohio resident, Kari Jones

Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, and Members of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Kari Jones and I am the President & CEO of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio. I represent over 1,200 individuals with Down syndrome—and their families—in 23 Central and Southern Ohio counties. I also write with unified support from all of the Ohio Down Syndrome associations: the Up Side of Downs in Cleveland, the Down Syndrome Association of the Valley, the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo, the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association, and the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati. Combined, our service area covers all of Ohio's 88 counties and the residents within them.

Please do NOT support the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal. Advancing this bill forward, without independent analysis and understanding its effects on each state, is completely unacceptable and goes against the founding principles of American democracy. The Congressional Budget Office's analysis is still several weeks away. This evaluation is critical to fully understanding the bill's impact. Without it, you put the the health and welfare of Ohioans and Americans at risk.

I have built a career on fighting for the rights of those who need support and making their voices heard. I encourage you to consider a couple of our core democratic values: Equality and Common Good. Much to my dismay, the disparity in equality between people with disabilities and those without disabilities is significant. This bill will only deepen that divide. As public servants, don't we have a duty to work together to promote the welfare of the community for the benefit of all?

Although I speak on behalf of my organization, I also speak on behalf of my incredible brother, Alex, who has Down syndrome and turned 32 years old last week. Alex is a fairly independent guy—he can catch a cab to get to his full-time job at Kroger and take care of his own personal hygiene. But capping expenditures and cutting dollars for Medicaid programs could eliminate the help Alex needs, such as his job coach and transportation assistance. To support community integration and economic independence, Alex needs more cost-effective health insurance options and support services, not less. The Medicaid funding cuts in the Graham-Cassidy proposal are a sharp turn in the wrong direction.

In closing, I implore you to carefully consider how your vote impacts some of your most vulnerable constituents, as well as the impact it will have on thousands of families throughout Ohio.

Thank you for your service and for inviting my testimony for this hearing.

Kari Jones

President & CEO

Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio

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**From:** Kathryn Oldfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

I have worked in healthcare my entire career.

I implore you to do the right thing. Please make a legitimate bi-partisan attempt to craft a healthcare bill that meets the needs of all American.

Repeal is not the answer. Please vote no on Graham Cassidy.



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**From:** Rebecca Rideout [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** My pre-existing condition

Hi,  
I would think almost everyone in the USA has a preexisting condition. Mine (at least the one I know of) is harmless now, thankfully, but could flare up at any moment- polycystic kidneys. But it would prevent me from gaining coverage, or affordable coverage.  
But aside from the preexisting clause, which you all may choose to remediate at the last moment to make it seem like you are compassionate, let's think of all of the millions of those who will lose care completely. The ACA was supposed to be a starting pint, not something to repeal. Congress is supposed to be about deal-making and compromise, not winner breaks all. Please put the politics aside and figure this thing out the right way - do not repeal it.

Rebecca

Rebecca Rideout  
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**From:** Steven Trainer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hell no on Graham Cassidy

[REDACTED]!!! Graham Cassidy should not be passed.

Steven Trainer  
[REDACTED]

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of where we live? I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it because all Americans deserve access to quality, affordable healthcare.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Nellis

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**From:** Rebecca Nellis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Title Of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Date of the Hearing: September 25, 2017

From:

Rebecca Nellis

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Street

[REDACTED]

Dear Committee,

I work in the cancer community, specifically with people facing employment issues following a diagnosis—everything from disclosure and how to work through treatment to trying to get back in the workforce after time off and managing ongoing side effects. I have traveled coast-to-coast, North to South and to Alaska and Hawaii to speak with patients, survivors and healthcare providers about these essential work issues. I am so privileged to have had the extraordinary opportunity to see so much of this country and to serve some of our most vulnerable people. One thing that always comes up on these travels are questions about accessing quality affordable healthcare because for so long the most viable way to do so was through your employer. The elimination of lifetime limits, annual caps and pre-existing conditions exclusions were game changers for every single one of us, and especially those in the cancer community.

There is so much valid fear, stress and uncertainty. Fear that we will go back to the way things were, where there were no viable options for someone who was unemployed due to their cancer and couldn't afford COBRA or didn't have access to it. Stress that even with insurance they will bankrupt their family. Uncertainty around having something as critical as their healthcare threatened with each new person elected.

Could the system be improved? Absolutely. Does the current Graham Cassidy Bill move us in the right direction? I don't believe so, not for the patients I serve or the country as a whole. None of us knows what will happen tomorrow so shouldn't we create a healthcare system that supports each and every one of us regardless

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**From:** Mark Eastburn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

I know that you and my other Republican representatives in Washington are not done trying to kill, restrict or unfund the ACA. Just what are you going to attempt? The President has already threatened to kick the legs out from under the insurance subsidies. Does that appeal to you? I see you have your sights on Medicare and Social Security as well. If you are considering once again supporting the ill advised attempts on these legally authorized, long fought for, programs for the public welfare, please keep in mind that over eighty percent of the nation already resents what you tried to do. Imagine what will happen in 2018 if you actually accomplish your goals.

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**From:** Marilyn Clayton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear friends,

Please do not pass this bill! It punishes states which have tried to help their citizens achieve access to health care! It hurts people who are sick and need their health insurance! It ruins people financially!

Have a heart. I am a cancer survivor who could not have survived without health insurance which provided life-saving treatment, including a stem cell transplant. I don't like to think of the people who are less fortunate than I who will receive the same diagnosis and will die without the treatments they need.

Recognize the positive aspects of the ACA and improve upon it. Don't just rip it to shreds. Human decency is called for here!

Thank you,  
Marilyn Clayton

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**From:** Bill Dauphin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing To Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, 25 September 2017

My name is Bill Dauphin; I live at 11 Olive Lane, Vernon, CT 06066; my phone number is 860-268-2841. I respectfully submit the following comment regarding the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal you are considering:

My daughter is a survivor of childhood brain cancer. After more than a year of treatment when she was 11, she has been in remission for more than 15 years. She is now a healthy adult, a wife and a new mother, but she lives with the mother of all preexisting conditions.

She has good employer provided insurance through her husband's work, but without the protections afforded people with preexisting conditions in the Affordable Care Act, she would be just one misfortune away from being uninsurable at any price... and that would, in turn, put her at risk for bankruptcy or death (likely both) if her cancer recurred or she contracted a secondary cancer as a result of her treatment.

There are many other terrible things about this legislation -- I have no doubt you have reams of comments pointing them out -- but my personal testimony is this: I oppose this proposal because by destroying protections for preexisting conditions (and it would certainly do that, no matter what its proponents say), this plan represents an existential threat to the wellbeing -- the very life -- of someone I love.

-Bill Dauphin

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Laurie Moret [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I believe in quality, affordable healthcare for all Americans.

Our country needs quality, affordable healthcare. I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Laurie  
[REDACTED]



family working or being bankrupted, siblings growing up with mental and physical issues from the stress, and my child living or dying. Please consider the actual children who will be most affected by this Legislation and how your decisions will profoundly impact so many lives. All I can hope is that you will reject this proposed legislation and instead help build a robust bipartisan healthcare plan to help children like Jake.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Langdon-Galbreath

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**From:** Rebecca Langdon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; Rebecca Langdon  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

I am the parent of a child who has an undiagnosed Leukodystrophy from the day he was born. Because both his father and I work Jake is fortunate enough to be covered by both private insurance and NC Medicaid CAP-C and these programs have allowed him to live at home with his twin brother, father, and myself. Unfortunately, the opportunity to live at home and even to just remain alive is severely threatened by the Graham-Cassidy Repeal and Replace Legislation.

I have grave concerns with Graham-Cassidy, particularly its conversion of the Medicaid program to per capita caps or a block grant system. While in theory these changes are intended to introduce flexibility for states, in reality they are simply a cut to Medicaid over the next decade and there is NO way a state can administer a program like this to support these children. In my state, the projections suggest that in 2020, we are looking at an 11% cut to Medicaid reimbursements, and by 2030, a 34% cut. We would just move to a state that is better (as would other families) which would then put it in the same unfortunate situation.

These Medicaid programs allow children and adults like Jake to live at home, go to school, work, and thrive in their communities by providing needed services and in-home care. They allow sick kids to live life with their parents and other children. Medicaid is the only reason Jake can live at home with us instead of spending his entire life in a hospital ICU or state run institution (costing even more money for tax payers). He can do nothing but breathe on his own (and that's with oxygen support) needing 24 hour supervision and care. Our private insurance does not cover this type of care or most of the life saving equipment he uses daily.

It is beyond cruel to force parents of medically complex children who work to pay taxes and support their families to spend all of their time negotiating with politicians and insurance corporations simply so their children can stay alive and live in their rightful homes. We are literally left to begging politicians to let our children live. To let our families not be bankrupted. To let our other children try to be raised as normal as possible (yea right if you don't think this impacts them as well – they are watching a sibling fight for life and then die from lack of services - you are gravely mistaken).

Our current system is by no means perfect and surely could use improvements. But the proposed Graham-Cassidy legislation provides absolutely NO improvement. Instead it will:

- Cut total Medicaid dollars. These cuts force states to ration or eliminate care, especially for children like Jake in optional programs.
- Eliminate annual and lifetime benefit caps. Like many families of children who are medically complex, Jake averages \$100,000+ a year in medical bills. As he continues to approach the medical caps our financial well-being is saved by the ACA's provision eliminating lifetime caps. Without this provision, our family would be bankrupt in under two months (and we both work and have for our whole lives).
- Eliminate pre-existing condition protections by making essential health benefits optional. Children like my son, who happened to be born with a catastrophic medical condition through no fault of his own, would be forever denied insurance due to their conditions forcing us to give him up to the state.

It's hard to even imagine what life would be like for these children, their parents, and siblings struggling just to get by under the type of healthcare system proposed by Graham-Cassidy Legislation. It would force us to give Jake up to the state to live permanently in a hospital ICU or institution. More importantly, we will lose the gift of the all too short number of years we and his twin hope to have with him.

To those of us with children who are medically complex, healthcare reform is not just political maneuvering or a means to balance the budget. Your decisions as Senators will be the difference between a child living at home or living in a hospital, a

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**From:** Marta Schaaf <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** comments solicited on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

To whom it may concern:

I have family members with pre-existing conditions, and am very concerned that Graham-Cassidy would strip the protections they enjoy under the Affordable Care Act.

I agree that the Affordable Care Act has gaps, and that it does not adequately address the challenges of the rising costs of healthcare. For this reason, I think bipartisan action to further improve the Affordable Care Act is the most appropriate action. Instead, Graham-Cassidy undermines some of the most effective and popular provisions of the Affordable Care Act. This will harm Americans, and all but a few hardliners will punish those who supported Graham-Cassidy at the ballot box.

Sincerely,  
Marta Schaaf  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Christine Cestello Hinojosa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Monday's Graham-Cassidy hearing

My family and I, along with many, many, many people in this country rely on quality, affordable healthcare.

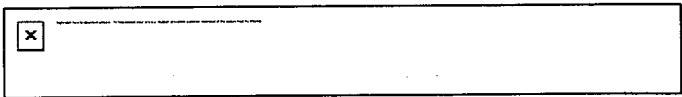
Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with being fortunate to have affordable health care is this: when I was pregnant with my second child, I had complications with placenta previa and, consequently, my daughter was born 8 weeks prematurely. Her first three-weeks of life were spent in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; all of those costs were, thankfully, covered by our insurance (with the excellently run and NON-PROFIT Kaiser Permanente), for which we are eternally grateful.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Starting from scratch again will harm millions of families in this country, and cannot be allowed to happen.

So work to improve it, not to dismantle it!

Sincerely,  
Christine C. Hinojosa

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**From:** Pentakota, Sujatha, M.D. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)

*Dear 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*

*Sujatha Pentakota*

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**From:** Kari Foster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Save my insurance, save my life

Greetings,

I cannot for the life of me understand the logic behind the decentralization of access to health insurance for America.

If my grandson, who has a rare genetic disorder, is unable to continue to receive medicaid and the care he needs, is my daughter expected to uproot her family and move to a state that is offering those services? Are they expected to leave the family and support system on which they currently depend?

Is my girlfriend whose life depends on treatments that cost in excess of \$30,000/month going to be expected to move to a state that has not sidestepped lifetime caps?

If I have a cancer recurrence, will I go bankrupt trying to buy treatment, have to move to a state with better insurance offerings, or just die for lack of funds?

If one of my children wants to have another baby, will they need to move to a state that does not consider pregnancy a chargeable (\$\$\$) offense?

Why should affordable health insurance be available only in certain states and at the whim of whomever is in office? I pay more than some folks for my insurance and my plan isn't perfect but I recognize that we are all in this together. I pay taxes for things I don't use, like public schools (my children are grown) because I know that an educated citizenry is in everyone's best interest. **All boats rise.**

Enough is enough. Stop threatening healthcare and stop moving us toward a situation where **only the wealthy will survive.**

We ARE in this together. We ARE our brothers' keeper. THIS is the time to work together; all parties, all races, all genders. Are we so overrun with fantastic ideas that we can really afford to work only behind closed doors?

What will your legacy be? I'm not asking you to put your country before your party, I'm asking you to put humanity before it. I'm not kidding. Do work you'll be proud to tell a room full of children about, **without spin.**

Be honest. Be courageous. Be human.

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Kari Skipper Foster

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**From:** Cassandra Lewis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

To whom it may concern,

I really appreciate the affordable health care act. I am interested in seeing continued work be done on what we have already. The amount of money, time and energy that is wasted in continually trying to repeal this instead of putting that money time and energy into making it something that will benefit all of us. I currently have a deductible that is way higher than I can afford to spend and therefore will only be accessing my health care when it is really needed instead of using it to benefit me for preventative care, I am willing to pay more now to hopefully change the system longterm. I make less than 40,000 a year and my deductible is \$5,000. Last year I made 25,000 and my deductible was \$500. I hope one day for all of us paying into this we will end up paying potentially a moderately higher premium with a way lower deductible to have a health care plan we will actually use. I am not sure if this rant is relevant here, I do believe that the pieces of the ACA I do not like are far smaller in number than the idea of Graham-Cassidy.

Thank you for your time,

Cassandra Lewis

Girdwood, Alaska

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**From:** Mark Eastburn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

I am writing to let you know how angry my wife and I are about the new Republican version of Trumpcare. The Senate's Cassidy-Graham bill will not only destroy the Affordable Care Act. It will push millions of people off of health care. It will drive up rates and costs. It will allow states to remove protections for people with pre-existing conditions like myself and my wife. It will allow health insurance corporations to opt-out of essential services like maternity care. In other words, it is a terrible and disastrous bill. This stinks, gentlemen. We see that this time congress is also taking aim at the future. This bill doesn't just dismantle health care as we know it; it also aims to block future solutions like Bernie Sanders' "Medicare for All" bill introduced last week.

It stinks from the underhanded process, the absence of public debate, secret hearings and the cowardly pressure being put on legislators, to the total disregard for your own constituents and all those Americans who have health insurance for the first time, like my wife. If passed this will be one more dead chicken hanging around the necks of all who supported it.



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**From:** Jeanette Heinrichs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 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.

Jeanette Heinrichs  
Lexington, KY

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Haley Bresnahan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

Americans rely on affordable healthcare. I know the one-percenters swamping up Washington don't know what it feels like to have a loved one who can't afford to pay medical bills, or the sense of relief that one feels knowing that a trip to the eye doctor or an emergency room visit won't mean that they can't eat that month, but that is the reality for so many Americans.

We are watching closely. Know that people will remember this time in American history where Republicans and T\*\*\*p showed no care whatsoever for the health and well being of our citizens.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL. WE ARE ALL WATCHING, AND WE WILL ALL BE VOTING.

Do the right thing.

Haley Bresnahan  
Massachusetts

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**From:** cathy jackson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham - Cassidy

We are strongly opposed to this bill. Giving authority to states will destroy healthcare. We need congress to work together, yes work together to fix the area of the Affordable Care Act and Patient Protection.  
Health care is too big an issue to decide behind closed doors and try to buy votes on.  
The American people deserve better than this constant show of grandstanding.

Think this through, it's the right thing to do.

Cathy and Ted Jackson

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**From:** Victoria Pecchioli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

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Vicki Pecchioli  
Toms River  
New Jersey

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mike Holmquist [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Re:

My name is Michael Holmquist and I live in Covington Louisiana. I am responding for my friends who are on waivers which are funded by Medicaid, those who have expensive equipment therapies and support and services to keep them out of institutions. The proposed cuts and caps to Medicaid in the Graham/Cassidy healthcare bill will be devastating to people with disabilities in Louisiana. I ask you not to support the Graham-Cassidy Health Plan for these reasons.

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**From:** Kristen Kalbrener <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Fwd: CassidyGraham bill

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kristen Kalbrener <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** September 23, 2017 at 13:48:23 MDT  
**To:** [GHCcomments@finance.senate.gov](mailto:GHCcomments@finance.senate.gov)  
**Subject:** CassidyGraham bill

Please do not take away protections for those with pre-existing conditions, cost containment for the elderly and open up differing levels of care and subsidy from state to state. All Americans deserve basic health care regardless of their economic fortunes. Vote no on this and any bill that does not aim to improve on protections.

Kristen Kalbrener  
Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** s d [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Please vote: "No" on the Graham Cassidy healthcare bill. Americans are counting on our Congress to hear our concerns and improve healthcare not make it worse. It's time for America to join the majority of first world nations by coming together to organize a single payer system of healthcare for ALL Americans. Healthcare should not be a financial investment traded on Wall Street. Healthcare should be managed for the public by our government for all.

Thank you.

SEDoster

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** simone de vries [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; Senator Johnny Isakson; donotreply, Perdue (Perdue)  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill Hearing

Graham Cassidy Bill Hearing  
September 25, 2017

Simone de Vries Silvershield  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Senate Committee on Finance  
cc. Senator David Perdue  
acc. Senator Johnny Isakson

My sweet 5 year old daughter was born with a heart defect.  
When Graham-Cassidy gets passed it will be unaffordable to get  
health insurance for her and lifetime caps would really make her life hard. How did she deserve that, whatever  
did she do that you would make it so difficult for her?

I, her mother, have pre existing conditions too, by no choice of my own.  
I have Rheumatoid Arthritis, High BP (I eat healthy, am 5'3" and weigh 120 lbs)  
I also have bamboo spine, chronic back pain after numerous extensive back surgeries( for which I still pay for  
the next 10 years as we did not have the ACA then) and I also have Celiac disease and depression. (wouldn't  
you be depressed?)  
We will not be able to get health insurance and so can not maintain our health!  
Our life will be a living hell, a daily worry if we will go bankrupt and in my case I will be in extreme pain every  
day.

You are working for us, you say, so I ask of you to please vote NO on Graham-Cassidy,  
please put people before politics and be compassionate!

Thank you!



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**From:** Mark Eastburn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Dear Republican MoC,

The undersigned represent every former Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). We write to express our strong objection to recent attacks on the integrity and professionalism of the agency and on the agency's role in the legislative process.

CBO began serving the Congress in 1975. Over the past 42 years CBO has been firmly committed to providing nonpartisan and high-quality analysis—and that commitment remains as strong and effective today as it has been in the past. Because CBO works for the Congress, and only the Congress, the agency's analysis addresses the unique needs of legislators.

To meet the standard of nonpartisan objectivity, CBO makes no recommendations about policy, regularly consults with researchers and practitioners with a wide range of views (as can be seen in the agency's panels of advisers and reviewers for major studies), and enhances its transparency by releasing extensive descriptions of its analytic techniques and forecast record. To produce estimates of high quality, CBO uses its detailed understanding of federal programs and economic conditions, ongoing interactions with government officials and private-sector experts, the best academic research, and the latest available data consistent with the timing of the Congressional budget process.

CBO's approach produces consistent comparisons of competing legislative proposals and unbiased projections of the impact of policy changes. Unfortunately, even nonpartisan and high-quality analysis cannot always generate accurate estimates. Policy changes are often complex, the economy is dynamic and defies precise prediction, and many policies are modified over time. However, such analysis does generate estimates that are more accurate, on average, than estimates or guesses by people who are not objective and not as well informed as CBO's analysts.

In sum, relying on CBO's estimates in the legislative process has served the Congress—and the American people—very well during the past four decades. As the House and Senate consider potential policy changes this year and in the years ahead, we urge you to maintain and respect the Congress's decades-long reliance on CBO's estimates in developing and scoring bills.

As your constituents my wife and I want to know your view of the CBO.

Is it?

- a. A trusted, professional, bipartisan, accounting organization
  - b. A tool of the liberals to just want to thwart Republican efforts to Obama proof our democracy
  - c. A great reason not to waist 7 years not doing your jobs
  - d. An obvious reason to have open and public debates about legislation
  - e. All the above
- Please choose one.

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**From:** Cynthia Roche [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:59 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.

[Your name]  
[City, State]

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**From:** mapeipei@gmail.com on behalf of Pei Pei Ma [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

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

Sincerely,  
Pei Pei Ma  
Cambridge, MA

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Pei Pei Ma, Ed M

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**From:** David Antkowiak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony For The Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Title Of Hearing:  
Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Date Of Hearing:  
September 25, 2017

Full Name, Address And Phone Number Of Person Submitting Testimony:  
David Antkowiak

Dear Finance Committee:

I am a retired Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor who worked for the State Of Michigan for 23 years in that capacity. My job basically consisted of helping people with disability related limitations that were substantial barriers to employment. Our mission was to assist those individuals to reach or maintain employment goals through assistance with training, job placement, and addressing medical and other barriers to employment.

A substantial percentage of the people served by the agency I worked for (Michigan Rehabilitation Services) were Medicaid recipients, and that program provides a variety of services that were/are essential to complement and support Agency efforts in the pursuit of successful employment outcomes for those individuals. Medicaid is a necessary investment in this process, allowing many individuals (who would otherwise not be able to be productive contributors to society) to give back to their communities and have the pride and dignity that meaningful employment provides and that society values highly.

Funding for vocational rehabilitation is provided primarily by the federal government, and I believe all 50 states receive this funding. Basically, every state vocational rehabilitation program relies on Medicaid as a support service for a significant number of the individuals they serve to support their employment endeavors.

I do not want the Graham Cassidy bill to pass. Clearly the motive behind it is not to positively reform or improve the health care coverage of people that truly need those services, but is to free up funds for corporations and wealthy people that don't need them. Greed, not need, is what is driving these efforts.

If the well being of the people that these proposed changes were at the forefront, there would be no urgency to get it done this week because bipartisan support would be there for a "humane" bill to consider.

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**From:** Carole Krezman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Pre-existing conditions

I am disabled. I have pre-existing conditions. My ability to live at home and go out in the community is dependent on low cost health insurance for pre-existing conditions and a robust Medicaid program that includes community long term care supports. Medicaid block grants will harm me and many other people with disabilities. Our lives have value. Please stop the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you.  
Carole krezman  
Berkeley, CA

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**From:** Eve [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

We all want better healthcare coverage that costs less and covers more of us.. The current bill is opposed by ALL the major health organizations.

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband and I are both self-employed and so cannot get affordable insurance on our own. Even with the ACA, insurance companies are taking advantage of us and they keep reducing the benefits. I have a pre-existing condition - epilepsy - for which I must be treated for the rest of my life. I have been lucky enough to be able to afford healthcare but if the ACA and its protections are removed, I will not be. And there are hundreds of thousands of Americans who are in worse straits than I am.

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

Sincerely,  
Eve Hartman  
Cortlandt Manor, NY

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**From:** M Meloy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal Sept. 25, 2017

Dear Joint Finance committee,

Vote no on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal. This bill is unethical and immoral. The sponsors vowed to replace the ACA with something better. This proposal is far worse than anything proposed to date.

Medicaid and the ACA save lives. These are real people, real families living better and more healthy lives because of Medicaid and ACA.

As a teacher, I see how affordable, quality healthcare affects our children and families. Because of Medicaid and the ACA, children come to school healthy and therefore more ready to learn.

Vote no for this cruel bill. The people are counting on you.

Thanks,  
Mandy Meloy  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Alison Hirsch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:59 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 my daughter struggles with severe mental illness and relies on Medicaid for her very life. We must find a better way to care for all the mentally ill in our country. But chopping Medicaid is going backward not forward.

Alison Hirsch

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Sally Brett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

I do not hold a medical insurance policy under the Affordable Care Act nor does any one in my family. However, my younger daughter is a cancer survivor. If the current bill is passed in the Senate, or any similar legislation removing the restriction that disallows coverage denial on the grounds of previous illness, she will not receive medical treatment when and if her cancer recurs. And it usually does recur, you know.

I have friends, all educated and employed and contributing to their communities, who were able--because the ACA provided their spouses or children for the first time adequate and timely health care--to create new businesses and to realize long deferred dreams of entrepreneurship.

The ACA is not perfect and no one has said that it is. It was a step in the right direction. Now all of you should work together in a bipartisan effort to establish health care that actually protects families and individuals.

It is the right thing to do.

Regards,  
Sally A. Brett

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**From:** Katrina MacLeod [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** oppose Graham-Cassidy bill

1. Senate Finance Committee,
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3. I am writing to ask that you reject the Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill and instead support the bipartisan bill the Senate HELP Committee was considering. I am deeply troubled that Graham-Cassidy-Heller, if enacted, would mean over 30 million people would lose their health coverage. My own sister just signed up for ACA coverage, which she dearly needs. She just had surgery, and needs to recover with physical therapy in order to get back to work. We need all Americans to have the opportunity to get proper healthcare which ENABLES them to work to their potential. Taking ACA away while destroying Medicaid and harming some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, seniors and people with disabilities is just terrible and cruel policy.

Sincerely,

1. Katrina MacLeod
2. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Deborah McFatter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Senator (Flake)  
**Subject:** Personal concerns over GC Bill

To the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Jeff Flake and Senator John McCain:

My husband and I are over 65 and both of us have pre-existing conditions (diabetes and liver damage due to HepC). Because of the kind of coverage we received through my husband's retirement and through Medicare, I was successfully treated with Harvoni— an \$84,000 treatment for 12 weeks (after over 20 years of debilitating unsuccessful therapies). We could never have afforded this on our own. We are the parents of a 40 year old man who has multiple severe disabilities that involve his needing daily assistance from others as well as using a wheelchair for mobility. He is also visually impaired, but he has as rich and contented a life as can be expected because he receives the medical and daily-living assistance that is funded in part by current federal and state health-care programs. Graham-Cassidy would endanger all his supports.

We also have elderly relatives and friends who are recipients of Medicare; they are not well-to-do people. The proposals in the Graham-Cassidy Bill would be devastating in their lives.

We represent only a minute portion of the millions in this country who would be adversely impacted if this bill goes through—without a proper budget analysis, without REAL bipartisan dialogue and cooperation, with only one political party pushing this in order to “fulfill campaign promises” to its base, with even the author of the bill either not understanding the verbiage of the bill or lying about the full implications of it.

This is not the “city upon the hill” concept of America. This is trying once again to rid the country of a program that was instituted by a president that many in one party despised. The current health-care isn't perfect, but it represents for many citizens more access to healthcare coverage than they ever knew before. In our opinion, it should have gone further to offer universal health-care to ALL Americans, like the rest of the “advanced” world now enjoys.

We are now registered to vote in Arizona, a state with one Republican senator at least whom we hope will follow good, compassionate common sense and vote against this so-called "repeal and replace" travesty.

In great concern—  
Deborah Witherspoon McFatter and Larry E McFatter  
[REDACTED]

cc: Senator John McCain

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**From:** Patricia A Geller, Ed.D. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Saving healthcare

My husband gave his entire career to work for state government after receiving degrees from Princeton and Harvard Law School. He sacrificed financial success to work as a state attorney. At the age of 59 he was diagnosed with cancer but he was able to continue as a Judge for another year and live for another year and a half because we had health insurance. He had previously had skin cancer so cancer would of been seen as a pre-existing condition and he would of died within 6 months. Please do not pass this cruel legislation.

Dr. Patricia A Geller

Sent from my iPad

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Mark Eastburn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:24 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

There is no reason to pretend this "non-healthcare" is anything but a means to huge tax cut for 1% AGAIN...never has been about anything else. Screw anyone making less than \$250,000! People will die, go without healthcare, bankrupt themselves to save their child's life...cruel, greedy, evil people with 12% approval, will do this to our family, neighbors and friends, for wealthy donors. What happened to you America???

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**From:** Maureen Acree [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:24 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.

Maureen Acree  
Point Pleasant, NJ

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**From:** Tina Sorenson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Vote

Please do not support the proposed health care bill. It was written in haste without careful consideration of the consequences for the American people. Coverage for pre-existing conditions at present costs should not be taken away.

More time is needed to consider the potential effects and consequences of this proposal. Thank you John McCain for acting according to his belief in right and wrong without partisan influences.

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**From:** Joan and Jim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposing the Graham Cassidy Heller and Johnson health insurance bill

To the Finance Committee,

I urge the rejection of this legislation. I just read that the bill has been modified again. It is impossible to draft reasonable legislation in this fashion under a timer. Health insurance reform needs to happen, but it needs to happen in a thoughtful way with Democrats and Republicans working together.

Joan Gasser  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Erin Fitzpatrick-Bjorn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

I am writing to express my concerns over the Graham Cassidy bill.

*Millions of Americans rely on the ACA to keep health care affordable, and repealing it puts millions of Americans, including our most vulnerable citizens, our children, at risk. Any bill that does not protect those with pre-existing conditions and those with mental health issues is a step in the wrong direction for our country! Please reject the Graham-Cassidy bill that's currently before Congress.*

Erin Fitzpatrick-Bjorn  
Portland, Oregon

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**From:** BA Ciccolella [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Horrible for the Citizens

This bill would roll back consumer protections, give power and money to healthcare companies, and punish the sick and the poor for getting sick, a situation that is beyond anyone's control.

There are no American Values enshrined in this bill. Every single person that you reduce to a dollar sign is an AMERICAN who you condemn to death for not being able to afford to subsidize corporate greed.

I am disgusted by the entire process of those who claim to be our REPRESENTATIVES trying to harm innocent Americans who happen to be in lower tax brackets. Until you can bring single payer healthcare to the US like the majority of the citizens WANT, the ACA is apparently the best you could do. Fixing it DOES NOT involve taking access to affordable healthcare away from Americans like me, who work 5 jobs, over 90 hours a week, and don't get employer based health insurance.

Until you stop attacking citizens like me, you will NEVER be able to properly represent American Values, and the good citizens of these United States.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jessica [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:23 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Jessica Dunlap  
Burlington NJ

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**From:** Joan Strong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:23 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 it is not designed to benefit, assist or support the citizens you represent. Instead, it has been designed to appease wealthy donors and actors who seek to impose their personal world view on our elected legislature. This bill does not remotely fulfill Candidate Donald Trump's promises 1) healthcare for everyone, 2) no cuts to medicaid, 3) no one will lose coverage, 4) nobody will be worse off financially, 5) get rid of artificial lines around the states and 6) everybody's going to be taken care of. This bill will irresponsibly throw the health insurance market into chaos and negatively impact, by varying degrees, the majority of citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Joan Strong  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Elizabeth Antkowiak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No CBO

Graham - Cassidy Bill

September 25, 2017

Elizabeth Antkowiak  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Senate Financial Committee Members;  
If this is such a great bill, why is it being pushed through, so quickly in the dead of a Sunday night ?

No CBO - and should the CBO be available, I suspect it would be a bad thing for American!

No to bribes for Alaska and Maine - while the other 48 States are thrown under the bus concerning health care.

RETURN TO REGULAR Order for this bill. Better yet, withdraw it.  
Unconscionable!

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Elizabeth Antkowiak  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Margaret Andorf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, 09/25/2017  
**Attachments:** image1.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to read my story.

First, I am a registered Republican and I have voted republican in past elections. This past year has made it hard to be a proud Republican, but I hope that more of our representatives will start to stand up and make the right, ethical, true pro-life choices.

My families healthcare story began with my first child, Vivian. When my husband and I found out we were expecting, we were over joyed. We found out at our anatomy scan at 20 weeks that our child had major health issues and would require multiple surgeries. We were even told that she may not even survive her first year of life. We were presented with the option of termination, but we decided that she deserved the chance of life.

Vivian was diagnosed with Heterotaxy, which means "different placement". In her case, it affected her heart, stomach, liver, lungs and spleen. She was diagnosed with multiple heart defects including, single ventricle (so she is missing one the the two pumping chamber in her heart), pulmonary atresia, AV Canal defect, Total Anamoulous Pulmonary Venous Return (TAPVR), Pulmonary Vein Stenosis, and right aortic arch. She required open heart surgery at just two hours old. In total, she has had 4 open heart surgeries, 14 heart catherizations, 5 abdominal surgeries and multiple other scans and procedures. Her 4th open hearts surgery was only two weeks ago (September 8, 2017), and she has recovered amazingly well.

I without a doubt agree that there are many flaws in the ACA. I work in a emergency room and see the abuse of the system. It's very upsetting to see how people do not respect the system. We have been blessed that my husband works hard and we have amazing private insurance. We have also benefited from the BCMH program offered through the state of Ohio. Having the secondary coverage allowed me to care for Vivian in the very complicated first few years of her life. I have recently been able to return to work, but we would have lost everything without our private insurance and her secondary insurance.

Vivian has always shown us that she is willing to fight, so we are right next to her fighting with her. We have always been determined to give her the best quality of life possible and many decisions we have made has been the choice between quality and quantity of life. As a parent, I thought there was nothing more terrifying than to be making those type of decisions for my child. Now I am terrified that those decisions are left to the decisions and votes made in Congress. Things like lifetime caps and preexisting conditions clauses would mean a death sentence or bankruptcy for our family.

Please think of hard working families like ours as you vote on the Graham-Cassidy bill and future legislation. I continue to hope that there can be a was to fix our healthcare system that doesn't mean risking the life of Vivian and children like her.

Thank you again for your time.

Margaret Andorf

While the Senate has considered several similar bills this year, Graham-Cassidy is the worst for people with preexisting conditions like CF, cancer, asthma, diabetes, or arthritis. Our health care system is far from perfect, but I refuse to believe any changes must come at the expense of the people who rely most on adequate, affordable health insurance.

I urge all US Senators to please keep families like mine in mind as you consider this legislation.

Respectfully,

Melissa Shiffman



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**From:** melissa shiffman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Elin, David  
**Subject:** Statement on Graham -Cassidy to SCF

Statement Submitted by Melissa Shiffman  
Senate Committee on Finance  
Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal  
September 24, 2017

As someone who has cystic fibrosis, the current health care debate in Washington is personal to me. Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive tract, leading to frequent lung infections and other complications. The current life expectancy for someone with CF is about 40 years.

I am 44 years old. Some would say I am a medical miracle. I am so fortunate to have a wonderful husband, two healthy children (who are carriers of Cystic Fibrosis). I have passed many milestones. I have gone to college, graduate school, started a family, went to graduate school again to get a Masters in Social Work because I wanted to help people get through whatever difficulties they were having. You see, my brother passed away at the age of 16 from Cystic Fibrosis. While I am lucky to be alive, my disease has advanced. I am unable to work full time because it takes the demands of working caught up with the demands of keeping myself healthy. Twice a day for an hour, I am attached to a percussive vest to clear the mucus in my lungs so I don't get an infection. I take 3 nebulized medicines twice a day to open my airways, lubricate and thin the mucus to cough it up and out. When I get sick, I add another treatment. I take another inhaled antibiotic three times a day, as well as a slew of other pills and inhaled medications. Every day. Without fail. You can imagine how much this costs. I am on a clinical trial for a new groundbreaking drug that is not a cure but aims to fix the underlying defect in CF. Should that get approved by the FDA, it will come with a price tag of nearly \$300,000/year. If lifetime caps were to come back, I would be out of luck in a few years. I am old enough to remember having to panic at the thought of losing coverage if I lost my job. My parents maxed out on their lifetime cap having two children with Cystic Fibrosis back in the mid 1980s. That is inhumane. Should we have been left to die?

The Graham-Cassidy proposal, which the Senate is expected to vote on next week, is unacceptable for people living with CF and other chronic conditions. People with CF require a complex and demanding care regimen, and need access to high-quality, specialized care. I urge all U.S. Senators to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill because it would roll back protections for people with CF and jeopardize their access to affordable, adequate health care coverage.

The Graham-Cassidy bill fails to protect our community and is absolutely unacceptable for people with CF because it would:

- a. Remove full pre-existing condition protections for people with CF by allowing insurers to set premiums based on an individuals' health status. This may put insurance coverage financially out of reach for some people with CF and prevent them from accessing critical health care.
- b. Eliminate Medicaid expansion and drastically cut funding for the program by instituting a per capita cap or a state block grant system, putting coverage of new and innovative treatments at risk. Medicaid provides a critical source of health care coverage for one half of children and one third of adults with CF. We must preserve this safety net by retaining expanded eligibility and ensuring adequate funding for Medicaid.
- c. Remove protections against annual and lifetime coverage caps, including for the millions of Americans with employer-sponsored insurance, by making it easier for states to amend Essential Health Benefits standards. Health care costs can accumulate very quickly for people with CF, making it very easy to reach annual or lifetime caps. The results of these caps can be devastating – leaving people with CF stranded without any coverage – and our community needs the protections against these caps to be kept in place.
- d. Allow states to waive Essential Health Benefits. Eliminating the guarantee of essential health benefit coverage for individual insurance plans would segment the market into plans for sick people and plans for healthy people. This would likely drive up the cost of plans needed by people with CF, which provide more robust benefits.



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**From:** Linda Mur [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA repeal

I am writing deeply concerned over the pending repeal of the ACA. I have worked in the substance abuse field since 1984. I have been through the "crack epidemic" and now am overseeing several programs at one of the epicenters of the opioid epidemic - Camden. So I write from significant experience.

In over 30 years in this field, I have never seen so many people be able to access help when they wanted it as they are now able to do with the coverage that has been provided with the ACA. We have expanded our programs significantly due to the increased demand for services. The increased demand is due largely to people's having their treatment paid for. This is a population that by and large has difficulty with co-pays, and coverage with Medicaid has eliminated that problem for them. As a result, our groups are full and for the first time in 12 years at my current agency, we have waiting lists.

I fear that if Medicaid funding is reduced, these people will not get the help they need. We have enough people dying of overdoses as is. Do we really want to see that number rise? It will if access to care is reduced.

**"If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, then what am I? And if not now, when?"**

I ask the committee - for whom will you be and when?

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Linda Y. Mur, PhD, LCADC

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**From:** Susan M. Dray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy public comments

I am writing to urge you not to pass the Graham-Cassidy bill that would gut healthcare. I rely on good health care and this bill will do nothing to ensure affordable access to care. I, like so many other Americans, old and young, have a preexisting condition - 20 years ago I badly broke my ankle and have had orthopedic problems ever since. I know others with children having a range of conditions from hemophilia to cystic fibrosis to cancer. And my own father and aunt have macular degeneration. None of us could count on affordable care if this bill passes.

I understand Republicans feel they are between a rock and a hard place and have to balance the fact that they made campaign promises to repeal the ACA with the fact that huge numbers of people - including their constituents- are vocally against this bill and will be harmed greatly by it.

When the list of organizations opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill include insurers, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and America's Health Insurance Plans, the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, AARP and American Cancer Society, it ought to be clear that this is not a good bill.

Instead of trying to repeal the ACA, please work in a bipartisan manner with Democrats to FIX the ACA.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Dray, Ph.D., CUXP  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Robin Henrie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill

Robin A. Henrie  
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[REDACTED]

September 24, 2017

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

I am writing today because of my grave concerns with the Graham-Cassidy bill. Passage of this bill would cause great hardship for my family. I am 63 years old, and I have a chronic illness, along with fibromyalgia, arthritis of the knees, and arthritis of the hips. Despite this, with the help of health insurance that covers all of my health problems, including pre-existing conditions, I am still able to work. I live with my husband, who also has chronic health problems. He qualified for disability shortly before reaching full retirement age, and he now receives Social Security. We are fortunate that he is also covered under my health plan. Our disabled adult son, who lives with us, is covered under my plan, as well. Our monthly medications, if they were not covered under my health plan, would cost thousands of dollars, which we would not be able to afford. As it is, with copays, we are barely making it between my salary and my husband's social security check. If our pre-existing conditions were not covered, we would likely go bankrupt within a year or two. Without my medications, I would most likely be unable to work, which would only make things worse for us financially, not to mention the highly diminished quality of life that each of us would be facing.

In addition to my personal concerns for myself and for my family, I am also concerned about the effect that this bill would have on the citizens of our great country. Without a CBO score, we have no way of knowing how many millions of people would lose their health insurance or find it too expensive to continue. I am also concerned that the actual cost to our country will be far more than what we are currently spending. Block grant spending will also take money from states that currently have Medicaid expansion and give it to states that do not, which will cause states to have difficulty continuing it. Over time, this money will be eliminated entirely, causing our poor and disabled to lose their access to healthcare.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would delay holding a vote on Graham-Cassidy until at least such a time as we have the complete information from the CBO. It is not right to vote on a bill that impacts one-sixth of our national budget, as well as the health of the people of our great country, without that information.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely yours,  
Robin A. Henrie

As I'm sure the learned Senators of the Finance Committee know, Medicaid blocks don't account for changes in economic conditions or disasters or state population growth. When the block grants fall short the cash-poor states and Medicaid participants will have to foot the bill. I am hear to tell you: the Medicare recipients I know, don't have the funds. Families will see the awful specter of medical bankruptcy loom once again. So many families are one illness away from being wiped out. In my stepfather's case, this happened in the years before the ACA when he became a kidney transplant patient.

I am urging you to reject the cynical idea that ever-diminishing Medicaid block grants will protect my stepfather and people like him. Please hear the testimony of experts on the destructive impact of block grant schemes on the program of medicaid itself and you will know why we live in fear of this law.

For myself, this proposal means my family's retirement plans would be destroyed. As I am 57 and have asthma, I will spend years as an "uninsurable" with G-C-H-J's insurance available to me as long as I pay the surcharges this proposal allows for being a woman, for the crime of living longer than 50 and for being the victim of industrial pollution. My husband will have to stay with his company for years longer than we had once hoped and we will not be able to start the "second act" business we were planning, because G-C-H-J would make insurance for us as senior entrepreneurs as expensive as a Maserati. It would be technically "available" to me, but not at all affordable. G-C-H-J would destroy our dream of starting our retirement business.


We dread the reinstatement of penalties for pre-existing conditions and lifetime caps. Perhaps the life's savings of two hard working people just won't be enough. We now view our future with anxiety.

I also ask you to consider that this short hearing is simply not enough exploration of an unstudied proposal that tears up one-fifth of the American economy. Please be diligent stewards of America's health and economy and hold many more hearings across the full congress, get a full analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, solicit in-depth testimony from doctors, nurses, patient's rights organizations and patients themselves, veteran's organizations, insurance companies, the disabled community, state governors, hospital corporations, state health officers, specialists on rural and urban medical access, experts on international health and other government specialists.

Bi-partisan solutions to American healthcare reform can be found. For my family, myself and the American people: Please reject this hastily made and cruel proposal.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cohen



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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Kate Cohen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Testimony for Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

September 24, 2017

The United States Senate Committee on Finance

Senator Chuck Grassley, Chairman

219 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510-6200

submitted via: [gchcomments@finance.senate.gov](mailto:gchcomments@finance.senate.gov)

Re: Testimony for Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

From:

Elizabeth Cohen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**PLEASE REJECT UNSTUDIED GRAHAM-CASSIDY-HELLER-JOHNSON MEDICAID BLOCK GRANT PROPOSAL**

I am writing to you today as a member one of millions Americans families relying on Medicaid for care of a loved one. My stepfather is a dialysis patient with a severe spinal cord injury who is currently confined to a nursing home in Senator Cassidy's home state of Louisiana. My 78-year-old mother is his caregiver. She has health challenges of her own. It would be impossible for her to care for my stepfather without his Medicaid-subsidized nursing home. It would be impossible for him to live without 24-hour care. He cannot move from bed without assistance. He needs help eating, bathing and dressing. I ask you to realize, his body is broken, but his life still has value — to him and to us and even to his community, where his kindness and perseverance are an inspiration. Medicaid is our life-line.

In its 50 years, Medicaid has served as a critical safety net for more than 70 million Americans: children, adults with disabilities, and impoverished seniors. Take my stepfather's state as an example: In FY 2013, 28 percent of Louisiana's population received health coverage and long term services and supports (LTSS). 122K of those Louisianans were low-income seniors and 245,000 were children and disabled adults. The gradual elimination of Medicaid that this plan proposes is the gradual strangulation of these vulnerable people and their families.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Ron Parisi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill.

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

Sincerely,

Ron Parisi  
Newport, RI

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**From:** Debi Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Comments

Hello. I am a constituent from West Virginia who strenuously objects to the latest GOP bill to repeal & replace the ACA.

As a self-employed single parent, I was uninsured for years prior to Medicaid expansion under the ACA -- and if it were repealed, I would again become uninsured simply because I cannot afford to pay over \$700/month for insurance. I am currently well, but with my past medical history, I fall into those nasty pre-existing condition crevasses that make private insurance cost prohibitive.

It is imperative, however, that I remain well for I am the primary caregiver for my adult son, who has developmental disabilities and requires total care. He, too, relies on a Medicaid waiver program to enable him to live at home instead of in an institutional setting (at far greater cost).

I have been a registered voter since 1981, and I have never seen such a petty, vindictive push to repeal a piece of legislation and replace it with something that everyone HATES. I mean, seriously! Is that what y'all want to be remembered for? It's one heck of a nasty legacy. I recommend rummaging around in the basement for your consciences. They've been hiding for far too long, and it would be so refreshing to show them to the American people.

Namaste,

Deborah Lewis

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**From:** kathleen oleary [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The Graham-Cassidy Bill

The Graham-Cassidy Bill/Proposal is the worst of all the efforts to repeal the ACA. This current proposal strips out all the features enabling Americans to obtain health insurance.

First, I have serious concerns about giving states the flexibility in forming their own markets. Look what is happening in Iowa, the health care exchanges are failing; the terrible privatized of Medicaid, making Iowans to lose their health care services and the Iowa Legislature cutting funds to human services, putting many Iowans in danger. Block grants will cap the money coming into Iowa.

Leaving Medicaid money to the states would mean taking large amount of money away from about 172,000 Iowans for their health care to even out the funds among the states.

Please consider my concerns and the loss of health care to thousands of Iowans and vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy Bill/Proposal. Do what Senator John McCain said work on health care reform in a bipartisan and transparent procedure, the way Senate should operate. Think about the features now in the ACA that enable Americans to get health insurance such as protections against pre-existing conditions, life time limits and subsidies. Help fix the ACA.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kathleen O'Leary

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



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**From:** Karen Menke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Title of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Hearing Date: September 25, 2017

Karen Menke  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I believe the Finance Committee should reject this bill for the following reasons:

1. It is being brought to a Senate vote without hearings. I am amazed that the Senate would consider any legislation without hearing from experts and those affected with thorough discussion and questions. It appears that most of the Senators indicating they will vote for the bill have not read it and don't know what is in it.
2. There has been no CBO report. Although it is estimated that over 20 million will lose their healthcare, no one knows the exact number.
3. It jeopardizes women's health, pre-existing conditions, and "essential benefits".
4. Block grants to the states will be far less than what is granted by existing legislation.
5. Medicaid payments will gradually be reduced. These go to our most vulnerable citizens.
6. Insurance premiums will rise dramatically.
7. All reports are that one big reason for considering this bill is to cut Medicaid and give resulting "savings" as a tax cut and this tax cut will amount to about 3% for the middle class and a whopping 18% (or \$270,000) for the top 1% of earners. Congress should be ashamed for even thinking about such a move. This will make the income inequality in our nation much worse. This will be an increasing problem if the gap between rich and poor gets even wider.
8. Every health organization in the country has expressed opposition to this bill including the Red Cross, AARP, AMA, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Hospital Association and about 30 more! After searching for medical groups opposing the ACA, only lobbying groups were located. The repeal bill does not appear to have any widespread support!

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Katherine Novotny [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My story with Medicaid is that this is the first time my family has had access to health insurance and health care and because of this, we are able to seek preventative care and have been able to head off issues and address them in a timely manner which has helped us stay healthy and reduce our overall healthcare costs (even what is billed to insurance) and this helps allow my children to attend school without missing it for unaddressed health issues and we can make it to work. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA with better access to dental care, not repeal it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Katie Novotny

St. Paul, MN

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**From:** Angie Hughlett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Say no to Graham Cassidy et all

My family is enrolled in the IRIS program. This program allows my autistic adult daughter to be involved in the community, work, get needed therapy and affords us the peace of mind as primary caregivers to maintain our outside the home occupations. Don't mess with this. Please.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Brenda Bolton, [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care bill

Until you can write a BETTER bill do NOT repeal Obamacare.

People will DIE.

Their death will be on the hands of those who repeal Obamacare without a replacement that GUARANTEES pre-existing conditions will be covered and premiums will NOT increase when one becomes ill.

There must be negotiated caps on drugs and hospitalizations and there must be a requirement to join a pool in order for healthcare for all to succeed.

Do not vote for the Graham bill.

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Brenda Bolton

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** kitty kent [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GRAHAM/CASSIDY NON-HEALTHCARE PROPOSAL

I strongly urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal bill. The majority of Americans want the ACA repaired, not repealed nor sabotaged.

I depend upon ACA federal exchange for my healthcare in SC as no state exchange exists. If this bill is enacted into law, I will have NO coverage again. I have contacted my senator, Lindsey Graham several times over this year and told my story again and again...he has shown zero interest and now demonstrates his priorities by insisting this particularly egregious piece of legislation should be considered as an attempt at improving healthcare instead of what it is, a purely political vehicle to appease big donors and those who are sworn to destroy EVERYTHING Barack Obama created.

Kitty Kent  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** ANNE CRUMPTON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

I have a granddaughter with diabetes. Her father is dead. She needs health care. Fix the ACA. Please don't ruin the progress made.

Thanks  
Anne Crumpton  
Knoxville, Tn

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**From:** sarah hovde [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Sen.Schumer@opencongress.org; Sen.Gillibrand@opencongress.org  
**Subject:** Do not pass Graham-Cassidy!

Dear Senator Wyden, members of the Senate Finance Committee, and Senators Schumer and Gillibrand –

I am writing to urge you to NOT advance the Graham/Cassidy “Trumpcare” bill. The bill combines all the worst features of the versions of ACA repeal advanced to date. It will result in loss of meaningful health care coverage for the people who need it the most.

We can do better. I implore Republicans and Democrats to throw out this bill and begin bipartisan talks to strengthen ACA and improve it.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hovde  
Brooklyn NY

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**From:** Debbie M [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Save the ACA!

Dear Senators,

Please do not pass the Graham- Cassidy Bill. It will put millions of Americans at huge financial risk, my family included.

Everyone in my family has some sort of pre-existing condition and I'm sure most people in your family have one too.

Please do the right thing and do not pass the Graham-Cassidy Bill. Do what is good and KIND and save the Affordable Care Act.

History has its eyes on you! Will you be a good leader who looks out for the best interest of your country's people or will you be a self-serving, greedy tyrant who just makes sure that you and your wealthy friends get wealthier while the common folk suffer?

Do the right, kind and humane thing and oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill!

Thank you,  
Debbie Mitchell

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jen Hope [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing 9/25/2017

To the Committee:

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill. I rely on the ACA for my health insurance. Like so many Americans, If I were to have bought health insurance independently prior to the ACA's rules about pre-existing conditions, I would have been disqualified from an affordable plan. I also oppose the cuts to the Medicaid expansion, on the grounds that cuts would harm our country's elderly population and the most vulnerable children.

Please register my firm opposition to this bill.

Thank you.

Jennifer Hope  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

are doing horrendously. If the Graham-Cassidy bill is passed, these health outcomes will worsen, and resource-poor, low-income, and marginalized women and families will be harmed.

The bill is, in fact, antithetical to reproductive justice, a human rights framework developed by Black women more than two decades ago. Under this idea—which has flourished into an important movement including nonprofits, advocates, and healthcare providers—every person has the rights to 1) determine if and when they will have a baby and the conditions under which they will give birth; 2) determine if they will not have a baby and exercise options to prevent or end a pregnancy; and 3) parent the children they already have with the necessary social support in a safe environment and healthy community without fear of violence from individuals or the government.

In its current form, Graham-Cassidy undermines these basic rights by trying to repeal major provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and dismantling the many benefits necessary to improve reproductive outcomes in the United States through:

**Loss of insurance:** First and foremost, any ACA repeal proposals could strip coverage from an estimated astonishing 30 million Americans. By repealing the ACA's premium and cost-sharing subsidies and imposing age-based tax credits, ACA-repeal bills would make it more difficult for all but especially working women and families to afford health coverage.

In 2016, 6.8 million women and girls enrolled in health plans through the health insurance marketplaces created by the ACA. In the majority of states, the ACA made it possible for more than 80 percent of women of color ages 18-64 to be insured. Graham-Cassidy would roll back these important advances.

**Medicaid cuts:** Graham-Cassidy eviscerates Medicaid, slashing our nation's health care safety net without doing anything to improve the program's quality or efficiency.

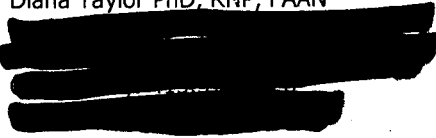
**No pre-existing conditions:** Graham-Cassidy also allows states to waive protections for people with pre-existing conditions and thereby would exacerbate existing health inequalities. Currently, ACA marketplace health plans are prohibited from denying coverage or increasing premiums based on prior health conditions, including pregnancy and childbirth.

**New barriers to birth control:** In 2013 alone, women saved more than \$1.4 billion in out-of-pocket costs on oral contraceptives. Without the ACA's contraceptive mandate, millions of women will be forced to pay out of pocket for contraception in most circumstances. To make matters worse, the proposed bill also defunds Planned Parenthood, which provides millions of people with access to vital preventive services like contraception, STI testing, and breast and cervical cancer screenings. By undermining women's access to these preventive services Graham-Cassidy is putting women's financial stability and health at risk.

**No guaranteed maternity coverage:** In addition, the Graham-Cassidy guts the ACA's Essential Health Benefits (EHB) provision, which granted all women access to maternity coverage on the individual market.

Graham-Cassidy is a disaster for women's health and health equity. Our families and communities deserve better.

**Senators: PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE GRAHAM-CASSIDY PROPOSAL**

Diana Taylor PhD, RNP, FAAN  


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**From:** Taylor, Diana [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Wright, Kevin (Finance)  
**Subject:** OPPOSE GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL FROM CONCERNED SCHOLARS  
**Attachments:** OPPOSE Graham-Cassidy Bill\_SenateFinanceCommittee\_09252017\_TaylorForConcernedScholars.pdf

**Importance:** High

Dear Senators,

Please find our letter in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill below and attached as a pdf:

To: Senate Committee on Finance  
Attn: Editorial & Document Section; [GCHcomments@finance.senate.gov](mailto:GCHcomments@finance.senate.gov)  
Rm. SD-219  
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510-6200

Re: **STATEMENT BY CONCERNED SCHOLARS (Opposing Graham-Cassidy Bill)**  
Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal  
Monday, September 25, 2017

From: Diana Taylor PhD, RN on behalf of **Concerned Scholars OPPOSING the Graham-Cassidy Bill**

Contact Address: [REDACTED]

Co-authors: Dr. Ifeyinwa Asiodu, assistant professor, University of California, San Francisco; Dr. Kimberly Baltzell, associate professor and Director of the School of Nursing Center for Global Health, University of California, San Francisco; Amy Chen, senior staff attorney, National Health Law Program, Los Angeles, CA; Dr. Meghan Eagen-Torkko, certified nurse midwife and assistant professor; University of Washington, Bothell; Dr. Liza Fuentes, public health scientist; Elizabeth Ghedi-Ehrlich, Director of Policy and Women's Health and Equity, Scholars Strategy Network; Dr. Cynthia R. Greenlee, independent historian; Dr. Monica R. McLemore, assistant professor, University of California, San Francisco, and research scientist with Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health; and Dr. Diana Taylor, professor emerita, University of California, San Francisco.

As healthcare providers, researchers, attorneys, and advocates, we are alarmed by the destruction — to individuals, families, our national wellbeing and health-care infrastructure — that will result should the Graham-Cassidy bill (set for a Senate committee hearing on Monday, Sept. 25) become law. We are especially concerned about the catastrophic impact it would have on reproductive health and justice.

Given the bill's provisions, it should not be surprising that Graham-Cassidy would be especially devastating for maternal-child health. Medicaid finances more than half of all births in the country and accounts for 75 percent of all public dollars spent on family planning. Moreover, one in five of all women of reproductive age (15-44), nearly one-third of Black women of reproductive age, and more than one-quarter of Latina women of reproductive age are enrolled in Medicaid.

This is basic math: Graham-Cassidy will harm much of the U.S. population, many of whom already struggle to get quality, affordable care in a country that is among the world's richest. The priorities of Congress are shamefully misplaced. Consider that the United States already has the highest rate of women who die during pregnancy or childbirth among developed countries — and by a lot. Our maternal mortality rate is 50 percent higher than the United Kingdom's and nearly 300 percent higher than Spain's. The disparities *within* the United States are also tragic: Black women are twice as likely to die during pregnancy or birth as white women. Thus, on this standard measure of population health, we

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA Saves Lives. Graham-Cassidy Takes Them.

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I am, like many Americans, self-employed. The Affordable Care Act has made it possible for me to have reliable and decent healthcare coverage, regardless of preexisting conditions, without fear of rescission or fear of hitting a cap if a catastrophic illness should befall me. I have friends and family members with even more serious health concerns and they will literally be either bankrupt, dead or both if they don't have access to affordable insurance.

Don't lie to yourselves or the American people: we've seen the charts and we know how much it will cost for people with preexisting conditions (even those with group plans) to maintain insurance. We know that insurers, doctors, nurses, hospitals, and major advocacy organizations like the American Cancer Society and the AARP have come out against it.

The only people who want this passed are wealthy donors who do not care if fellow Americans live or die. Public opinion, professional opinion -- all stand arrayed against this ill-considered legislation that will have enormous economic impact.

Aside from the morality (or lack thereof) in the horrendous Graham-Cassidy bill, there is the fact that no meaningful CBO score has been established. You're the FINANCE committee. Surely the question of what a radical piece of legislation like this, which affects at least 1/6th of our national economy, might do in the long run to the financial health of our nation should be of utmost concern.

Please do the right thing. Do not let a bill like this pass without the same kind of robust debate, committee hearings and months of deliberation that went into the ACA in the first place.

People will die. American citizens who did nothing wrong other than suffer ill health will be left with no recourse. How can that be remotely all right with anyone who purports to be a public servant?

Sincerely,  
Kerry Reid

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Joyce Larkin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy healthcare plan

As a physician I am strongly opposed to the Graham-Cassidy plan. It deprives millions of people of health care coverage, takes away protection for people with preexisting conditions, purports to give states more flexibility with block grants while severely cutting back financial support (more so for states that expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act - which is unfair and of questionable legality). Seniors who need Medicaid for long-term care in nursing homes will lose out. The list goes on and on.

Also important - and scandalous - is the fact that this bill is being pushed through without proper vetting and hearings in committees, and without full evaluation by the Congressional Budget Office, which is reckless considering that healthcare constitutes almost 20% of our economy. This is a blatant, cynical move for the purpose of pushing the bill through before the deadline so you don't need 60 votes to pass it. The rush to the deadline will further destabilize insurance markets because insurers have to decide by the end of this month whether to participate in markets, without even knowing what is going to happen. Perhaps that is intentional.

This shameful process makes quite clear the lack of interest in real discussion, real innovation, collaborating on real solutions to the very real problem of health care in this country.

This "healthcare" bill is an outrage, and the process by which it is being pushed through is a corruption of democracy.

Joyce Larkin, MD

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**From:** N. Wagner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

On behalf of myself, my family, and my community, 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 - including my 24-year-old brother Josh, who has muscular dystrophy and who relies on our healthcare system to keep him insured at a fair rate on a plan that covers his necessary care. For Josh, like so many others, access to affordable healthcare is a matter of life and death - and Graham-Cassidy-Heller poses a serious threat to his life.

Please do the right thing and reject Graham-Cassidy-Heller.

Thank you very much,  
Noah Wagner  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Anne Cavaliere [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:18 PM  
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Anne Cavaliere  
Moorestown, New Jersey

Anne M. Cavaliere, LPC

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**From:** Stuart Heebner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

My family most certainly relies on quality, affordable healthcare. That is why I am against the Graham-Cassidy bill. My father, who was mentally ill most of his life, yet worked and paid taxes into the system, was well-served by Medicare and Medicaid for many years in his home state of Nebraska. I shudder to think what would have happened to him without these services.

I hope for bipartisan work to improve the ACA - which is currently serving millions - and not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Stuart Heebner

Boston, Massachusetts



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**From:** Julie A Davidson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

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Julie Davidson  
Seattle, WA

(Please excuse any typos as this was sent from my digital Trapper Keeper.)

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**From:** Elizabeth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Kirsten Gillibrand; Chuck Schumer; Eliot Engel  
**Subject:** Comments from a citizen/voter on pending health care legislation

To the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Graham-Cassidy bill to replace the Affordable Care Act.

My understanding is that this proposed legislation would place pressure on employee based insurance plans, causing them to potentially raise their rates, and would roll back any protection against rate increases for pre-existing conditions.

I am a 61 year old woman who is fully employed and does have some pre-existing medical conditions. I am in the later years of my career, and obviously the second half of my life. I have been a contributing member to the workforce and the US economy for well over 40 years. Now, as the time to plan for retirement draws near, I have no idea what to anticipate or how to plan for an unpredictable medical system. Despite my best laid plans, I could be bankrupted and rendered indigent, if my insurance rates rise substantially, or if Medicare/Medicaid are block granted, and therefore healthcare is unreasonably rationed to those who are on a fixed/limited income. How can I reasonably plan for this stage of my life if one of the biggest factors, health care, can't be figured out?

As a NYS resident, I have been grateful that our government has opted for Medicaid expansion, making healthcare reasonable for all New Yorkers. Several members of my family, and extended family, have finally been able to afford to get their basic health care needs met because of the Affordable Care Act. I worry about what will happen to them if Block Granting penalizes NYS healthcare funding.

My spouse and I are the proud parents of a 23 year old who is learning to make her way on the world. She is hard working and thoughtful, with a real desire to give back to and improve the community and world she lives in. She can afford to take the risk of working in the non profit arena, with moderate pay and inadequate benefits because she has access to our medical plan for the next few years. She has the freedom to search for the right career fit, and be innovative with her ideas for the future because she has this cushion of security right now. We see her with her friends; they have such energy and visions for the future. How many of them will be able to realize their ambitions if they can't afford the basics of healthcare? And how damaging to the US economy will it be to have millions of workers stagnating because of the inability to afford reasonable healthcare?

Healthcare is a right. We as a nation have the capacity to make it affordable and accessible to all our citizens. We are bankrupting our social economy by failing to do so; forcing many into poverty, and trapping many in limited employment opportunities. The Affordable Care Act is a beginning, which needs to be strengthened and expanded, not repealed.

Graham-Cassidy seems to have nothing to do with health, and everything with redistribution of wealth towards the already wealthy. It is transparently obvious that the Congressional Republican Caucus is supporting this bill, which they don't really seem understand, because the bill has come due from their billionaire class of Republican funders. This country truly has become an oligarchy if the Koch Brothers and their ilk, and not the voters, are who Congress wants to please.

Please do adequate due diligence on this horrible piece of legislation, allow for regular order, proper debate and a full CBO score. And please understand that the majority of American support the Affordable Care Act, and hope that our elected representative will vote in the best interests of their constituents to improve it, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth de Bethune  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** rebecca groble hull <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing to encourage you to **not pass** the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson bill currently scheduled for consideration on Monday, September 25, 2017 because doing so will harm my family. Currently a third of our income is spent on health insurance. My husband, son, and I each have pre-existing conditions which are currently covered by insurance. The passage of this legislature will put both our financial and physical health at risk, not to mention our quality of life and ability to be contributing members of our great country. Please vote no on Graham-Cassidy.

Respectfully yours,

Rebecca Groble Hull  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Juli Corrigan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:16 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote no

It is irresponsible to vote on a bill of this fiscal magnitude without knowing the implications. Wait for the CBO score and then work across the aisle to fix whatever problems exist. And don't exclude yourselves from the same coverage you deem adequate for the rest of the country! Thank you, Juli Corrigan

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**From:** Melissa Dickey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** More affordable care, not less

To Whom It May Concern:

Medicaid was a great safety net to my young family when my husband and I, in our twenties eight years ago, were just getting started in our careers. Even though we lived in Louisiana, which hadn't expanded Medicaid under the ACA, I qualified for good healthcare while I was pregnant and the children did as well. Our employers — two local universities — did not provide health benefits. It would have been wonderful to have better access to Medicaid, but as it was, shortly after giving birth I was left without health insurance once again. Why must health insurance be so expensive? Why are medications — for example prescription drugs — so expensive? What can lawmakers do to help?

So many people in this country are living like my family was — barely getting by, perhaps living in a city, barely able to afford the cost of living. We need Congress to make changes to healthcare that will help us get ahead, not put us further behind. That is why I do not support the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill.

Thank you so much for all your work.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Dickey

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. We are not the kind of country who just sits back and watches its citizens die of easily treatable conditions and diseases. We are not the kind of country who just sits back and tells its constituents, "you're on your own!" We are not that kind of country.

Either improve the ACA or build a better plan. The Graham-Cassidy fiasco is not that plan. It is an insult to everything that is America.

Wendy Posson  
Portland, OR

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**From:** Wendy Posson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** graham-cassidy

My name is Wendy Posson, and I live in Portland, OR. My whole family relies on healthcare that is adequate and affordable. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband has a chronic neurogenic/autoimmune disorder. The medications for that alone are impossible to afford without insurance. The side effects from both the disorder and the medications have led to other complications and chronic diseases that each need their own medications. He needs access to knowledgeable health care specialists who are near enough for him to access and not so overworked that they can't spend time with him. He needs this in order to live. When his medications and side effects are properly monitored, he leads a full life, including working a full-time job, paying taxes, and otherwise contributing to the local and larger economy - I know this is the part that matters to you. Without that healthcare access, he would be a drain on society, costing even more in social services than he currently costs with medical treatment.

I have bipolar disorder. I also depend on access to health care specialists, being able to access them physically and being able to afford them. Because I currently am able to stay in touch with my health care specialists as needed, I am also able to work a full-time job, pay my taxes, and contribute to the local and larger economy. Without that healthcare access, I also would be a drain on society, costing even more in social services than I do in adequate healthcare.

I suppose you could just yank the social services and let us die. He would die fairly quickly - a couple of months at most. Me, I'd hang around a lot longer, making all sorts of trouble for my local community with my mental illness. Nothing a conservative Washington politician cares about, but hey, you get enough of us crazies together, who knows, right?

I work with Head Start families. Many of them are on the Oregon Health Plan because they have no other access to affordable, much less adequate, healthcare. These are families who live hand-to-mouth because the system is stacked so, so far against them. One big illness, one lost job, one raise in rent, and these families go to nothing, to worse than nothing, to debt they'll never crawl out of. These are families who have to choose between basic medical care and food, basic medical care and rent, basic medical care and transportation to their job. These are families with children who get sick, who get hurt, who do all of the normal things kids do as they grow up. These are families who can't afford decent prenatal care or basic pediatric services.

These are families who don't want to be poor or a drain. They want to do what's right for their children. They want to have their children do better than they are doing.

These are families of the children who will grow up and be members of society. We should want them healthy and educated so they can contribute, not just take from society.

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**From:** Steven Lippman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:15 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Steven Lippman  
**Subject:** Health Care

To the Senate Finance Committee

My name is Steven Lippman. I am a filmmaker based in Brooklyn NY. As an independent artist, I rely on access to quality and affordable healthcare, something that the ACA has given me. In addition, many of my family members and friends across the country, some with potentially life-threatening battles including cancer, diabetes, and HIV, and a young nephew who is autistic, rely upon the insurance that the ACA has given them. First and foremost, they are able to get insurance, without penalty, despite pre-existing conditions. I am all for fixing the flaws in the ACA but to do so without thoughtful bi-partisan efforts and consideration of millions of Americans health is criminal. And we cannot go back to denying people health insurance because of pre-existing conditions! It will kill families and friends. **I will not bury them because of a campaign promise.**

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

Sincerely,

Steven Lippman  
Brooklyn, NY



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**From:** JILL POPKO [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:15 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. As a person with a preexisting condition, melanoma cancer to be precise, I strongly oppose this bill. Stop trying to overturn the ACA and get to work making sure all citizens are able to access affordable healthcare.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Jill Popko  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Chris Robison <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:14 PM  
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Chris Robison  
Bountiful, Utah

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**From:** BRENDA SCHROEDER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy ACA Repeal Bill

Honorable Senators:

As a 57-year-old with a congenital heart defect, I have spent my entire life in the shadows of all of the horrors of having a pre-existing condition that you now seek to reinstate. I have faced life-time caps, been denied coverage for anything related to my heart condition, been priced out of coverage due to my pre-existing condition, and been flatly denied health insurance, period.

Many of these life-threatening insurance situations were imposed through employer-provide insurances. Such insurance was not safe haven for me. Under this proposal, even employer-provided insurances could once again discriminate against people with disabilities. I cannot possibly make you understand the terror that strikes in my heart. Truly you just have no idea unless you or someone you love has lived through this.

My oldest granddaughter was born prematurely. She spent the first 2 1/2 months of her life in an incubator in a military hospital on Okinawa where my daughter was stationed. Had this bill been in effect and had my daughter had not been in the Air Force at the time of my granddaughter's birth, there is a good chance that she would have hit her lifetime cap by the time she went home from the hospital for the first time. This is inhumane!

I saw what this did to my parents. No one should have to watch this happen to their child! It is so difficult to think you're going to lose them to the medical condition. But to think you might lose them because you can't afford a medical procedure: that is unbearable! Can you imagine the guilt of parents who are sitting up at night, trying to figure out if there is anyway they can save their child without going into bankruptcy?

To date, I have had four heart surgeries, plus several other surgeries. When you have a child with a pre-existing condition, there is no guarantee that, if you take out a second mortgage on the house to pay medical bills, your financial responsibility will be done. What happens the next time?

We Americans deserve better! So many people come here for our healthcare! We need to keep it accessible to our own citizens! THIS is how you put America first! Please defeat this bill! Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Schroeder

Sent from my iPhone

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Robin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not pass Graham-Cassidy harmful healthcare bill!

To the Senate Committee - I am voicing my opposition to the latest debacle that is supposed to be health care reform. The Graham-Cassidy bill is a huge mistake! Stop playing with people's lives! Would you want this horrible bill that takes away pre-existing conditions thrust upon you or your loved ones? Why can't you all get it together, do the right thing by taking your time and fixing what needs to be fixed without throwing millions of people off healthcare? Whether you like it or not, the ACA is actually working for many people. Stop making this a partisan issue and make it a humanitarian issue. Do the right thing and don't pass this sorry excuse for a bill.

Sincerely,  
Robin Noonan-Price

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Emily <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

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Sincerely,

Emily Shugarman  
North Grafton, MA

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**From:** Laura Nelson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Graham-Cassidy

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my extreme displeasure at the Graham-Cassidy bill. I believe it would hurt the American healthcare system and millions of patients across the US, especially those with pre-existing conditions.

I am angry that members of the Senate cannot reach across the aisle and engage in a bipartisan effort to reform the Affordable Care Act to help all Americans. Why is that so hard?

I am a cancer patient. Every day I wake up and feel fear that I will lose my health insurance and all of my retirement savings in the process. I have worked hard since I was 15 years old and I resent that I could lose everything due to an illness that happened randomly and for which there are no known risk factors.

I also resent that in addition to worrying about my health, I have to worry that my Congressman, Cory Gardner, is more interested in pleasing donors than in representing his constituents. Sen. Gardner, and all members of the Senate, need to take a step back and do what is right for the American people - vote against Graham-Cassidy, and undertake a bipartisan effort to reform healthcare in a way that helps all Americans.

Thank you,

Laura Nelson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], CO 80111

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**From:** JC Reid <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against Graham-Cassidy Bill

I do not support the new GOP Healthcare Plan and request that it be voted against.

The GOP has had 8 years to develop a comprehensive Healthcare plan to replace the Affordable Healthcare Act. In that time, the only thing they have concentrated on is repeal.

The GOP has spent no time developing an acceptable alternative plan. Candidate Donald Trump stated that he would replace the ACA with a better and cheaper plan. He expected the GOP to have spent the last 8 years developing a great plan. Unfortunately the GOP has not developed a better plan as shown. The GOP wants to pass Healthcare legislation only to complete a campaign promise with no thought for the consequences that their new plan will have on people's lives.

The GOP Congress has not even attempted to work in a bipartisan fashion to improve the ACA or to develop a bipartisan replacement plan. The Healthcare plan must be a bipartisan plan that accomplishes what President Trump promised, A Better and Cheaper Plan. Otherwise, 50 percent of the voting population of this country will not have been represented in the development of the plan. This is obvious as the GOP has written their plan behind closed doors without discussion or debate.

This is not acceptable to me and I do not support the Graham-Cassidy proposed plan. I want this plan defeated and the Republican and Democratic members to work together to develop a plan that is best for the people of this country! It never should be what is best for the party period. It must be what is best for all people, young and old, and decided on by bipartisan agreement otherwise the great American Democracy is finished and GOP totalitarianism dictates policy without regard to fifty percent of the population. NOT AT ALL WHAT I WANT!

J. Reid

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**From:** S <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committee,

I urge you to reject Graham-Cassidy-Heller. We need a healthcare bill for all Americans not one that favors corporations. 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.

I personally have a pre-existing condition and a healthcare plan which had a lifetime cap prior to the ACA. That is essential to my life.

Susan Dulong  
Mantoloking, NJ



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cassidy-Graham ACA Repeal Plan

I am contacting you to voice my opposition to the passing of the Cassidy-Graham ACA Repeal Plan . The rush to pass this current bill , which is more radical than the previous efforts to repeal, will completely create total upheaval in the health care system in our country. This is not about what is right for the citizens of our country , but is driven just "to pass something " before the Sept. 30th deadline. This is a political move, not one that is "good policy" What is needed is bi-partisan efforts to improve the ACA, rather than dismantle the entire system .

Millions of families throughout the country will be negatively impacted by this bill. Our own family is no exception. My husband and I are parents to our youngest daughter , who happens to have Down syndrome , which is a life-long intellectual/cognitive disability, as well as being hearing impaired and health-impaired. She is a joy, not only to us, but to everyone she meets. If Medicaid is turned over to the states as block grants and imposes first -ever caps on federal funding for Medicaid, this drastic and fundamental overhaul of Medicaid jeopardizes home and community-based services for people with disabilities to remain in their homes , with their families and in their own communities. Medicaid is the single most important insurer for people with disabilities, low- income families, as well as seniors and those in nursing homes. People with disabilities rely on the Medicaid Waiver Home-based Services for having a life in their community .

This proposal would also gives states significantly more discretion over health care, potentially compromising protections for those with pre-existing conditions. As a cancer patient, I have some very real concerns regarding states seeking waivers regarding pre-existing conditions and insurance companies charging higher premiums for those with pre-existing conditions , thereby pricing people out of the insurance market.

My very own state of Illinois will loose 1.4 billion in Federal Medicaid funding by 2026, increasing to \$ 9.26 billion by 2027. This has dire consequences for millions of citizens, as well as the entire health care system.

Please work on bi-partisan efforts to improve our health care system. Do not pass the Cassidy- Graham Proposal

Thank you,  
Anna Maria Kissel

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**From:** Jen Malec [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** DO NOT PASS Graham/Cassidy

I implore you to take a step back and withdraw this bill. Leaving the decision up to states to provide healthcare and allowing waivers for denying pre-existing claims is unconscionable. Families with health conditions - hereditary ones they were born with- did nothing to cause this condition and punishing them by potentially denying their healthcare is criminal.

Jennifer Malec  
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**From:** Liz Hawaii [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Stop Graham Cassidy

Please Stop Graham Cassidy bill from being passed to protect Medicaid. There are millions of Americans who are on the autism spectrum and need 24x7 help. This bill would cut their coverage, which creates a ton of issues for the individuals and their families.

Thank you,

Liz Hawaii

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**From:** Susan Spann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing

Cassidy-Graham Senate Finance Committee hearing September 25, 2017

To whom it may concern:

I am a disabled adult living in Alabama. I am very concerned about the Graham-Cassidy bill that has been proposed.

In Alabama, disabled adults barely get any benefits from Medicaid. But the benefits I do receive are valuable.

It is as a result of the barebones nature of Alabama Medicaid for disabled adults that I have BCBS of Alabama as primary coverage. However, I would not be able to have that if not for the protections outlined in the Affordable Care Act.

I was born with pre-existing conditions. My mom served this country and was exposed to agent orange. She was also exposed to rubella when she was pregnant with me.

While many of my conditions did not manifest until much later, I am still with what are now considered pre-existing conditions.

If not for the ACA, I would be dead. Instead of advocating for others like myself and for my state to improve life for people like me, I would be dead.

But the ACA says, look, you cannot discriminate against her no matter where she may live. And it says you must cover a minimum of these benefits. And you cannot put a lifetime cap on her. She gets to have preventive care in order to make sure she doesn't end up becoming more costly to anyone.

I am 38. I will be 39 soon. I need IVIG. And I have already had precancerous colon polyps removed this year because I was exposed to something that ended up being very dangerous.

I almost died of sepsis. Twice. This year. But because I have BCBS and Medicaid, I was able to be treated quickly.

I have a rare disease that has a maintenance medication that would cost me \$1000 per month if I had no insurance. BCBS picks up 70-80 percent. Medicaid picks up the remainder then has me pay a small copay from there. But if I did not have BCBS (courtesy of the ACA), Medicaid would have close to \$1000 per month to cover. So, essentially, the ACA makes me cost less for Medicaid.

We chose to spend most of my SSI - disability benefits on private market insurance. Because it is far more beneficial for me.

But not everyone has that ability.

I live in Alabama. Alabama has never done right for its residents when it comes to healthcare. And I would not expect them to do right if the Graham-Cassidy bill somehow passed. People like me are in jeopardy of losing our coverage, our homes, everything. And all because a certain faction of people decided that our lives are not worth the fight to put together a bipartisan bill that would help 100% of the population.

My response: You give up your tax funded salaries and healthcare first. Because if I have to suffer, so do you.

Oh, and my mom? She benefits from the ACA because I benefit from it. The only thing we would get with the Graham-Cassidy bill is death and bankruptcy. We have been through this before before the ACA. We have no intention of going back to that.

Sincerely,

Jeanne and Susan Spann  
Birmingham, Alabama

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Margaret Heinikel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** To the Finance Committee regarding the Graham-Cassidy Bill

In regard to the hearing on the Graham Cassidy bill on Monday at 2 pm.  
Date of hearing: Monday September 25,2017

I am writing in support of the ACA, and against this Graham Cassidy bill.  
Obviously this bill will hurt many millions of Americans, but I would like to focus on one American, my Granddaughter.

My Granddaughter was born with a condition called Neonatal Autoimmune Thrombocytopenia. She was born with an extremely low platelet count which required 3 weeks of hospitalization, a number of blood transfusions and several infusions of IVIG. All of this was very very costly. She came out of the hospital with a bill of \$175,000. This was mostly covered by insurance. My daughter and her husband have excellent medical coverage.

My concern is the lifetime caps that this current bill contains. Kids like Morgan, who are born with a life threatening condition run up a huge bill before they even leave the hospital where they were born. I believe that \$175,000 is small compared to the kid that is born extremely premature or with a condition requiring extensive surgery.

What happens to them if they encounter another life threatening (expensive) condition during their lifetime? Are they just cut off and left to fend for themselves and go into medical bankruptcy in order to keep their health.

Respectfully,

— Margaret L. Heinikel, CTR

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Eden, NY 14057  
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**From:** emilyis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Gillibrand, Kirsten (Gillibrand); schumer, scheduling (Schumer)  
**Subject:** Testimony Graham-Cassidy  
**Attachments:** Graham Cassidy Testimony.pdf

### **"Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017"**

From: Emily Morse

[REDACTED]  
New York, NY [REDACTED]

I am ashamed at my government's latest attempt to deny health insurance to many of our country's most vulnerable populations, and particularly disgusted that women's health is again on the chopping block for what seems to be purely political reasons.

When I finished my master's degree, saddled with debt and attempting to start my own business, the ACA did not exist and health insurance was prohibitively expensive. During this time, Planned Parenthood was the only place where a doctor would see me for preventative care on a sliding scale. For years, I annually went to Planned Parenthood for cancer screenings, general health check-ups and responsible reproductive health advice.

Now, as a small business owner, the ACA is my only affordable source of insurance, and I have benefited from the income-based subsidies. The Graham-Cassidy Proposal will likely destabilize the markets, increase premiums (IF I am lucky enough to still be insured rather than priced out), make coverage inaccessible to millions of Americans, AND defund the organization that had previously been my safety net.

I continue to believe in my capacity to work hard building a small business that I hope will be a small piece of the productive, innovative tapestry that is the American Dream. But there is a point where I can no longer turn a blind eye to what can only be called a systemic attempt to subvert independent work, the poor, the elderly, minorities and women.

Graham-Cassidy disregards the basic tenets of a workable insurance system and is a moral black mark on the face of the Republican Party. Look into both your heart and your mind, and you will see this is not the plan for reform.

Thank you,  
Emily Morse

[REDACTED]  
(By the way, I continue to go to Planned Parenthood now that I have insurance, hoping to give back little by little to an organization that I can say without a doubt puts health care for EVERYONE first.)

Attached: PDF version of the above

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**From:** Glenn Frantz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

The Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal, like all previous proposals to repeal the Affordable Care Act, would be devastating to millions of Americans. It would slash funding for Medicaid, put health insurance out of reach for many who now have it, and re-introduce benefit caps on those who might still be able to get coverage.

If you get a major illness and you don't have comprehensive insurance, you face a stark choice: Bankruptcy, or death. That is the fate thousands of Americans will be sentenced to if Graham-Cassidy becomes law.

Furthermore, financially the proposal is egregiously unfair. It would take Medicaid money away from states that accepted the Medicaid expansion, and give it to states that didn't. And of course, it would shower even more tax cuts on the already obscenely wealthy.

Please protect the ACA and oppose Graham-Cassidy.

Glenn Frantz  
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**From:** Sharon Lyons [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Personal effect of theGraham Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Sharon Gula Lyons. I am a 53 year old Navy wife(retired), mother of two sons, and a grandmother of a 19 month grandson. I am also a cancer patient. I was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in October of 2015. I have been in continual treatment since November of 2015. My medical insurance has paid well over 1.5 million dollars. First, I was on 6 rounds of very aggressive chemotherapy. Each treatment was \$26000 every 3 weeks. Follow up CT scans, blood work,and PET scans followed. Next, I was on maintenance chemotherapy for 12 rounds at \$14000 each. Follow up with blood work, PET and CT scans. The cancer continued to spread. Then came the immuno-therapy. Keytruda the wonder drug at \$46000 each treatment. I applied for assistance to reduce the cost and save my INSURANCE company money. I'm nice like that! I was on Keytruda every 3 weeks for nine months. The cancer came back. I am currently on aggressive chemotherapy again. On September 12th was my second round of this treatment. LIFETIME caps kill people. If the state of Oklahoma is able to reinstate lifetime caps, I'm dead. Literally. I was told when I was first diagnosed the without treatment I had 14 months. Fortunately I have Tricare insurance. I also remember way back in the 1980's when Tricare had lifetime caps. I do not own a home to mortgage for my medical bills. I don't have an Swiss bank account. What am I to do? I already know the answer you will give. Take personal responsibility for my cancer. Not the governments problem. Die quick so we don't have to deal with you. Senator Cassidy you are a doctor. You look my grandson in the eye and tell him why you chose to let me die. FIRST DO NO HARM!!!! You explain to me why Senator McCain's treatments are more important than mine. Do I sound angry? Yes, because I'm up all night worrying about the what ifs. What happens to my family when my treatments are no longer covered? I should be focused on my treatments.

I'm going to do something now that I never imagined I would ever have to do in my America. BEG FOR MY LIFE!

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS BILL PASS! I WILL DIE!

Sincerely,  
Sharon Gula Lyons

[REDACTED]  
Del City, OK [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jill Richardson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Bi- Partian Vote is a MUST for health care

HEALTH CARE MUST HAVE BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT!

Congress MUST work with all sides to create a balanced, fair health care system.

It's discouraging how this new health care bill has appeared twice now in Congress, and has not gone through the proper agencies to see if it will even work.

It's discouraging how two health care bills have gone through Congress and the COST wasted not doing this properly.

Fix Obama Care!!

Work for ALL AMERICANS to fix our health care.

Thank You,  
Jill Richardson

[REDACTED]  
Dana Point, CA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Hank Fay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH A Disaster

To Whom It May Concern:

Before the ACA, I was paying \$16,000 for family insurance (excluding mine). The was because my wife had 3 pre-existing conditions (and now has 11).

Does anyone think that Gov. Bevin of KY won't take the "state exemption" and allow pre-existing conditions to be charged whatever the market will bear? He will do what the Koch Bros. want him to do, and they want all the money of government to be available for their use.

And then there's Medicaid: by Monday, everyone in Kentucky will know that the block grants a) won't cover the costs to begin with and b) will run out after 2026.

This is savagery at its most ignominious. Shame!

Henry Fay

[REDACTED]  
Berea, KY [REDACTED]

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**From:** Catherine Radecki-Bush [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against Graham-Cassidy

Please consider the effect on the American economy of repealing the ACA. I have seen our local health care provider, Sansum Clinic, increase its staffing in order to serve an increased patient load. If the CBO was able to score Graham-Cassidy it would make clearer how many Americans would lose healthcare. What I never hear is how many health care jobs will be lost. these are generally well paying jobs for which individuals earn a middle class income. Raising unemployment is not what the economy needs.

Yes, fix the ACA. Find a way to bring employers in and stop the runaway profits of insurance and pharmaceutical companies so we can support insurance subsidies for lower income Americans. The larger the pool the more broadly dispersed the risk.

The ACA .paid for preventative care which equals long term cost savings.

Just because Republican voters wanted the repeal of the ACA 8 years ago doesn't mean they want it now. Times and attitudes change. Republican Senators are swimming upstream on this. Listen to your constituents.

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Catherine Radecki-Bush, Ph.D.  
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**From:** Kathy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare

To Whom it may Concern:

I am opposed to the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). It will leave millions without access to healthcare, especially if left up to states like Texas.

I have a chronic disease known as metastasized breast cancer. I am a 12-year survivor because I have had access to healthcare. I am no longer able to work and was able to consider no longer working and go onto long term disability because of the ACA, since I was the one who carried insurance for my family. After I met the 2-year elimination period, I now have access to Medicare. I am grateful that I have continued to have access to healthcare after working since I was 16-years old. I am also grateful that when I had to have emergency surgery, I didn't lose my home nor have to declare bankruptcy. The ACA works, however it does need some improvements. This proposal is not an improvement. It is playing politics with people's lives and that is wrong!

I am truly unhappy with the continued rhetoric that the ACA doesn't work. In states unlike Texas, that chose to expand Medicaid, premiums have not risen at the same percentages. If states that did not expand Medicaid are given money through block grants and allowed to make up their own healthcare plans, millions of people will be priced out of the market and will not even have access to catastrophic plans. I will likely die within two years of no access to healthcare.

Charging seniors higher premiums is wrong. I have put my hard earned money into Social Security and Medicare throughout the time that I have worked, as has the majority of senior citizens. To charge us higher premiums when we can least afford it is wrong.

If Congress truly wants to make improvements to the ACA, possibly you could start by bringing down the cost of prescription drugs. I have a decent Medicare Advantage plan and two of the drugs that I take are not covered. One is \$34,000 per month for 21 pills and the other is \$19,000 per month for two injections. I can only get these drugs through prescription programs offered by the same pharmaceutical companies who make these drugs. Those prices are insane!!

It's time for Congress to stop proposing bills that are put together in secret without bi-partisan input and not well thought out. Other countries around the world have put healthcare programs together and some work better than others. Let's start by looking at those plans. That seems logical.

I propose that each member of this committee ask themselves this question, would I be willing to give up my rich insurance plan paid for by taxpayers and go on an insurance plan offered through block grants in the state that I consider my residence? If your answer is no, then your vote should be no. As an HR professional, when I met with a manager regarding disciplinary action for an employee, my question always was, is this the direction you would go with your favorite employee, if the answer was no, we had more work to do.

Thank you for considering my input.

Warm regards,  
Kathy Eubank-Turner  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Sally Rude [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

This bill will deprive sick people of healthcare by freeing states to remove insurance protections for people with pre-existing conditions. Without those protections, insurers could price such people out of the market.

Insurers have come out against the bill, joining doctors, hospitals, AARP, patient advocates, multiple governors and others.

You must vote NO!!!!

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**From:** John Cochran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

Please don't cut health care benefits.

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**From:** Samuel Flint [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

A Bipartisan Obamacare Repair Plan  
Samuel S. Flint, PhD  
[REDACTED]

The American Health Care Act of 2017 (H.R. 1628) passed by the House in May is deadly. It repeals major portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 (P.L. 111-148), also known as Obamacare, taking health insurance from tens of millions of American citizens (Congressional Budget Office [CBO], 2017). It also eliminates consumer-friendly federal private insurance requirements like preexisting condition exclusions, savages federal Medicaid funding and eviscerates its entitlement status, takes a swipe at women's health, and increases insurance premiums for the sick and the old (CBO, 2017). To make matters worse, it uses the hundreds of billions of dollars of budget savings to fund tax cuts for the richest one-40th of U.S. families (Rubln, 2017). Fortunately people are seeing through this reverse Robin Hood scheme, as evidenced by its meager 17 percent approval rating from the American public after it was made public (Quinnipiac University Poll, 2017). The Senate should completely discard this deeply flawed House plan, and repair Obamacare rather than repeal it. The ACA does have several shortcomings of varying degrees, and the following sections present bipartisan proposals that can remediate the ACA's three most nettlesome challenges.

### INSURER PARTICIPATION IN STATE EXCHANGES

The fact that large commercial insurers are withdrawing from insurance exchanges in several states has been interpreted by ACA opponents as evidence of the program's imminent collapse. Never mind that many of the recent insurer withdrawals resulted from Trump administration sabotage. Actions like instructing the Internal Revenue Service not to enforce the individual mandate and the repeated threats to refuse to pay insurers for low-income beneficiaries' costsharing charges have succeeded in destabilizing some exchange marketplaces.

Like the judge who offers mercy to the child who murdered his parents because now he is an orphan, the Democrats should look past such partisan action and solve the problem of reduced consumer freedom of choice. This issue can be fixed by using state Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C) managed care plans to expand insurer choice.

These plans are already vetted for quality and access for a vulnerable population and are available in every state except Alaska. All that needs to be done to offer them through state exchanges for the non-Medicare population is to adjust the premiums actuarially to make them appropriate for the exchange population. In states with fewer than three options, Medicare Advantage plans should serve as welcomed additions.

### GEOGRAPHIC INEQUITY

Federal financial aid for life-saving health care for poor citizens should go to them regardless of where they live. Yet 19 states still refuse to expand Medicaid, with more than 2.5 million residents who are poor, uninsured, and ineligible for Medicaid or any federal subsidies to buy private coverage in state exchanges (Garfield & Damico, 2016).

When the ACA was enacted it was assumed that all poor, uninsured people would gain coverage through Medicaid, since 90 percent to 100 percent of state costs are paid with federal dollars. This assumption proved erroneous after the



Supreme Court ruled that states could opt out of the Medicaid expansion, and 25 states did just that. That number has declined to 19, but it is worth noting that 91 percent of the impoverished uninsured being denied federal funds intended for them reside in southern states carried by Mr. Trump (Garfield & Damico, 2016). Is it fair that an uninsured family of four in Maine with yearly earnings less than \$24,000 is ineligible for any federal help, but a New Hampshire family of four with a \$97,000 annual income can receive subsidies?

To solve this inequity without encroaching on states' sovereignty over their Medicaid programs, these 19 states or the federal government should determine income-appropriate premiums and cost-sharing subsidies to allow the state's poor to purchase private insurance in the ACA exchanges using the federal dollars the state would have received for these beneficiaries if it had expanded Medicaid. Mike Pence's home state of Indiana is doing something comparable right now as a result of waivers he worked hard to negotiate when he served as governor.

#### INADEQUATE COST CONTAINMENT

The ACA's explicit cost-containment goal is to reduce the rate of growth in health care costs (also referred to as "bending the cost curve"), not reduce nominal prices as has occurred in such industries as computers and television. Nonetheless, the unrealistic expectation promoted by Obamacare opponents is that unless prices decline, the ACA has failed. To buttress this failure perception, premium spikes in selective markets have been widely publicized.

The jury is still out on the ACA's long-term cost-containment efficacy, but we have a few early results. First, the CBO projections for the federal cost of the ACA have been lowered twice (Timiraos & Armour, 2015). Second, aggregate U.S. spending for health care has risen at a lower rate since 2010 than virtually any other period since the country began tracking it in 1960 (Kaiser Family Foundation & Health Research and Organizational Trust, 2016).

Furthermore, the "medical loss ratio" rules designed to prevent health insurer price gouging have resulted in billions of dollars in consumer rebates (Kaiser Family Foundation, State Health Facts, n.d.).

Some Obamacare strategies, like first-dollar coverage for preventive care and early disease detection, as well as its quality incentive bonuses for managed care plans, may yet save billions. Other ACA components, like seed money to develop accountable care organizations, may not have been worth the investment as several have failed.

However, since effective cost containment is a goal everyone shares, why not add some Republican proposals to the ACA? The Democrats have nothing to lose from bolting on Republican ideas.

For one thing, they just might work well. At worst, their inclusion will blunt partisan bickering over the alleged inadequacies of the ACA's cost-containment armamentarium and increase public confidence in the law.

One vaunted Republican notion is interstate health insurance purchase. Precisely how this could be implemented remains fuzzy since a Utah provider network is inaccessible to a Georgian. Rather than speculate, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services should fund pilot programs, perhaps one in the southwestern four-corner states and another in New England, to explore what actually would happen to the cost of care in the real world if interstate purchases were permitted. Tort reform, another well-worn Republican cost-containment proposal, was openly courted by President Obama as something to explore. He was right.

#### CONCLUSION

The country cannot go on changing the health care system every time a new party takes the reins in DC. We must get off the seesaw. The public interest demands bipartisan solutions to resolve the thorny access, quality, and cost challenges that plagued our health care system before Obamacare was enacted and which will surely haunt it whether that law stays or is replaced. It is time for both sides to rise above the partisan gridlock that thwarts lasting solutions to our imperfect health care system.

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Samuel S. Flint, PhD, [REDACTED]

Samuel Flint  
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**From:** Colleen Gasiorowski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:36 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 cancer, thus a pre-existing condition. I have family members on the Affordable Care Act who may lose coverage if this bill is passed. They also have pre-existing conditions so their premiums will be high or insurance will not be renewed. My parents are elderly and thus will not be able to afford premiums on their limited income. Finally, I also care about the 32,000,000 who may lose coverage, and thus health care. I care that people will die, including children. This is not how leaders treat their constituents. This is not a country like America acts. This is not us. This is not right. This not humane. It is pure cruel.

Colleen Gasiorowski

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**From:** Diane Wattles - Goldstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham-Cassidy

To the Senate Finance Committee,

As a mother, grandmother and a criminal justice practitioner working in the field of harm reduction and drug policy reform I submit these comments in strong opposition to Graham-Cassidy. Simply from a policy perspective appropriate governance would include that hearings be held in the health committees with testimony from health-related stakeholders not in a partisan fashion that is designed to elicit a win for the GOP. As a registered member of the GOP since I was 18, I am appalled that politics is more important than the protection of healthcare coverage of the millions of Americans suffering from chronic health issues, substance abuse or mental illness.

Graham-Cassidy will not solve our healthcare crisis but will impact not just the most marginalized in our communities, but people like my 26-year-old son, who suffers from a pre-existing health condition that would make his health insurance unaffordable and thus a potential death sentence. It is clear that changes to our health care are needed to bring both stability and affordability to the market. Yet the rush to pass this bill without a proper CBO analysis will likely do more harm to the market and impact all American lives.

I would ask that the committee listen to patients; medical providers, the insurance industry, medical associations and now 12 Governors who recognize the damage that the passage of Graham-Cassidy will have on the states and on many Americans.

Sincerely,

Diane M Goldstein

Santa Ana, CA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Margaret Goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:35 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 for a number of reasons.

It cuts Medicaid. Some poor people will not get Medicaid and will die because they did not receive life saving medical care.

It does not protect older people from unaffordable premiums. So some of these people will die because they could not afford to have insurance.

It does not protect people with preexisting conditions. Some of these people will also die prematurely.

It defunds Planned Parenthood which offers life saving services to many men and women. People will die of undetected cancer.

By leaving the medical decisions to the states, it makes it so that items like maternity and cancer care are left up to the whim of a state's governor and legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,  
Margaret S. Goodman

Margaret Goodman  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Celeste Leibowitz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy must not pass

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I am a survivor of breast cancer and I have type two diabetes, plus several other conditions requiring medication and frequent checkups. My husband is also diabetic and a survivor of two kinds of cancer. Put simply, if the Graham/Cassidy bill were to pass and our premiums rose out of control due to our pre-existing conditions, we would be deprived of access to healthcare, and we would die.

Both of us have been productive members of society. My husband recently retired after a long career in the envelope business. I am still employed as a grant writer with a nonprofit organization.

There is absolutely no intelligent reason to sentence us, and millions of Americans, to death or lingering, painful chronic conditions without hope of treatment.

If this bill passes we will no longer beg. We will use whatever time remains to us to fund and work for the opponents of any Senator who has voted for this obscenity of a bill. We will use all our resources to bring them down and see them on the unemployment line.

That is a solemn promise. This bill should never have seen the light of day and it should be scrapped without being brought to a vote. Quite frankly, it is a form of genocide even the Nazis weren't clever enough to think of.

Want to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act? Be heroes. Replace it with Senator Sanders' expanded and improved Medicare for All.

Sincerely,

Celeste and Bruce Leibowitz

[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn, NY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." ~ Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Read more at [REDACTED]

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**From:** Sally Rude <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

No! No! No!  
Vote No!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** sharon shropshire <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** health care "reform"

I am a young 50ish American citizen. I run, exercise, eat lots of vegetables, etc. I have a Master's degree but have never been able to find a job after moving to rural Idaho. Working part time in a school since I also had a teaching certificate, and another small job. They add up to less than 20 hours per week. Minimum wage.

I have never had health care. Always too poor. Received Medicaid coverage when pregnant in other eastern states prior to moving to Idaho around 1998--or so. My beef is that I require some regular preventive care under a physician. The rural hospital does not see people unless they pay a 200 dollar pre pay. This is just for a basic health check. I do have pre-existing conditions that never presented an issue until recently. I have been told that Idaho is tired of people moving her with poor health. I have scoliosis. Not good, but also not noticeable unless a doctor looks at my back. I was told 5 years ago that I was already in a high risk plan that would activate if I paid 700-800 per month. I only make 200 per month so not happening. Was also advised that I go "back where I came from" I hear this often.

With all the controversy, I do not feel comfortable being told that some of us just have to die. America will no longer tolerate or pay for those that "did not live a clean life." I do not or have never smoked, drink twice a year, and use no drugs. No fast food, only home grown and made. I am being told I am tossed out as a citizen. I cannot do any job because of the back, I cannot sit down. No one hires. I should at least receive some basic quality care, and not be humiliated for the scoliosis that I have had since birth.

I also have and disabled son who has completed credits for his B.S.He says he has to pay out of pocket in WA even for a basic checkup. He is on SSI, and gets whatever comes with that. He has cerebral palsy, and cannot drive He has applied for over 200 jobs and no one will hire him. He has student loans due as well.

Something is wrong with a system that punishes relatively healthy people such as myself , and even humiliates them when they have no health care. The states must do something, and your proposals are not valid for most people. Almost every person over age 35 has some sort of pre-existing condition I was a physical education teacher with the Kinesiology degree. People have become increasingly, overweight, etc. and the small percentage of us that are serious about our health are being punished and thrown away. Sorry to be so negative and blunt but Congress should look in to options that other countries offer that do provide coverage for those that are not the rich, entitled mob that receives the care the "normal" citizens are denied.

Why do you get to decide that I should die? Why do you think that is a correct and right thing to do? I do not understand the current mentality and most educated people do not.

Consider the Americans citizen. please.



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**From:** Marcia Wimmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy

Hello,

The purpose of this letter is to note my opposition to the Graham/Cassidy Bill. This bill seems to be a disaster.

Why in the world would anyone think it is acceptable to throw millions of people from their insurance plans -- knowing full well it is an absolute life and death situation in many cases.

Furthermore, I feel this is much to do a partisan issue. This comes from Senator Grassley's recent comment saying Republicans need to fulfill their campaign promise. This is beyond comprehension to me!!

The people of the US deserve quality healthcare. Stop this madness!!

Thank you,  
Marcia Wimmer

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** leni@mdchcr.org  
**Subject:** Cassidy Graham Bill Hearing - a horrible bill  
**Attachments:** ACA Repeal Testimony MCLarkeMD.pdf

Good Evening Senator Cardin

As you proceed to hold the Senate Finance Committee hearings, I would like to voice my adamant and forceful opinion against the Graham\_Cassidy. Under no circumstances should this bill be past due to the millions of people who will be harmed because of lack of access to healthcare. I have attached a testimony I provided at an event in Jan 2017 which outlines how substance abuse and mental health services and patients would suffer - unfortunately, this bill is no better than previous efforts to "Repeal and replace" because it does not guarantee that under every insurance policy sold, mental health and substance abuse will be considered essential health benefits. Every day I care for individuals who are struggling with substance abuse. One 61 year old patient, lets call him Aaron for confidentiality, is taking care of his 6 year old grandson, who is an orphan. Aaron is maintained on Buprenorphine for opioid use disorder, which he can afford because he was able to get Medicaid in Maryland because we accepted the Medicaid expansion. Without this, he would not be functional enough to care for his grandson who would end up in foster care.

Thanks in advance for your review and for fighting fur justice and equity in healthcare through fair legislation.

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**From:** Fred Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:20 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** My sister will die

My younger sister has a genetic PEC in a red state. Without the ACA, my sister will have a death sentence. I will hold every yes vote responsible for her illness if this catastrophe passes.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Barbara Luger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:19 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Stop this bill from passing

The Graham/Cassidy bill is not in the interest of the American people. It is an awful bill especially especially for women. Health Insurance should be examined before pushing it through congress. It is too important to so callously force it on people. The American Medical Association does not endorse it.. I agree the the ACA needs to be Improved but repealing it and replacing it with this plan is not the answer. Go back and do more homework. This is not a mad scramble to to see who wins but rather people's lives are at stake.

Thank you for your careful consideration!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Luger  
Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Jennifer Weland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham Cassidy Heller bill (TrumpCare 5.0)

TO THE UNITED STATES 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 lives and health of millions of Americans. Without study and without a CBO score and testimony from experts, you have no real idea of what you will unleash on the healthcare system and on millions of Americans if you proceed.

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. In fact, Graham Cassidy takes what are already issues in the individual markets and makes them worse. It decimates Medicaid, which so many seniors, children and Americans with disabilities rely on. It takes money from states that have expanded Medicaid and are working to provide coverage and care for more of their citizens and gives that money to states that have not opted to participate...to the detriment of their residents.

It guts protections for pre-existing conditions and allows states to decide on a politicians whim whether to cover essential services, including maternity care, mental health and opioid treatment. As someone who is self-employed and with pre-existing conditions, this decision will greatly impact my life, my financial health and my physical health.

Please pause and think. GOP members have already been quoted in the media as saying the bill is seriously flawed and they don't even know what's in it or what it will do, but they would vote for it anyway blindly.

Is that serving the American people? You know it doesn't. You are hurting the American people by going down this road.

We beg you... stop.

Jennifer Weland  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lolly Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I strongly oppose Graham-Cassidy, the bill is evil, do not repeal ACA

I strongly oppose Graham-Cassidy, the bill is evil, do not repeal ACA

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**From:** Stephanie Lundin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:17 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill. As someone with a pre-existing condition, this bill will negatively impact me. I have never used my insurance for anything other than checkups until this year. This year, I have racked up tens of thousands of dollars in medical bills. Without insurance, I would be faced with crippling debt. As a single mom to a 3 year old, I would not be able to provide for him and pay for my medical bills, let alone see that he'd be able to get the care he needs without ruining my financial future, and thereby his future, even more. Find it in your hearts to put the little people of your country over your political career. You were elected to represent us, the people, not the interests of all of these corporations.

Thank you

Stephanie Lundin  
Illinois

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**From:** Vanessa Mccauley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 6:21 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

My husband decided 9 years ago to start his own insurance agency. We had a ton of saving and while we projected conservatively he would be back to his current salary in 3 years, we prepared for 5. However, right as he started the agency the market crashed. Every driver for insurance dried up. No one was buying that new house or car. So needless to say it was a much slower and rocker start that we imagined.

At some point about 4 years in our insurance was so costly (close to our mortgage) and our deductibles so incredibly high we opted to forgo insurance for us and put the kids on FAMIS because we could not afford it anymore and still make ends meet. Do you know how scary being a mother to 2 is and not having insurance? We were lucky for a while, but then the unthinkable happened and I had a medical emergency that required emergency surgery. I tried to not think of the bill. I tried to tell myself we had plenty of savings. After all it was outpatient. It was only 3 hours total in and out. What could it be... 5,000? Maybe 10,000. It would eat into our reserves but we could manage. It wasn't totally true but it is what I told myself to keep myself from falling apart.

Then the bill came. \$47,000. Yes 15,000 per hour. That was just the hospital bill. There was the surgeon's bill to come and anesthesia and lab. I honestly do not remember what the others were. I just remember the \$47,000 one and screaming and shaking and feeling ill. In that moment I knew we were ruined. Everything thing we had worked for, every good decision, every dollar put away versus being spent was for nothing. I honestly thought, "We have a life insurance policy on me... will it pay out if I commit suicide? It would more than cover the bill."

Think about that. Really, think about that.

We called the hospital and asked if they would consider reducing the bill. I explained the situation. They forgave the bill in its entirety. We were blessed. I have friends that were not so lucky. Do you know medical bills are the are the leading cause of bankruptcies? Over half a million a year. People are going bankrupt to pay to live. Take that in.

Let me be frank, I opposed Obamacare 100 percent. However, let me be clear that it was NOT because I do not believe each and every human has a RIGHT to healthcare. Of course I do. You would be a monster not to. It is because I felt the easiest way would be to expand our current Medicaid and Medicare system to better cover a larger population. Why reinvent the wheel when you could just perfect it.

That said, it was a life safer for us. We finally had affordable coverage that did not have 5-10 thousand dollar deductibles.

However, I now have preexisting conditions. They are not costly and I am managing them, but I still have them. I am afraid of not having coverage again.

It is time America decided to be the great country it once was. It is time to stop be archaic and start being a leader. I have always been proud of my country. Now I just hang my head in shame. Your citizens deserve better. Period. This bill is horrible and moreover it is outright sinister. We are watching you and the decisions you make. Do better.

Vanessa Mccauley



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**From:** Charles Lyons <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:50 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. Based on analyses of this bill, it will very likely result in a significant reduction in the number of Americans covered by health care insurance. It repeals the individual mandate which we know will reduce the number of Americans who chose to purchase health care insurance according to the analysis of similar provisions in other proposed repeal and replace bills scored by the Congressional Budget Office. It will erode coverage of needed medical services as individual states seek waivers to modify the health insurance offerings for their residents. It will pose additional financial burdens on state budgets at a time when many states already struggle to meet their balanced budget requirements. This bill will also lead to increases in health insurance premiums for many Americans often paired with reductions in covered care services, and these increases could result in people with pre-existing conditions being priced out of the market. This bill is just the wrong way to approach health care and should not be supported.

Rather than seeking ways to eliminate the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), any changes to the current PPACA law should be directed first at stabilizing it and then at seeking ways to extend health insurance coverage to all Americans. Payment models which seek to link health care quality and positive patient outcomes with payment should be expanded, and traditional fee for service payment models should be limited. The ability of the government to negotiate costs for covered pharmaceuticals should be fostered and strengthened to reduce overall drug costs. Payment models which also seek to establish cost caps or controls on care delivery services should be explored, and pilot efforts should be undertaken to test these models. The goal must remain to reduce the continuing increase in per capita cost of health care or, at least, to reduce the rate of growth of health care compared to the general growth in GDP.

The current bill being considered by the Senate represents another partisan rush to pass legislation which impacts approximately 1/6 of our total economy. Indeed, it is being scheduled for a vote by the full Senate before a final scoring by the Congressional Budget Office can be completed. Unlike the efforts started by the Senate HELP Committee under the bipartisan leadership of Senators Alexander (chairman) and Murray (ranking member), the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal has not followed the "regular order" of the Senate which was so eloquently urged by Senator McCain. We certainly should have learned by now that such important legislation impacting such a large share of our economy should be undertaken through the painstaking and responsible process of bipartisan debate, negotiation, and compromise.

Please vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Bill.

Charles Lyons  
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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Valerie McAnnaney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:50 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 self employed and have Pre-existing conditions. I rely on the Marketplace and the ACA to obtain my health insurance. I would not be able to get it or afford it otherwise. I have an adult son who is severely disabled due to autism. He is nonverbal and needs constant supervision. We are able to keep him at home by using funds from the consolidated waiver program through Medicaid. As you are well aware, this is a far cheaper option than having him in an institution of some kind. If the funding for either of these programs is no longer available or decreased enough to be ineffective, my family will not survive. You were elected to serve the people, not the big money special interest groups. Do your job FOR THE PEOPLE!!

Valerie McAnnaney

[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Dennis Bolt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care Bill

Access to affordable and meaningful health care should be viewed as a right, not a privilege. Our country's ability to care of the sick, hurt and suffering distinguishes us from many other countries in the world. Please do not rush through a bill opposed by doctors, hospitals, and insurers and most of the American people. Put the interest of American citizens over those of partisan politics and vote "no."

Thank you,

Dennis Bolt

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**From:** Daniel Kramer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Medicaid Reductions

I completely understand wanting to limit Medicaid that is paid for insurance, under the ACA. What I can not understand is possibly threatening the lives of severely handicapped children and adults who need Medicaid to pay for their day programs, their living arrangements and their food and medical care. Surely the Senate can make changes to Medicaid that does not impair the lives of the severely handicapped? My son lives in a group home and without Medicaid, he would probably die. Medicaid pays for his life. Please do not threaten his existence by not seeing the whole picture.

Thank you.  
Daniel Kramer

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**From:** Marjorie Pollock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:47 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 I have had cancer (currently in remission) and I'm afraid I won't be able to afford health insurance, because I have a pre-existing condition.

Marjorie Pollock

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**From:** Francis Luthe [REDACTED]n>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 5:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** RE: repeal of Obamacare

If our Congress repeals Obamacare, it will line itself up with the craziness of the current Trump administration, and you will all be remembered for the pain and sorrow that you've brought to the poor. It will not affect me or my family, but it will be deadly for the 30 - 40 million Americans that live in poverty and cannot afford any insurance at all. Fix Obamacare / Do not eliminate it. Do what is right in your heart, not what is right for the party.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Kerry O'Donnell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a self-employed single mother who depends on medical insurance for myself and my 13-year-old daughter.

The amount of money per person that will be lost in my state if this bill passes means I will no longer be able to afford health insurance for myself or my daughter. Without those tax-credit funds, my monthly premiums will be too much. I can barely afford what I pay now.

This means my daughter will not have health insurance. I will not have health insurance. A projected 32 million people will not have health insurance.

**STOP THIS MADNESS!!!! DO YOUR JOBS!!! STOP THIS PARTISANSHIP!!!**

These are people's lives you are messing with because you have to keep a promise to fatcat rich donors and repeal ACA. **FIX THE ACA!!!!**

Otherwise, the blood of millions of people will be on your hands.

Kerry O'Donnell

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**From:** drew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Trumpcare Comments

Why are the republicans pushing a plan that they know will cause people to lose insurance and calling it "better" than the current system. Why are they forcing a vote on a bill that many feel will not pass. Why are democrats in the house letting this happen? Why did Republicans and Democrats give the military \$700 billion dollars without batting an eye. It's almost as if this representative government does not represent citizens.

**DREW ELLIOTT**

**Donald Trump: I am going to take care of everybody. I don't care if it costs me votes or not. Everybody's going to be taken care of much better than they're taken care of now...the government's gonna pay for it. But we're going to save so much money on the other side.**



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**From:** Bonnie Donohue [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

This bill is an abomination. You know, we know it, the whole world knows it. Do not let this bill pass. Repeat.

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**From:** Bonnie Donohue [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

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**From:** Linda Quon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

You simply cannot allow so many people to go without or pay so much. This is utterly foolish and the government will have to pay in the long run. Vote no on the bill.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Dreyer, Alessandra A. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:46 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.

Alessandra A. Dreyer, [REDACTED]  
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**From:** SueBee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy health care bill

NO and NO to this bill. There is no way most individual states could start from scratch and come up with an effective policy and good coverage within 2 years. And those states who would have a good policy (maybe because they already have one under the ACA?) would end up with more people moving there from states with poor coverage. Republicans in Congress have had years to come up with alternatives to the ACA and have not been able to. Kentucky did well with its Ky-Nect Care and with its expansion of Medicaid. It had good reviews over all, as did Massachusetts plan under Romney. THE GCH would punish these states. Arguments I have heard FOR the GCH--

1) " I have to vote for it because I promised during my election campaign to repeal and replace Obamacare." Bull--. This plan is not a good replacement and would cause harm to many people. A good and caring politician should admit that circumstances have changed and vote for what is best for the people. I myself expect that someone I vote for look at all circumstances and evidence and not be locked into campaign promises and be able to communicate to constituents why the change from the campaign promise is needed.

2) States can do better than the federal government. Really? I am thinking about civil rights and highway standards and the NIH and CDC and environmental regulations which were all implemented at federal level because some states were not providing what their citizens needed. Yes, we need to promote more simplified regulations and implementation, but that does not mean abolishing federal involvement. It means improving it.

3) Most hospital and medical and nursing associations and governors and yes, Americans, want universal health care somehow, with coverage for pre-existing conditions and no lifetime caps and adequate coverage for health problems that may arise. This bill will NOT provide that.

Although I have good private insurance through my husband's employer, some of my relatives do not and this bill would damage their ability to get coverage.

Susan Beeghly  
Omaha, Nebraska

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The Graham-Cassidy bill

Hello Senate Finance Committee,

The Graham-Cassidy bill presents a real problem for Medicare recipients.

It will effectively dismantle Medicare, leaving millions of elderly and people with disabilities without coverage. It punishes large states which enhanced their Medicare programs under the ACA, while rewarding smaller states which rejected Medicare under the ACA, while raising insurance premiums.

According to a report by HHS, estimated annual premium surcharges would go up for pregnancy (\$17,320), for asthma (\$4,340), for diabetes (\$5,600) and lung cancer (\$72,980).

These are not small numbers. The negative consequences of this bill's passage would be devastating to individuals, families, local communities and the entire nation. Even the health insurance industry is opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill, claiming it would create chaos in the economy.

The Graham-Cassidy bill is bad for children, seniors, people with disabilities and women. It will hinder people with pre-existing conditions from getting health care, thus risking further medical consequences and even death. This bill is not only inhumane, it is bad for the nation.

Please oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, and restore trust that there is a fair legislative system in this country.

Thank you,

Miriam Beloglovsky

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**From:** Dan Carlberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

This bill would be disastrous for myself and family. I have an autoimmune disease that was genetically passed to me that I could not have prevented. I have worked my whole life since the age of 14, bought into the lie that was fed into my generation that if I went to school and did well that I would have a better version of the American dream than my parents had.

I've always worked and never leaned on the system, even though I could have withdrawn and filed for disability. I've had crappy health care through my employers and paid through the nose for medical care that was sub par. I've seriously contemplated bankruptcy to pay for my and my families medical bills. I've played by your rules and have gotten nothing in return.

I vote in every local, state, and federal election that I can. You've labeled me a taker and a succubus on society. I'm tired of your games and vision for this country. I will no longer stand by as you play games with my and my families health with no real plan for health care in sight. I can promise I will fight tooth and nail as you try to push anything forward that is less than what we have in place now. The push back and anger you hear in the streets is real and I will do everything I can to unseat those that push this bill forward.

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Daniel Carlberg

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**From:** Liz Pollock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** (SENDER VALIDATION FAILED --- May not have originated from apparent sender )  
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.

Liz Pollock  
[REDACTED]  
New Berlin, WI 53151  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Parnell Barmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The Voices of U.S. (Unified Speakers) Self Advocacy Group  
**Attachments:** Letter to State reps from Parnell on Letterhead 2017.doc; Voices of U.S. (Unified Speakers) October 2017.docx; The Voices of U.S. letter to State representatives 2017.docx

Hello!

My name is Parnell Barmer and I work for Mid-Atlantic Human Service Corporation.

On behalf of those we support, I would like submit a letter of inquiry.

We may be interested in submitting a grant proposal or request but I am unsure as to what we would qualify for.

If I have not reached the correct person, please let me know and I would certainly try to contact them.

**\*SUMMARY\***

We are a non-profit agency that provide Residential, Day Program and Community Support for individuals with various disabilities in Baltimore County and Harford County.

MAHSC has actually expanded by opening a Day Program named Day Options which serves individuals with Autism as well as other disabilities.

Day Options provides day habilitation, supported employment and vocational skills training.

I am the director of this particular program.

Please visit our website at [ippi.org](http://ippi.org).

We are always looking to partner with members of the community.

We have established a self- advocacy group that welcomes not only the individuals with disabilities that we serve but others as well.

All individuals enjoy having their own social event where they can discuss whatever recent success they have had, current events and hold fundraisers.

The group is called Voices of U.S. (Unified Speakers).

All Voices of U.S meetings are held from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Mid-Atlantic Main Office (2109 Laurel Bush Road, Bel Air MD, 20105).

All attendees receive food and drink at every meeting.

This group celebrated the 1-year anniversary on September 13, 2017!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 11, 2017.

Feel free to ask any questions.

Please let me know if there is any way for your organization to support our efforts.

Parnell Barmer  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** KENNETH MOHR [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** health care bill NO

Please do not even consider this terrible bill!

Joy Mohr  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** maureen derbacher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

This is a terrible bill and will hurt millions of people. Those who endorsed the bill have openly misrepresented its impact. Just ask J. Kimmel.

Maureen Derbacher  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** ramsey Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill Testimony

Dear Senators and Congressional Representatives,

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony. My name is Ramsey Lee and I am 37 years old from Hudson, WI. I am writing to you regarding the Graham-Cassidy -Johnson-Heller Bill, unfortunately people with disabilities have been getting scary letters about the bill. One letter stated it would impose cuts to Medicaid and impose per capita caps. I have Cerebral Palsy and I use Medicaid for my personal care and supportive home care as I am unable to dress myself, feed myself, brush my teeth, shower myself, and do other activities of daily living. However, I do not let these obstacles get in my way. I have a Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in Business Administration. I believe that every day is a great gift from God and it's my goal to join the workforce someday and help those in need.

Wisconsin has a great personal care program called IRIS which allows people to receive care in their own communities. This keeps people out of nursing homes and other costly institutions, saves the state money, and is good for consumers. This also allows individuals to live independently with support in their own homes and communities. Under the new Graham-Cassidy bill what is being done to protect community based services? This way, our most vulnerable citizens can participate.

Another concern about the legislation is this is the first I heard about this. If new legislation is being proposed, I think the public should be involved in the process. This will make these programs better for everyone. Wisconsin has long been a leader in innovation and self direction, and I believe these programs should continue in Wisconsin. Under the proposed Senate health care bill, several million people would lose coverage. When they lose coverage it impacts people's lives significantly. For example, if I'm not able to get up in the mornings then my dream of joining the work force is not possible. I'm concerned not only for myself but for other Americans that may lose health coverage because their life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness would be compromised. Due to the uncertainty of the bill and the amount of people's lives that are at risk I am asking you to vote no to any bill that would make cuts to Medicaid. As this bill has had a lack of public input and it could be dangerous to our most vulnerable citizens.

I would like to ask you to hold off on voting yes to any healthcare bill until more input is gathered. Is there anyway we can do this is a bi-partisan way without the cuts to Medicaid?

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ramsey Lee

[REDACTED]  
Hudson, WI 54016

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**From:** Kim Griffin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 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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It is an awful Bill! Do not pass this bill that strips us all of benefits. Vote NO!

Kim Griffin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Stanford, Ann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Act

Dear Committee Members,

I write to ask you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, but not because I believe that the Affordable Care Act is perfect. Far from it—I believe that the ACA can, and should, be reformed and improved upon if people of good will and conscience come together to work sincerely to do so.

I ask you to oppose this bill because it will decimate Medicaid, the single most important health insurance program for children and adults with disabilities in our country.

I ask you to oppose the bill because it will also threaten the health insurance stability—and access to critical care and supports—of *all* people with chronic illness and disability who currently have private insurance.

Because the ACA requires that—no matter what pre-existing condition our children have—they have access to health insurance, our families do not face the impossible financial burdens that their medical bills would otherwise cause. Should the states be left with the option to be waived—or to waive insurers—from this requirement, many of our children and their families would be faced with terrible choices and outcomes.

The ACA and a stable Medicaid system have given many families I know peace of mind—release from the constant anxiety about whether the next procedure, or the next piece of equipment, or the next critical therapy, will be accessible.

Across the country, Medicaid keeps children with profound disabilities in their homes, with their families, rather than in nursing homes. It allows parents to maintain their employment and contribute to society because our children are able to receive the supports they need for healthy home and school care. It offers important secondary insurance to fill the gaps left by inadequate private insurance.

In my state of Illinois, the projections suggest that in 2020, we are looking at an 11 percent cut to Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals and other medical providers; by 2030, that number is 34 percent.

Such cuts would be simply devastating, especially to families of disabled children and the retired and elderly.

The Graham-Cassidy plan to “equalize” Medicaid funding across the states who wisely expanded it under the ACA, and those who cruelly prevented their citizens from getting those benefits is really just stealing from Peter to pay Paul—and we know that this is a terrible way to invest in anything that is meaningful. For governors who refused to participate under the ACA to now take that funding out of the hand of children and other vulnerable members of society in another state under the name of “repeal” is cynical in the extreme.

It is nothing more than a political shell game, and the lives of all Americans are worth more than that.

There is work to do to make the ACA better, to make insurance and pharmaceuticals more affordable, to improve the efficiency of our systems. But this does not require us to act inhumanely, or to fly in the face of what we know to be the honest, good gains of the ACA.

Today, all Americans are your constituents.

Please, think long and hard about what a vote to repeal the ACA and to block-grant and reduce Medicaid would mean for disabled and catastrophically ill children, for adults with chronic illnesses, for the most vulnerable of your fellow citizens and their families.

I urge you to imagine the greatest good that could be achieved here instead if you put people first, and ideology and foolhardy campaign promises to the side.

I ask you to reflect on the simple question, “What if this was my child who would be at risk? My parent?” and then vote “No” on the Graham-Cassidy.

Sincerely,

Ann Folwell Stanford

Ann Folwell Stanford, PhD, MFA

[REDACTED]

Chicago, IL 60604

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**From:** Jimmy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Disgusting

Again No to this Third Secret Shameful Deathbill.

I am Disgusted that we have to constantly fight GOP to not take sides with the Wealthy & Corrupt.

Have Republicans ever had Integrity, Intelligence & Christianity? Will they ever show that they have these qualities? Their bills and platform show a lack of these qualities.

The ability to so easily & regularly Lie to the American People, Trying to repeatedly and secretly ram through heartless bill after heartless bill throwing 32mil Voters off insurance just to give tax breaks to those who dont need them at the life-expense of the weak,poor and elderly... without remorse, leaves me speechless and angry.

This is not Christian. It is abhorrent and unacceptable unforgivable corruption beneath the seats of their offices.

Like important Private sector jobs, we need mandatory Psyche Evals for all campaigning Legislators from Governor on up through Congress, Senate, Cabinet and POTUS.

Sincerely,  
James -An Angry Voter who will vote anything but Republican.



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**From:** Elizabeth Fewtrell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy health care bill

Dear Finance Committee:

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.

Elizabeth Fewtrell

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**From:** Dorothy Keating [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

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In addition, rare disease patients and their families rely on Medicaid for life-sustaining and life-saving care. Under the Graham-Cassidy plan, federal funding of Medicaid would be substantially weakened by per capita caps and block grants, resulting in states potentially delaying or outright refusing coverage for necessary care.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mrs. Dorothy Keating  
[REDACTED]  
New Fairfield, CT 06812  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** WVVA [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

Do NOT REPEAL. You fools will destroy the financial and medical well being if middle Americans!! Tired if paying the price fir all you stupid bill writers!! Why undo everything Obama created? To support an egomaniacal POTUS who you all supported? No repeal- NO REPLACE. THE NEW BILL WILL RUIN DEMOCRATIC STATES!

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**From:** Tina Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare vote

My name is Tina Lee. I live in Walpole Mass. I am pleading with the Senate to NOT pass the repeal of the ACA. I realize the ACA is not perfect, but I feel the Democrats and Republicans should work together to improve it, NOT repeal and replace it. Our 12 year old grandson was born with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). This is a terminal, muscle wasting disease. Boys with DMD usually stop walking around age 12 and many do not live past their 20's. Our grandson used to run, climb, do stairs, kick balls, and raise his arms above his head, just like his younger sister, his cousins, and his friends. He can no longer do any of these day to day activities that is part of being 12. He is still mobile but walks tentatively and slowly. He is much more comfortable in his battery run scooter. This is how he gets around everyday at school, into his school bus, on a lift ramp, and on shopping trips, etc. We don't know how much longer he will be walking but we know he needs continued care and will need it, and more, for the rest of his life. He has a pre- existing condition and we worry how the Federal government and our State government will provide care for him as his needs get greater. I feel that this bill to repeal and replace the ACA will wash the Government's hands of his needs and all of our needs, and will leave our care in the hands of our States - States that will get less funding. My husband is a cancer and stroke survivor, one sister is a 2 time cancer survivor and now has MS. Another sister is a heart attack survivor. They all have pre-existing conditions and will continue to need care as time goes on. How can we be sure the care will be there for them when the time comes? I beg, urge, and plead with the Senate and your committee to vote down this cruel bill and bury it, as written, now and forever. Our grandson deserves a fair chance to live as normal a life as possible when living with DMD. He dreams of playing soccer and Lacrosse and driving his grandfather some day in a sports car! Just maybe, with affordable healthcare, his dreams will come true someday. He is an American who needs his country's help as much as he needs his loving family's help. Thank you for reading and for your time.

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**From:** Karin Tree Falls [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Save ACA

Hello - I would be dead or bankrupt without the ACA. Please keep it and work in bipartisanship to improve existing coverages.

Don't rush through a bill that hasn't had a full CBO score (and what has been vetted is draconian and cruel) and that most Americans, voting constituents, don't want.

All the medical associations oppose Graham/Cassidy, as does the AMA, state Medicaid directors, nearly everyone.

Stop being political and rushing before 9/30 when 30 million or more lives are on the line.

Stop Trumpcare for good.

Don't kill me.

Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No cuts to Medicaid!

Senator,

My name is Kristyn Herbert and I have Cerebral Palsy, I'm I'm in a wheelchair due to my disability, in 2007, I had a huge accident and fell out of my wheelchair and fractured my jaw in 8 places. And three years ago I found out that I had Dysphagia, and I I had to get a feeding tube put in my stomach to eat. I get 24/7 hours care. And if it was not for MEDICAID, I would not be here writing this to you. Please DON'T CUT MEDICAID!.,! There are tons of my friends and families who are on and need MEDICAID....., What if you had a family member who had some disabilities, would cut medicaid then? If you would like to meet me in person, I'll Happy to so so.  
Kristyn Herbert

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**From:** Michael Haydu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

VOTE NO - this bill will cause me harm. I will MAX out which will mean death. Is that what you want? Americans to die?  
Is Trump worth that? Is party worth that?

Look forward to hearing back.

Mike

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**From:** Karyn Crocker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No Graham-Cassidy Healthcare plan

Please know that passing this bill would be detrimental to all who need healthcare in the US. You cannot just throw together a bill with so much loss of benefits just because you want to over throw the Affordable Care Act. We need input from both sides and one that can benefit the most amount of Americans! Please start to work on this together to create what we need. Thank you for your time, Karyn Crocker



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** my personal (brief) story

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

I was so happy to have a little girl, who I named Julie. She is now 22. Julie has multiple diagnosis, including developmental delay, autism spectrum disorder, bipolar disorder, seizure disorder and hypertension. I have forgiven my daughter for hurting me physically, the worse with me ending up needing traction for a pinched nerve in my neck after being repeatedly hit in the head with a toy. I would not forgive you if you took away the doctors, medication and therapy Julie has received so she is now a well adjusted, working young woman.

Please vote no. Thank you, Jolene Elconin

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**From:** Lofgreen, Jenny [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly urge against passing the Graham- Cassidy Bill. This bill violates customary legislative procedures and threatens much needed support to millions of this countries neediest. This bill an insult to the American people, to the legislative process and the right we all have to affordable, effective health care.

Thanks For Your Time,

Jenny Lofgreen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hilo, Hawaii 96720 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy healthcare bill

Dear Members of the Committee:

Thank you for soliciting and considering public comment on this bill. Please put me down as opposing the bill. I am a mother, a small business owner, and a constituent. In my adult life, I have had no health insurance, I have had an individual policy, a group policy, and I have had insurance through the Exchange. There is no question that the ACA dramatically improved access to healthcare for me and my family and for our employees. Not only did the ACA increase our options for coverage, but as you know, the ACA mandated better coverage.

My family has been blessed with relatively good health. There have been years where none of us have had to use the insurance at all. There have been other years where we have. I have read statements by certain lawmakers asking why healthy people should have to pay for coverage they don't use or need simply to subsidize others who are unhealthy. These types of statements are not only non-sensical, but they are disheartening. First, it is of course the very premise of any insurance that everyone pays in and draws out when, and if, needed. It is irresponsible for lawmakers to suggest otherwise. When it comes to health insurance, it is beyond irresponsible. These types of remarks perpetuate a world view that is decidedly un-American and not at all Christian (or consistent with any other faith).

As a mother, trying desperately to raise children in today's world who are kind and compassionate toward others, I sometimes feel hopeless when I listen to some of the rhetoric coming out of Washington. How do I teach my children that they are not the only ones who matter? Other people matter. They matter a lot. Their health matters. Their lives matter. They have sick grandmas, babies born with defects, unexpected cancer diagnoses, etc. and we will not turn our backs on them. I don't want my children to ever think about their own bottom lines before thinking about looking out for their neighbor. That's not who we are as a family and I hope that is not who we are as a society. I promise you, if any member of this Committee came to me and offered me \$2,500 in cash (which may be the tax cut or savings I could expect if ACA repeal passes), but told me I had to agree to taking away healthcare from millions in order to get it, I would tell you to keep your money. Like most, I could certainly use the extra money - raising children and saving for college and retirement is not easy. But I would never, ever take it at the expense of a family who needs affordable care or coverage for their own child's pre-existing condition.

Please do the right thing and put an end to this madness, this seemingly rabid obsession with repealing for what seems like the sake of repeal alone. This bill does not improve healthcare for a single American. It is a regressive bill that takes us back to a time where we have to worry about pre-existing condition coverage, where basic levels of care used by most, if not all, are not mandated, etc. This not only harms Americans, but it also drives up costs in the long run.

Finally, perhaps it is time for the leaders in Washington to demonstrate to our children that they can work together, that life and legislating sometimes requires compromise, that no one "side" gets to have it all, and that the goal is to actually serve constituents and not simply rack up wins. There is a better way forward that does not involve disregarding every single healthcare group and the majority of Americans.

Thank you for considering my comments. I pray you will each meaningfully reflect on how to best serve your constituents and their families.

Megan O'Malley

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**From:** Zoe Schuler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Good morning and thank you for taking the time to read this.

Health is already a scary territory, reminding of us of our ultimate mortality and the potential threat (and often reality) of diminished quality of life. The fact that health issues also force people into poverty, or further into poverty, is unacceptable.

I was recently diagnosed with a condition that would not be covered were the Graham Cassidy bill to pass. It requires medication. It requires frequent trips to Urgent Care.

I work for a non-profit. Already I am forced to take off more time from work than I would like, and I find myself distracted and in pain. I can barely afford an illness as it is. Even with insurance coverage, I am spending hundreds more a year. I cannot afford to spend thousands.

I am young and still consider myself relatively healthy; I consider myself one of the lucky ones. I believe this bill will make the sick sicker, the poor poorer, and generally be terrible for the American public, financially and otherwise. I believe this bill is fundamentally anti-human-being.

We cannot in good conscience have this piece of legislation go into effect in this country.

This bill must not pass.

Thank you for your consideration,

Zoe

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**From:** Sandy Lora [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Medicaid

My son relies on Medicaid to survive. He will be taking medications for the rest of his life, as well as needing specialists to be available when he needs them. He will always be in need of medical help. He needs Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, doctors, nurses, surgeons, transportation and benefits dealing with his schooling.

Please do not cut Medicaid benefits.

Sandra Lora  
Joseph Lora: 18 year old disabled male

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Eddie Colbeth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please do not vote for the Graham-Cassidy bill!

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

As an older American, and a veteran, I implore you to not vote for this bill! I have several pre-existing conditions. I have worked hard for my family, friends, community and country and my reward should not be prohibitive health care costs that may lead to bankruptcy and substandard medical care.

Something so important can not be left up to states to decide, doing so would create to much uncertainty in the insurance market. Please put the health of American citizens ahead of politics.

Sincerely,

Eddie Colbeth

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**From:** Rosette Proodian [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:40 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 of the effects that such a bill would devastate my son with intellectual disabilities and autism and my entire family. Doesn't anyone really care about us and the millions of people who would be devastated if this bill passes. It does not simply reduce the ACA's commitment to healthcare, it ends it all together. Medicaid Expansion and subsidies for individual insurance? Gone in 2026. What's also gone? Protections for people with pre-existing conditions. Also eliminated are the standards that ensure everyone has access to high quality health plans. What is the same is that it guts Medicaid and radically reduces care for children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Is this what our legislature and government think of the American people? My God we have no right to criticize other countries when we are not looking out for our most venerable population.

PLEASE VOTE NO AND DO NOT ALLOW THIS BILL TO PASS!!!!!!!!!!

Rosette Proodian

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

This bill is not much different than the three previously to repeal and change the Affordable Care Act.

As a voting citizen, I'm appalled that Congress would seriously vote on a bill that that has not been vetted by the CBO, discussed, debated, and welcomed public and expert input. I'm insulted that this slap-dash effort will have a negative impact on millions of lives simply because the Republicans need to show their base a win. This isn't a ball game. Home runs don't exist in life.

Reason and compassion count. This bill has neither.

I fiercely oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill for the damage it will cause individuals and this country.



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**From:** Lorraine Kelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** CUTS TO MEDICAID THAT WOULD AFFECT DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED PEOPLE

I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO HAVE AS VERY CLOSE FRIENDS THE PHILLIPS FAMILY. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, A SON WHO IS 44 NOW AND A DAUGHTER 39. BOTH OF THESE "KIDS" WERE BORN SEVERELY HANDICAPPED, UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. THROUGH THE UNSELFISH CONTINUED SACRIFICING OF THEIR PARENTS, THEY ARE NOW LIVING IN A GROUP HOME FOR THE SON, AND A RENTED HOME FOR THE DAUGHTER. THEY ARE TAKEN CARE OF BY DEDICATED AND LOVING PEOPLE -- WHO ARE NOW BEING DENIED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.

PLEASE DO NOT CUT THE FUNDING TO MEDICAID THAT WOULD DEEPLY AFFECT THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

LORRAINE KELLY

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**From:** Emily Weimer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Dangerous Graham-Cassidy Bill

To the United States Senate Committee on Finance:

Bipartisan Medicaid Directors in ALL FIFTY States have issued a negative statement on the Graham-Cassidy bill. There are so many reasons to vote NO. Insurance companies don't want it, doctors don't want it, people with preexisting conditions don't want it, women don't want it, cancer patients and brave survivors don't want it, veterans don't want it, and so I have to wonder why politics are being put up above the American peoples best interests. What a dangerous game you are playing, with American's health at stake.

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.

-Emily Weimer  
Resident of Kennewick, Washington

[REDACTED]

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**From:** mike colasuonno [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Don't repeal the ACA!

Millions rely on the ACA, and I want you to vote against repealing our health care. Especially in such an ill-informed, rushed, flawed manner.

Michael Colasuonno

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**From:** Amanda Roepke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Consider those who will lose coverage under Graham-Cassidy

I am writing to express my profound disappointment with the GOP and how they have crafted this legislation. They are attempting to ram this through without a CBO score. Millions of Americans can lose coverage or have their premiums drastically raised, all for the GOP and Trump to claim a "win". Shame on the GOP and shame on this committee if they stand in support of the bill.

I have written by senators in North Carolina to also express my dismay over this bill. I will not vote Republican in the future if Senators Burr or Tillis support this bill.  
It's wrong morally.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Roepke

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**From:** Tom Martinek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:38 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO!! on GrahamCassidy bill

I'm joining with the millions of Americans and begging you please do not let this bill pass.

Tom Martinek

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**From:** cecille gillcrist [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:39 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. cecille gillcrist  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

melrose park, IL 60160  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Susan Fekete [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Bipartisan efforts to FIX the ACA are needed

Good morning.

I am, by profession, a property manager and the property that I manage is a 55+ senior community. The changes that the Graham-Cassidy bill would be a disastrous influence on the availability and affordability of health care for seniors across our nation, and in my community. More than 50% of the nearly 175 people that live on the property I manage are surviving on a fixed income. Our property hosts a monthly food bank, and 43 individuals rely on that supplemental food, less than \$100 in value, simply to survive each month. The potential increase to the cost of their healthcare has many of our residents frightened and anxious. Heightened anxiety alone is a threat to the good health of many of our elderly.

The simplest way to attack any population is to attack its most vulnerable - the young, the elderly, the inform. Graham-Cassidy does just that. Passing the Graham-Cassidy bill will be seen as an attack on the American people by the very individuals who are supposed to represent them and their best interests. Our elected representatives must stop protecting their own interests and begin protecting the American people. Anything less should be seen as criminally irresponsible.

Thank you for your time,  
Susan Fekete

[REDACTED]  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

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**From:** Paula Cardella [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** grahamcassidy bill

Members of the Finance Committee:

As a real human and not a bot or part of some big organization, I would like to say I and a lot of ordinary Americans would like to state our OPPOSITION to this awful bill.

Medical professionals, insurance companies, economists and others who have studied this bill can hardly count all the ways this bill is a disaster.

Please listen to people who need affordable health care and do not pass the GrahamCassidy bill.

Thank you,  
Paula Cardella



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**From:** Jeff Burkhart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; burkhart109@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Vote No on Graham-Cassidy

Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017 Jeff Burkhart  
[REDACTED]  
Madison, WI 53704

My friend's daughter, Erika turned 18 this past summer. A week after she was born, doctors found out she had two holes in her heart and a rare genetic disorder that would mean should would live with a lifelong significant disability. Heart surgery, feeding tubes and many, many therapies later, Erika enriches our lives.

The one constant since Erika's birth is the promise from medical professionals and others that there was help and hope. Erika has benefited significantly from Medicaid-funded programs in Wisconsin like Katie Beckett, intensive autism services, children's long-term support waiver, occupational, speech and physical therapy, durable medical equipment (communication devices, personal supplies), prescription medications.

I have no idea where Erika and her family would be without Medicaid.

That's why what is happening thousands of miles away in Washington, DC this week is unfathomable. The debate over whether to call it a "cut" or a "slowing of growth" or "reduced reimbursement" does not change the fact that multiple non-partisan experts predict that Wisconsin and all other states will receive significantly less federal moneys for Medicaid over the next ten years.

Wisconsin specifically stands to lose \$2,909,000,000 (or nearly \$3 billion) by 2027 and \$29 billion by 2036.

Wisconsin did not take the Medicaid expansion dollars, we have been extremely efficient with our Medicaid funding, we have eliminated waiting lists for adults with disabilities (and propose to do the same for children in this state budget.) We are a leader in the nation. Why are we being punished in the bill being pushed through the U.S. Senate?

Reducing federal Medicaid funding permanently will not help Wisconsin continue to innovate and meet the needs of our state residents. It will not protect optional services like therapies for children, autism services, Katie Beckett or prescription meds.

My worst fear for Erika's adult life is that the Medicaid supports meant to help end up only being enough to afford a very small life. A life where her mom is her only caretaker because she can no longer work outside the home; where she has no friends or young adult activities because there is no transportation in her plan; she has no supports to get a job where she can contribute something; she has cheaper and cheaper personal supplies that may meet her medical needs but sacrifice her dignity.

Please stop playing politics with people's lives.

Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

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**From:** Susan McDonald [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject Graham-Cassidy bill!!

32 million could lose coverage, radical change to Medicaid, diminished funding for most states -- and 90 seconds of debate? Regular order is needed for such an important issue! If you want to keep a campaign pledge, keep the pledge NOT to touch Medicaid benefits. Susan McDonald

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**From:** Cindy Livingston [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** CBO score for Graham Cassidy

Please kindly follow the intent of the laws regarding CBO scores in regard to the Graham Cassidy bill and not allow this bill to go forward until a new score is presented.

Thank you,

Cynthia Livingston

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**From:** Theresa Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** STOP GRAHAM - CASSIDY

I'm writing to you about the "repeal and replace" disaster called the Graham-Cassidy bill. By ANY measure this is an abomination.

How can Congress vote on a bill affecting 1/6 of our economy without even conscientious debates, input from the democrats and the MILLIONS of constituents it will affect and without the extremely important CBO score? If I were to hazard a guess I would say it's because the republicans don't care what they pass as long as they kill the ACA. Not because it's a bad law, but simply because it was signed into law by our first black president. This is disgusting.

The language that \*tries\* to hide the fact that the pre-existing condition protections afforded under the ACA will absolutely disappear is reprehensible! How can our elected representatives who are \*supposed\* to represent us be so cruel, mean and deceitful? It is truly mind-boggling!

Then there's Medicaid. What the blazes does cutting Medicaid prove or solve? Yes, I know it will be a lovely tax cut for the wealthy along with the rest of this abomination. The fact that children, the disabled, the poor and vulnerable seniors will no longer be able to get the care they need is of no consequence apparently. Just give the 1% their damned tax cuts and to hell with the rest just let them die without healthcare. Rhetorically speaking, do I have it right?

I could go on, but I'm fairly certain this isn't even being read or if it is it's of no consequence. I could cite 32 MILLION reasons why this bill should not even be voted on, let alone pass, but I'm getting a headache banging my head against the wall.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE OUR CARE. Keep the ACA and work on BIPARTISAN fixes. It should not be this difficult and We The People should not have to fight every few months to keep our healthcare!

Thank you,

A voter who doesn't want my name in a database.

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**From:** Lina Wilder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill comment

Dear members of the Finance Committee,

As a citizen of the United States, a professor who teaches young adults, and a mother of two small children, I am appalled by the new attempt to hobble the Affordable Care Act. The predicted effect on Medicaid is alarming, to say the least. The poor cannot be sacrificed in this way. I implore you to do your duty to the country and kill this bill.

yours sincerely,

Lina Perkins Wilder  
Clinton, CT

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**From:** Kay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment

I am a 50-year-old woman. I have many pre-existing conditions including migraines, acne, and two full-term births. I also have cervical dystonia, which requires \$1500 injections from a movement disorder specialist every 12 weeks. With my pre-existing conditions, Graham-Cassidy would allow insurers to make any coverage for me prohibitively expensive, and I would not be able to have insurance at all under that bill. I'm begging Congress, please don't kill us by taking away our health insurance!

Kay Helgesen  
Derwood, MD

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**From:** Robyn W [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Insurance

This bill is terrible. Kicking 32 million people off insurance is akin to a death sentence. People NEED to be able to get health insurance that is affordable. You should not be passing bad bills for your constituents. You should not be passing bills that only benefit the rich. You should not be passing bills that hurt people. You should not be passing bills for your donors. You should be passing bills that help people. This bill does not do that, it will hurt and kill people

Thank you  
Robyn  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Michelle Loar [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Amendment

To whom it may concern,

Please do NOT vote in favor of the Graham-Cassidy Amendment. It will mean millions, including many people with disabilities (like myself - a full-time working mother of 2 young children), will lose health insurance.

Graham-Cassidy is more devastating to healthcare than any other proposal I've seen. It does not simply reduce the ACA's commitment to healthcare, it ends it all together!!! It will eventually take away Medicaid Expansion and subsidies for individual insurance. The protections, I have, for people with pre-existing conditions will be gone. Also eliminated will be the standards that ensure everyone has access to high quality health plans. It's absolutely insane that it guts Medicaid and radically reduces care for children, seniors, and people with disabilities - America's most vulnerable populations!!!

Are you really going to allow this to happen????????

Michelle Loar  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** ken kane [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Blumenthal, Dick (Blumenthal); Senator (Murphy)  
**Subject:** the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Graham-Cassidy would repeal the Affordable Care Act and cut Medicaid thereby potentially leaving 30 million people without health insurance! It will greatly reduce coverage for the elderly, children, and people with pre-existing conditions!

Republican leaders don't seem to be bothered by this. They are trying to bulldoze the bill through before the Congressional Budget Office has time to analyze it. Perhaps this ruthless behavior is because they know that markets will be destabilized leaving millions to lose their coverage!

Let's improve on the ACA not go backwards to when millions of our citizens could not afford to be insured!

Vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Thank You,  
Warda Geismar  
Trumbull, CT

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**From:** Lauren Hanover [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy: Are You Serious?

To the Senate Finance Committee,

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,  
Lauren Hanover

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**From:** Meagan Boyle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare - no repeal without full CBO score

Please consider carefully the financial implications of the proposed changes to health insurance. The ACA needs to be stabilized immediately. This will save everyone money. If the ACA is repealed, a responsible and fair plan that lowers costs of premiums WITHOUT taking away coverage, reducing protections, or raising premiums must be in place first. It sounds like the GC plan will not do these things and the financial impact is still unknown. Please vote responsibly and consider the needs of all Americans over the political gains of a few or the tax benefits of the super rich.

Here are my specific concerns:

I have family on Medicaid. they have already declared bankruptcy. I cannot afford to pick up the cost of their ongoing medical care if they lose benefits. it would bankrupt me as well.

I am a special educator. I can not imagine what will happen to our public schools if medicaid funding that is crucial to supporting our neediest children and their families in the public schools is cut. people will lose jobs and families will lose access to necessary supports and treatments. what will their children do without a free and appropriate education? who will pick up the tab to support them as adults? I imagine there will be law suits as more families have to get lawyers to fight for what special ed law requires schools to provide. if schools don't have the funding to cover these costs, all students will end up suffering.

I support preventative care. it is the most cost effective way to treat both medical and learning issues. Taking away access to preventative care, screenings, and necessary supports will cripple our school's abilities to treat learning issues and accommodate students with other health impairments. this will lead to even most costly treatments as the problems (that could have been treated early on at a small cost) become larger, most complicated and costly issues to address.

I oppose life time caps. My ten year old son just spent his summer undergoing tests and surgery to find out he does not have cancer. The first hospital bill we received was for over \$10,000. This was to find out he DOES NOT need further treatment--what would we do if he did need further treatment? he would quickly reach his cap due to his other ongoing medical expenses.

I oppose any change that will allow insurance companies to raise premiums or deny coverage for pre existing conditions. We have many pre-existing conditions in my household of 4.

I urge you to please do what you can to stabilize the ACA for those who need it. It will benefit everyone if the insurance market is stable.

Please stop this madness of repealing the ACA for the political gain of a few, or for the tax breaks for the very wealthy.

Thank you  
Meagan Boyle

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Bad for business: Vote No Graham/Cassidy Bill & move > bipartisan fix of the ACA

To Whom it May Concern.

Please quit trying to take away our healthcare.

That is not how to make America great. That is how to make America sick.

Many of us know, no matter what you tell your constituents, that you realize the benefits of the ACA. For one thing, many in Congress tried to ensure with the last bill, that they would still be able to keep their gold plans through the ACA. Also, I have read Murkowski has been promised that she can keep the ACA as is if she will vote to let Obamacare fail for the rest of us. This does not say much about your bill.

Many of us realize there are a few reasons you want to pass this: for tax breaks ( money), for your base, because you have promised to repeal Obamacare, because you are concerned that it will work against you in 2018 if you do not pass some legislation. However, it will be much worse if you do pass this bill. I am committed as are many to actively campaign against you if you do so. You work for all the American people, not just some supporters or your base. I suggest you just name it Trumpcare or Ivankacare or something else you come up with & come out with this as " a new bill." Your supporters will be thrilled. They just hate the name Obama in Obamacare. And then later work in a bipartisan fashion to give all Americans affordable healthcare which is what all Western civilized countries have and what Trump promised on the campaign trail. The majority of Americans want the dysfunction to stop and our government to work together just like we have to do at our own jobs.

Your new version allows insurers to raise prices if you get sick and once again peddle health plans that do not cover enough. If America is going to be the best, why do you want to shove through the worst possible healthcare with no debate and no analysis score of how many it will affect?

Republicans love to say they are good for small business, but this bill is not good for small business. Entrepreneurs have to buy their healthcare on the private market. And they are a sector of the economy that is increasing the most. Prior to the ACA, as entrepreneurs of a small, boutique company, this was a nightmare for us. We could only get catastrophic care which was essentially worthless, and if they had discovered pre-existing conditions we had, we couldn't have got that. Because we were healthy, we dumped it a year prior to the ACA. The ACA was a lifesaver for us. It covered much more and was much more affordable with lower cost premiums and deductibles (about half the cost), and we didn't have to worry that our insurance company would dump us if we got sick or, if the worse happened, if we would go bankrupt because of former lifetime caps.

I really wish my mother had the ACA. Maybe she would still be with me. She died many years ago of colon cancer because she couldn't afford the cost of a colonoscopy of \$5,000 which was not covered prior to the ACA. Mine are free & I need one every 5 years as I am considered a high risk.

I didn't say the ACA was perfect, or it has worked for everyone. That is why you need to come together to work in a bipartisan fashion on healthcare. The majority of Americans want you to do this.

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**From:** Stacey Shuster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Graham-Cassidy

As a health care provider, I strongly urge NO on this vote. So many people would lose their health care, especially the most vulnerable.

Thank you.

Stacey Shuster, Ph.D.  
[REDACTED]  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Vic Getz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO!! Graham-Cassidy Bill  
**Attachments:** image1.JPG; ATT00001.txt

Dear members of the committee,

You don't need me to tell you that there is almost no public support for this atrocity of a bill.

You are accountable to constituents. Surely you have enough wealth and security to vote no on this bill.

Surely.

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**From:** Audrey Pan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill

I am a physician, I know for certain amongst my family, friends, and patients how devastating it would be for their lives if this appalling Graham Cassidy repeal would pass in Congress.

It is not fiscally responsible if republicans truly believed in fiscal responsibility. It certainly will push ordinary Americans away from preventive care(any cost savings medical interventions); that saves money for the national economy in the long run.

I hereby, as one of countless others in the medical community, strongly against this bill.

Audrey Pan DO

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**From:** Megan Branman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare Bill

I do NOT support the Graham Cassidy Bill. This bill is not the solution to this country's healthcare problems.

Shame on Graham and on Cassidy and on anyone who votes in favor of a bill that will cost many American lives! I wonder how members of the Senate would feel if they lost their current sweet government healthcare plan and had to go with this one!

NO on Graham Cassidy!!



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**From:** John Langfeld [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Re: No to GCH!

On Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 1:06 PM John Langfeld [REDACTED] wrote:

I am totally against the republican debacle of healthcare reform. It is another lame attempt to erase the black guy...what they said they wanted from then beginning. Virtually every doctor-driven organization has been vocal in opposition, so...

**Shake off slumber, and beware:[1]**

The ARROGANCE of politicians who think they are more relevant to healthcare than healthcare professionals, of politicians who think they are more relevant to education than education professionals, of politicians who think they are more relevant to the NFL than hey wait a minute.

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[1] *The Tempest*: II, i

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**From:** Beth Bennett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote No #GrahamCassidy

Vote No

This bill will cut funding, will not guarantee that pre existing will be cover at state level !!!

Thank You  
Beth Bennett

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**From:** Juanita Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; burr.senate.gov@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Good Afternoon Finance Committee Members,

My name is Juanita E. Taylor and I am a constituent of Senator Richard Burr. I am also a two time cancer survivor and a lobbyist for American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network. I am sending you this email to express my personal reasons that I feel you should reject this Bill.

As a survivor and a person that has pre-existing conditions I am concerned about my coverage in the future and the impact that it will have on my future treatments. I can also speak for others that I know that are facing the same plight.

Where is the equity, fairness and affordability in this Bill? It will leave millions without health insurance and cause a hardship for many.

I implore you to think about your constituents that elected you into your honored positions in the Senate and put yourselves in our shoes as you prepare to cast your vote.

I am asking that each person on this committee and especially my Senator Richard Burr to vote "NO" to the Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill.

Submitted By,  
Juanita E Taylor

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**From:** Joshua Clark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:49 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 cuts over 20 million people from health insurance. Why not a state wide Universal Healthcare which is cheap and practical. It is the right thing to do.

Joshua Clark

[REDACTED]

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**From:** John Meeks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

Please VOTE NO on Graham- Cassidy.  
Sincere thanks, John Meeks [REDACTED]

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**From:** Gina Stravos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO

NO to repealing ObamaCare.

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**From:** Judy Stone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy - OPPOSE

I strongly oppose Graham-Cassidy.  
It would decimate care for the poor, disabled with the severe Medicaid cuts.  
It will seriously hurt or kill anyone with pre-existing conditions by making care unaffordable.  
The bill leaves ~32 million without coverage--we don't know the precise numbers, because this is being railroaded through without waiting for the CBO score.

I wrote about my opposition to this cruel bill in Forbes, [REDACTED]  
As a physician, I must do everything I can to protect my patients.

So I urge you to put aside partisan divisions and care for the people you were elected to represent, by voting NO.

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Judy Stone, MD

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Allison Kilcoyne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Frederick, Julia (Warren)  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy healthcare proposal devastating

Dear Senate Finance Committee members,  
I am a resident of Massachusetts and a health care provider that has worked in Federally Qualified Health Centers for close to 20 years. I currently work in school based health care – a model of care that brings needed services to the most vulnerable youth right to their schools, where they spend most of their time. The current Graham-Cassidy healthcare proposal will negatively impact all of the work that SBHCs and FQHCs do to care for our highest risk population. Medicaid in Massachusetts and all states will be forced, by pure economics, to reduce enrollees, there will be reduced payments for services, and less people will be covered. Health Centers cannot survive in that environment. With less coverage, people will forgo care and end up in the emergency room – a far more expensive avenue for health care.  
I urge you to do whatever is possible to stop this devastating proposal.

Best,  
Allison Kilcoyne MS RN FNP-BC  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Peabody, MA 01960  
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**From:** Stacy Litherland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments; katie\_campbell@donelly.senate.gov; Light, Jaymi (Young)  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

Please vote NO on this bill that is being proposed. We don't know how it will affect our most vulnerable population in this wonderful Nation of ours.

Any day a loved one of yours can be affected with a horrible disease that could cost them thousands of dollars a month.

I was one that was brought up to work hard, for a good company that has health insurance. I have worked since graduating from college in 2001 for company's that at least offered health coverage even if pay wasn't that great.

I have worked for a wonderful company that has great health coverage. Now I pay my part almost \$400 a month. In 2014 I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. My medication costs my insurance \$120,000 a year. My MRIS that I have done every six months cost the insurance approximately \$10,000. I got married last year to a wonderful man, and we have custody of his son. My husband works hard and has insurance through his work. If I would have added him on to my insurance it would have cost \$900 a month. His insurance doesn't cover what mine does, so we went that way. Keeping our own insurance.

If insurance kicks me off because I have a pre existing condition. I won't be able to walk, I will have brain fog, and vertigo.

I love working and hope to retire at age 65 like everyone else, I'm 38 years old now. So I have many years to contribute to my community.

Please do not destroy my dreams and many others who just want to be apart of the community.

We need to fix drug companies who are keeping people healthy and also creating opiod dependency.

Please vote NO on Graham Cassidy!

Thank you

Stacy Valdivia

Indiana resident first district.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Maneesha Prakash [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

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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.

Dr. Maneesha Prakash  
[REDACTED]  
Rancho palos verdes, CA 90275  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Wendy McDonald [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** An unconscionable bill

Dear finance committee members,

I have parents and children and grandchildren and neighbors whose lives will be significantly affected by health care coverage. I am also concerned about the cost of insurance and especially concerned about the cost of insurance premiums individual purchasers. Large employers and groups are able to negotiate "discounts" on everything from doctor's visits to surgery to physical therapy and mental health. Individual insureds and uninsured patients are then billed "retail" for such services. Either individuals are being over-charged for services, or they are subsidizing people who are on large employer and group plans. Since individuals who purchase insurance through the exchanges usually do so because they do not have access to federal health care insurance or employer group policies, it is unfair that smaller employers and individuals should be charged more for services. This disparity only serves to raise insurance premiums for those least able to afford them.

Unless a single payer plan is endorsed, I would like to see incentives offered to insurance companies whose policies include the ten essential services in the Affordable Care Act and who participate in exchanges where there are fewer than three participants and/or a public option that would allow non-federal employees to opt into the insurance program available to Congress and other federal employees. If insurers believe that they have more to gain by leaving exchanges than they do by staying, they will leave. If there are incentives for staying and the consequence of less than three insurers per market is a single payer system rather than a free-for-all opportunity for insurers to raise premiums for "non-essential" secondary policies, the insurance market is likely to "miraculously" become more robust.

I would also like to see honest, bipartisan efforts to improve upon the Affordable Care Act that are not dependent giving tax cuts to those making earning than \$500,000. I understand that 45% of the revenue cut from insurance assistance programs that serve those who cannot afford comprehensive insurance would go to those making \$850,000 or more. If those making more than \$850,000 believe they need tax cuts more than the poor need health care, let them make their case in public hearings. I have heard no such statements. Instead, hospitals, health advocacy organizations and non-partisan medical groups have unanimously condemned these bills ability to better serve America's health needs and many have requested that they be able to make their case to Congress in public hearings.

I would seriously consider participating in a focus group, organization, or other forum to brainstorm other ways in which the Affordable Care Act or other bills might be improved to provide comprehensive coverage to more people at a cost that all Americans and the government can afford.

Respectfully,

Wendy McDonald,  
Massachusetts

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**From:** Johanna Mustacchi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare Bill

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. This Bill is a purely partisan attempt to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act and replace with a cruel version that will deny millions healthcare and raise the cost of healthcare for millions more. I don't know anyone who supports this Bill.

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**From:** Sadaf Ahmad [REDACTED]  
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**To:** gchcomments  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ms. Sadaf Ahmad  
[REDACTED]  
Rockville, MD 20850  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Robert Locke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:48 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill: Bad legislation undermining Republican credibility

Dear Finance Committee Members,

I am physician. The families of the critical care infants in my mixed rural/urban, wealthy/middle-class/poor cross-section of America intensive care unit know that the Graham-Cassidy bill is not in their child's best interest. The common sentiment among parents and nurses is (paraphrasing): "They [the Republicans] are only trying to save face, save McConnell and Ryan's face. They don't care about children. It's a farce."

Overwhelmingly people who know, parents of children with illness, state Medicaid directors, every major healthcare organization and healthcare economists know that Graham-Cassidy bill makes a difficult situation worse.

The Graham-Cassidy bill is unabashedly about politics, not improving healthcare. Continuing down this road with haphazard, poorly thought out bills, is undermining the credibility of the Republican party. Shame on anyone who supports this and is trying to deceive honest Americans. Are Republicans and their staffers honestly willing to go ahead throwing 99.99% of American's under the bus to serve the 0.01% Koch Bros, Inc and their re-election coffers?

Respectfully,

Dr. Robert Locke  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Leslie Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy bill for healthcare

I Leslie A Miller of Chestertown MD, a constituent in good standing, registered voter, says "NO" to this nightmare of a proposed legislation.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Kim Perez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** PLEASE REJECT the Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

As someone who buys my own individual insurance, I am very worried about what will happen if you pass a bill that will introduce such chaos into the insurance markets. I have been rejected for coverage in the past (before Obamacare) simply because I had certain testing -- even when there was no diagnosis of anything wrong. No one would ensure me for five years after those tests (again, nothing had been found wrong with my health).

For the past several years while Obamacare has been in place (and the protections it gives to entrepreneurs like me who don't have insurance), I have finally been able to feel like I might actually not end up in medical bankruptcy at some point in my life. The Graham-Cassidy Bill (and all bills that have so far been contemplated by this Congress) will take that away.

I can't believe it's even being considered without a CBO score.

Please, please, please reject this and any other bill that would remove the protections for people who buy their own individual insurance.

Thank you.

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Kim Perez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lauren Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:49 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

If passed, the Graham Cassidy bill would have a devastating impact on people, especially those of us with disabilities and pre-existing conditions.

I have 7 "pre-existing conditions". My father has 4. My mother has three. This bill is cruel. Please, please from the bottom of my heart don't pass this bill. You must care about people, on some level. You must. Please don't set the United States back even further.

Thank you,

Lauren Lewis  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mandi Steward Ballinger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy-Graham healthcare bill

Hello,

My son, Nolan, is two years old. He was born with congenital glaucoma. He had four surgeries in his first year of life to save his vision. He will likely be on eye drops his entire life and will always be at risk for further complications. He did nothing to cause this pre-existing condition. Please do not pass the Cassidy-Graham healthcare bill. My son's future depends on it.

Thank you,  
Mandi Steward Ballinger  
Kansas City, MO 64119

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**From:** Marc Yale [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mr. Marc Yale  
[REDACTED]  
Ventura, CA 93004  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** S.E. Pierce [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:00 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. The bill is just like other TrumpCare bills in that 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. Our state would lose \$2.5 billion in federal funding because of this bill.

It is also unacceptable to hold a single public hearing and to not wait for the CBO scoring process.

Instead, 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 responsible legislators to respect regular order and reject the Graham-Cassidy bill if it comes to a vote.

Thank you.

S.E. Pierce

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carole Trotter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

This person does NOT represent the average American citizen, like myself.  
I am 69 yrs old in relatively good health and in looking ahead see where in the next five yrs., I could possibly be in trouble with health care coverage. Please vote No on Cassidy.

Carole Trotter  
St Louis Mo

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Carole J. Trotter  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Laura Pennock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** healthcare repeal

It is astounding to me that in the 21st century America has become such an impoverished nation with respect to health care. Every other industrialized country in the world has figured this out; we have so many models to learn from. Not having access to comprehensive healthcare is an incredible drain on our economy; people who would start businesses are prohibited from doing so because once health care is factored in for themselves and their families, it is prohibitively expensive. People who would follow their talents and abilities to building innovative new technologies and ideas are chained to lesser desks with the handcuffs of healthcare benefits. This is such a terrible drag on our economy. If all of your constituents had the health care benefits you enjoy at the expense of the people you purport to serve (by taking what meager health care benefits they may already have) the benefits glowing back to the common wealth in general would be immeasurably large. I can think of very few things that would have such a positive rate of return on investment as universal, complete health care guaranteed as a right and not a privilege to the few. '

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**From:** Deborah Vatcher MD [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Beth\_Pearson@markey.senate.gov; Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**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,

Deborah A Vatcher MD  
[REDACTED]  
Plainville, MA 02762-1002

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**From:** Kenealy, Vanessa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** 'Beth\_Pearson@markey.senate.gov'; Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Opposiiton

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Sincerely,  
Vanessa Kenealy

Vanessa P. Kenealy, JD  
[REDACTED]  
Hopkinton, MA 01748  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sue Larson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Dear Committee:

I am writing to beg you to leave the ACA in existence and just improve it. Before the ACA, my health plan cost \$1,500 per month. This was due to my preexisting conditions. I could not change companies, and they raised my rates quite a bit each year. I was stuck. When the ACA came out, I was able to get a plan for around \$450 per month. I now pay \$850, which is higher, but I have a really good plan. It is still a lot less than \$1,500 per month! Due to different financial circumstances, I would no longer be able to afford the \$1,500. If you pass this new bill I will probably be priced out of coverage. I am 55 years old and have several preexisting conditions, some of which are rather expensive. Please do not do this to me!

Sincerely,

Susan Larson  
Missouri Zip Code 63366

(Please also let Senator Blunt know, I cannot seem to email him.)

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**From:** Barbara Horn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mrs. Barbara Horn

[REDACTED]  
Overton, NE 68863  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** BRIAN JOHNSON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposed to Graham Cassidy

Hello,

I am an AML Leukemia patient. I have relapsed after a bone marrow transplant and am seeking a second option for treatment. I have a wife and two small children. I am trying to keep my job and insurance but if I need to get a second transplant, it is likely that I may lose both. The healthcare bill before senate would enable states to charge more for coverage of cancer patients. It's would be bad enough if my kids lost their father to cancer, but even worse if the family is bankrupted in the process due to wanting to repeal the current system just for the sake of it.

To give a state like SC money to run its own health care is a huge mistake. So far in recent years, the state has misused funds and destroyed its state retirement system, our education sysytem, state roads and utilities. To think that they could effectively manage health care is laughable.

Please revoke this bill.

Sincerely,

Brian Johnson  
Mt. Pleasant SC

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*Brian Johnson, MA*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

North Charleston, SC 29405

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Genene Nisbet [REDACTED]  
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Mrs. Genene Nisbet

[REDACTED]  
Louisville, KY 40214  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pia Cortez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, 9/25/2017

Finance Committee,

Pia Cortez  
81 Camelot Ct. Daly City, CA 94015

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am outraged by the Senate's most recent attempt to dismantle the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and strip health insurance from millions of people. With the Cassidy-Graham proposal, cost sharing subsidies would be cut, Medicaid would be slashed and Planned Parenthood is targeted again for providing critical health services to low-income women. This is yet another blatant attack on women of color and reproductive justice. These attacks are of particular concern to Asian Americans. Specifically, the bill would harm AAPI women by:

Repeal of the ACA would push coverage out of reach for AAPI women, exacerbating health disparities.

Eight million Asian-Americans now have coverage for preventive services without cost sharing. Between 2010 and 2015, the uninsured rate among Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) fell by more than seven percent. Over 2 million Asian-Americans gained coverage under the ACA, giving more AAPI women coverage for preventive services without cost sharing.

Cancer is the leading cause of death for AAPI communities, and the cervical cancer incidence rate is higher in several Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) subgroups than in non-Hispanic whites. For instance, the incidence rate is twice as high in Cambodians as in non-Hispanic whites, and 40 percent higher among Vietnamese women. Coverage for preventive services without cost sharing removes barriers to care, enabling AAPI women to access essential health care like cancer screenings.

Attacks on the ACA's important protection for people with pre-existing conditions would further exacerbate health disparities for AAPI women.

Other health conditions, like the Hepatitis B virus (HBV), were also considered pre-existing conditions prior to the ACA.[i] Chronic HBV affects about 1.3 million people in the United States, and AAPIs account for over half of the chronic hepatitis B cases and resulting deaths.[ii] AAPI women are 20 percent more likely to die from viral hepatitis as compared to non-Hispanic whites.[iii]

Defunding planned parenthood from the Medicaid program jeopardizes AAPI women's access to critically important health care.

Planned Parenthood health centers are a lifeline for quality health care for underserved communities. Fifty-four percent of Planned Parenthood health centers are in underserved areas. In 21 percent of counties with a Planned Parenthood health center, Planned Parenthood is the only safety-net family planning provider, and in 68 percent of counties with a Planned Parenthood health center, Planned Parenthood serves at least half of all safety-net family planning patients.

Attacks on the Medicaid program would take away health care from hundreds of thousands of AAPI women

Nearly one-fifth (19 percent) of AAPI women are enrolled in the Medicaid program. The program is particularly important for Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander women.[i] For example, 62 percent of Bhutanese women, 43 percent of Hmong women and 32 percent of Pakistani women currently receive their insurance through Medicaid.[ii]

Increasing cost sharing and premiums hit AAPI women hardest because of gender and race-based wage gaps.

While Asian-American women as a whole earn 87 cents for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men, Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander women experience some of the widest wage gaps compared to other racial and ethnic groups. For example, Burmese and Marshallese women make only 44 cents for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men.

I encourage you to use this information and highlight the negative impacts that Graham-Cassidy will have on the lives of AAPI women in your opposition to this extremely harmful bill.

Pia Cortez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Daly City, California 94015

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**From:** Greg Peterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 8:18 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Gregory Peterson  
**Subject:** Comments - please read

Hello,

My wife and I were able to afford health insurance 2 years ago due to Medicaid expansion under the ACA. We were both rather suddenly unemployed. No long after, I had an emergency appendectomy that likely would have bankrupted us. I'm certain that the Graham Cassidy bill will kick us off of our plan. My nephew, Leo, has MS, definitely a pre-existing condition, that, if covered, would raise his rates through the roof. He barely gets by right now, even with being covered by the ACA. Please, if this bill passes, you will probably bankrupt our family, and millions of others like me. None of us wants to die.

Greg Peterson

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**From:** Gail Barbera [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ms. Gail Barbera  
[REDACTED]  
Marlborough, MA 01752  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Lara Stoller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** (SENDER VALIDATION FAILED --- May not have originated from apparent sender )  
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Ms. Lara Stoller

[REDACTED]  
Walpole, MA 02081  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Tana [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare--PLEASE READ!!

The American people should be **incensed** that there is such little regard for our health and well being that the harmful, embarrassingly thought out proposal crafted by Senators Graham and Cassidy has resulted in a last ditch effort to achieve a political coup rather than enrich the lives of all Americans by offering a well researched, debated, negotiated, and implemented piece of legislation.

Denying Americans the right to have healthcare, until put in place by Obama's administration, honestly, should be a total embarrassment for each and every politician previously or currently in office! And now to put forth a proposal that honestly has the potential to be injurious to Americans should be loudly opposed by any U.S. Senator and/or Representative who gives a whit about their constituency.

Please have the wisdom and strength to stand on higher ground as the proposal is brought before you. It is without merit and good conscience to even consider an initiative such as this without a CBO score which, apparently, is not going to be available prior to voting. For this and innumerable other factors, please **Vote NO** for the Graham-Cassidy proposal!

Show you care about the American people.

Tana West

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Leah Ornelas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Leah Ornelas

[REDACTED]  
Carlsbad, NM 88220  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Nancy Sellar [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

No rationale has been presented that pertains to its effects on the deficit, health insurance coverage, or premiums. And the CBO won't have had time to assess these crucial considerations in enacting a measure that will affect the health coverage of millions of Americans. Please vote NO.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Rachel Sheffet [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to Graham Cassidy bill

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the Graham Cassidy bill. I am deeply concerned about insurance companies refusing to cover pre-existing conditions. This will cause tragedy and hardship for millions of Americans who will be unable to pay for treatment for conditions ranging from Cancer to mental illness, from Depression to heart disease to high cholesterol. This would be a travesty and defeat the purpose of health insurance. I am alarmed by other parts of this bill as well and urge you to scrap this bill entirely.

In addition, rather than relying on the for profit health insurance companies to monitor health care finances, why not move to a single payer system like Medicaid which is known for getting the job done and getting it done well? Health care management should not be a for profit business. It is not the doctors who are getting rich from increasing health care costs, it is big business like Pharma and insurance company executives that are bankrupting every day Americans and small businesses and making health care unaffordable. If you want to fix health care in the US go to a single payer system and stop the suffering of the 99% so that the top 1% can benefit.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Rachel Sheffet, Psy.D.  
Psychologist

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Bronx, New York 10467  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Susan Harbit [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Obamacare helped us personally

Stop gutting our health care with the new GOP bill.

My family personally was helped by Obamacare care- the ACA. My sons fiancé came down with kidney cancer at 24. She did not qualify for healthcare benefits at her job. But because of the ACA, her mother was able to cover her daughter on her work policy. Without that parental coverage, the family would have had 100s of thousands of dollars in uncovered health care costs.

I know other family's that were left with thousands of dollars in medical bills for small surgical procedures on their children who were not college students but over 18 before the ACA that could not be covered on a parents insurance and could find employment that offered health benefits in this economy.

Families need their government representatives to protect them from the bad policies of big insurance companies and big pharma!

Leave the ACA in place and protect your constituents!

Or better yet, support Medicare for all! Like the majority of advanced countries in the world today.

Families should not be forced into bankruptcy taking care of their sick children and spouses.

Sincerely

Susan M Niles  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Amy Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Plan

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

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

In addition, rare disease patients and their families rely on Medicaid for life-sustaining and life-saving care. Under the Graham-Cassidy plan, federal funding of Medicaid would be substantially weakened by per capita caps and block grants, resulting in states potentially delaying or outright refusing coverage for necessary care.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ms. Amy Robinson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Waltham, MA 02452  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Vanessa Park [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Bill VOTE NO

Thinking about the Graham Cassidy health bill, I am as concerned about the millions of people I don't know and will never meet as I am about myself and my children. My educated, self-sufficient, hard working adult children both have pre-existing conditions and are not working for organizations that provide health care. They may never work for such a place. Many millennials these days work non-traditional jobs and must seek their own source of health insurance. If I or they face even a mild health crisis with the new bill in place, we could be impoverished for life.

Our nation should be moving towards a single-payer program, not tossing millions off the rolls for pre-existing conditions--including pregnancy!

While we're on pre-existing conditions... how is it possible that erectile dysfunction is not a pre-existing condition but rape is? The entire health bill seems to target women for being women. It also seems to say, if you don't have money, you may have to just die because you will have no insurance. So who is left? Men with money. The very people proposing and voting for this bill.

Self-serving in the extreme. It is shameful. I fear for my future and those of my children while the smug political elite have single payer insurance for life.

If you have a conscience and a heart, vote no on this atrocity. Your soul will thank you, as will the vast majority of American citizens.

Thank you.



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**From:** Lyndie Callan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare Bill

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill before the Senate. I cannot favor a bill that puts so many at risk of losing whatever affordable healthcare they may have without providing an adequate alternative.

Please consider bi-partisan reform without penalizing the elderly, the poor and the sick. Everyone deserves decent healthcare.

Thank you.

Lyn Callan  
New York City

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**From:** Willett, Julian Daniel Sunday [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Pearson, Beth (Warren); Hurt, Nikki (Markey)  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy ACA Repeal

*Members of the Senate Finance Committee,*

*As a rising 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,

Julian Daniel Sunday Willett  
MD Candidate  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Raena Schraer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Regarding this piece of legislation, Americans don't want it. What we want is health insurance. Coverage for every American. Coverage for more Americans, blue, red, whomever, not coverage for fewer Americans.

I live in Alaska, I've lived here all my life. Right now we are down and out in Alaska, we have the highest unemployment in the country, Alaskans are losing their jobs daily, the outlook is not positive and we have a completely dysfunctional state legislature. The idea that they would additionally be in charge of a block grant for our health care is positively disturbing. I have a feeling this is something all Alaskan's could agree with.

Also, my husband is self employed. He does not get health insurance through my job. He has to buy it for himself. He did this as soon as the health insurance marketplace rolled out, and a year later he found himself diagnosed with a very unexpected case of cancer. Not a day goes by that he and I don't feel sincerely grateful for the fact that he was able to gain coverage through Obamacare, and had insurance during what was the most difficult time in his fairly young life. I'm glad to say that today he is so far, fingers crossed, still cancer free, and was able to return to work and contributing to his community due to the fact that he had that coverage and was able to be successfully treated.

The moral of this story is that Obamacare has covered regular hard working Americans who did not previously have that opportunity. And that's a good thing. I really can't understand how anyone thinks that's a bad thing and would rather these people go without coverage, which will be the result from any of the repeal and replace plans they've been rolling out. Especially this one.

Thank you,  
Raena Schraer  
Anchorage, Alaska  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Michele [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA Repeal

Please wait before dismantling ACA. For those of us that are self employed and have a preexisting condition., this is terrifying.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jerry Keene [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:54 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 .... Repeal and replace are just words that have lost all meaning. What we need in Congress is a huge dose of reality. Instead of repeal and replace, how about some compromise and certainty. Work with what you have now and fix what's broke.

Jerry D. Keene

Jerry Keene

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Andrew McQuide [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose Graham-Cassidy Repeal

I am against the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal. This would seriously compromise health care in our state: a leader of health care for the rest of the country!

Andrew McQuide, MD  
Andover MA

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sandra Dabora [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** agains 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

Dr. Sandra Dabora  
Brookline, MA 02445

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**From:** Augustine O'Keeffe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

I strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. It is time for a single payer system, Medicare for all.

[REDACTED]  
Austin O'Keeffe M.D.  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Sridhar Dasari [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Keep Universal Health Care

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my opinion that we need to keep Universal Health Care in the United States of America. It will make this country a better place to live for all citizens.

Thank you,  
Sridhar Dasari

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**From:** Marje Murray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care bill

I am a 54 year old woman starting my own business. My director level position in health care was eliminated last year and this bill would effectively bring a halt to my ability to even employ myself, as it will be if not impossible, unaffordable to get insurance. I have been a productive tax paying, insurance carrying, well educated, well paid member of society all of my life and learned this year that it doesn't matter. Anyone can lose their job and if I lose my healthcare and get sick I could also lose my house. Please do not pass this devastating bill.

Marje Murray  
Sun Prairie, WI

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Patrick Tangredi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to the health care bill!

There's NO WAY anyone representing the US should vote for this bill on Monday.

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Yours,  
  
Patrick

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**From:** Art Biz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO

Medical Associations representing those with illnesses say #GrahamCassidy no good for Americans Not in best interest of people GOP voting for such a bill not doing what is right or best for constituents Vote No or No Vote. Fund ACA as is

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**From:** William Holt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:51 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 harms millions of individuals suffering from mental illness by watering down their benefits and harming those who have pre-existing conditions. We do not yet know the financial impact of this bill and without this information voting on a bill could be disasterous to the nation. Our legislators need to slow down ans develop a bill utilizing a bipartisan approach with both parties working together for the American public. Mat God Bless you and give you the wisdom to do the right thing.

William A. Holt

William Holt

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jeffrey Moline [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GHC health Bill

This bill is heinous and harmful. Vote No!

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**From:** Debarag Banerjee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:51 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.

Debarag Banerjee  
[REDACTED]  
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** M Chase [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Statement regarding Graham Cassidy healthcare bill

In the strongest possible terms, I urge the committee and the entire Senate to reject the Graham Cassidy healthcare bill.

Under this law, states could make it so that life-saving healthcare is no more affordable than a yacht.

This bill is unconcerned with the financial stability and health of middle class Americans like myself.

Passage of this bill has dire consequences for me and my family.  
"Accessible" is not affordable and I do not trust insurance companies' definition of a pre-existing condition.

Even as young, healthy person, I was turned down for healthcare due to minor issues, including allergies. Because I'd had shingles as a 20-something they determined that, statistically, I was a bad risk and they refused to insure me. Had it not been for a combination of COBRA and, later, the ACA, I would be without insurance.

With insurance, I am able to go to the doctor and have routine exams and take preventative, proactive measures toward staying healthy. I am able to look forward to a day when my husband and I can have a child, and not be worried about extremely high medical bills from an even a moderately complicated birth, or terrified that our baby could reach her lifetime cap while still a child.

I've seen what happens to close friends and family who become injured or face long-term illness. The ACA may not be perfect, but it prevents an injury or illness from guaranteeing financial ruin (to all but the very rich).

That the world's most deliberative body, the United States Senate, would consider this bill in such a rushed, shabby way is a disservice to the American people. No matter how much Senators hate President Obama or have promised they would repeal the ACA, it does not justify passing a reckless, inhumane bill that only 28% of Americans support.

This bill is irresponsible. If we can't afford it and/or insurance companies have the option of declining our insurance, it's not accessible.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

- Molly Chase



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**From:** Carolyn Steinhoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** info@chuckschumer.com; Senator (Gillibrand)  
**Subject:** NO GRAHAM-CASSIDY!! YES MEDICARE FOR ALL!!!

Senators Graham and Cassidy should be ashamed to attach their names to this morally unconscionable bill. Where is your decency? Where is your humanity? What possible benefit do you imagine you will get from passing this bill? What benefit could possibly justify ripping my health care from me, and from millions of my fellow Americans?? How will you live with yourselves when millions of us suffer from preventable illnesses, and die early and unnecessarily, because we do not have health care? What kind of ghouls are you, wanting to let millions of us die so you can have . . . what?? More power? More money from insurance companies? Revenge on former President Obama, for God's sake?? What is your life worth, if you use your energy and mind and time on earth to commit these kinds of heinous crimes against the very people you are meant to be representing and serving? All these millions of us out here, mark my words, we are watching YOU--every one of you. And if you continue on your murderous, craven path, allying yourself with this unstable and dangerous president, we will replace you with people who care about us!!!!

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**From:** Bev Hasson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill

I strongly disagree with the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. It will be a death sentence for me. I am a disabled senior on oxygen with chronic kidney disease caused by a reaction to a medication I was on. I was on dialysis for 3 months. I also have anemia due to poor kidney function. As a result, I must have an injection every 2 weeks to keep me alive. These injections, without insurance, would cost me about \$8,000/ month. I am on medicare and pay for a supplement plan all on Social Security as I was recently suddenly widowed. My husband was younger than I and was still employed. When I worsen and run out of money I will have to go to a nursing home. I was not blessed with children, nor do I have any family who are near me or who could take care of me. I am housebound and trying to stay alive all on my own. So, without medicaid and my health plans, I am dead! Literally. So are so many others. Most people have pre-existing conditions. Please, stop cow-towing to the insurance industry and pharma companies. After all, the majority of medical associations and organizations oppose this bill, too!

Does anyone care?

Sincerely,  
Beverly A. Hasson  
19015 zip

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**From:** Nancy Burrows [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO TO GRAHAM CASSIDY

Republicans should be ashamed to even consider the Graham Cassidy healthcare bill. As the mother of a son with autism, and the daughter of a mom with lung cancer, I implore senators to vote NO.

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**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Nelli Vanderburg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Graham-Cassidy

To whom it may concern:

I am a born-and-raised Alaska resident. Please add my name to the list of people categorically opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill. If a solution on healthcare is to be reached, it has to be a bipartisan effort developed through honest discussion and compromise, not something shameful to be sneakily rammed through the Senate as the constituents cry out against it. The ACA is far from perfect, but it is what we have to work with. Reform, don't repeal. And PLEASE take into account the dozens of medical and insurance professionals who are speaking out against Graham-Cassidy. It is literally their job to know what they're talking about.

Thank you for your time,

Nelli Vanderburg  
Valdez Alaska

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**From:** LEENELSON1951 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Campaign finance

I know many of you may be personally reliant on the Koch Bros. and the Mercers, but I strongly urge you to give back our government to the people!

Stop big money contributions to campaigns! Limits on personal donations! REPEAL CITIZENS UNITED!

Thanks in advance for doing the right thing for the country.

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**From:** Tiiu Lutter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:01 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 would reduce federal funding to states for Medicare by over \$200 billion, it will eliminate coverage for pre-existing conditions, it will eliminate a mandate for covering physicals, birth control, mammograms and other critical supports to public health. These provisions reduce health care costs over time, all of the research is showing that the PCP is the important provider to keep people healthy and alive. Please, please, please do not pass this bill. Sit down and reasonably figure out some thing that actually will work. Don't be bullied by the far right, figure it out with the majority and get us something good. America has only survived as long as it has by compromise and good will. Dig deep, find it, and create something you will be proud of, and not something that satisfies your big investors. ....

Tiiu Lutter

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Colleen Laing [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** Wright, Kevin (Finance)  
**Cc:** Wallace.Dave; gchcomments  
**Subject:** FW: United Way Opposition to Graham-Cassidy ACA Repeal

I am writing to urge Senate Finance Committee members to oppose any measure to block grant Medicaid, create per capita caps on Medicaid funding to states, waive, or allow states to waive essential health benefits, or repeal coverage for preexisting conditions.

Block granting Medicaid would dramatically reduce federal funding for health care, shifting a significant cost burden to states. Block granting will also do away with regulations that create consistent protection for American workers, who will again be tied to jobs and states in ways that decrease economic mobility and delay retirements.

At United Way of King County, we fight for the wellbeing of every person in every community. We envision a community where people are housed, students graduate, and families are financially stable. Rolling-back health care coverage for millions of Americans is a tremendous blow to financial stability in our community and across the nation.

We urge you to kill Graham-Cassidy.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Colleen Laing

**Colleen Laing**  
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**From:** carol brecher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote no grahamcassidy bill

Please vote NO  
Senate Finance Committee #GrahamCassidy



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** written testimony - Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy, et al Proposal  
**Attachments:** ACA.docx

Dear Senators:

Attached is my testimony regarding the Graham-Cassidy, et al Proposal about the ACA.

Please consider it.

Thank you,  
Tara McClellan McAndrew  
[REDACTED]  
Springfield, IL 62704

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**From:** sharon fleck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** healthcare

I ma writing in regard to the upcoming vote on the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. Healthcare should be a right for all Americans. It is disgusting that our elected officials get to keep their care at the expense of others. Please stop the vote.

Thank you,

Sharon Fleck  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** cdevinney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

Dear Committee Members,

I am appalled by the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill that Republicans are trying to rush through the senate. It is obvious that most people have not read the whole thing and that too many issues are not addressed. I cannot believe that members of the senate cannot see the value of having bipartisan thoughtful and careful planning to get this right. Instead of abolishing the ACA, we must fix and improve it. Rushing for a "win" to push this through the senate is toxic and immoral.

Please do not pass this bill!

Thank you.  
Charmagne DeVinney

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**From:** Karen Barsotti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:00 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 while I may still get coverage for my pre-existing conditions there are no guarantees that Insurance companies won't make it cost prohibitive. Please put people before politics and work in a bi partisan manner to fix the problems with the existing ACA. This replacement is a politic stunt and you should be better than this.

Karen Barsotti

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kaliopi Pappas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO GRAHAM-CASSIDY

Hello,

Americans deserve regular order and FULL, deliberate legislative procedure on Graham-Cassidy, not a guilty shove that bypasses an open, constitutional process because it's backers know it's a horrible bill. This bill will gut both the ACA and Medicaid while denying equal protection to the taxpayers of many large-population states. People will die. People will go bankrupt. The healthcare system and the economy will suffer. And the GOP will be blamed in 2018 and 2020.

Bipartisan effort under regular order or NOTHING. It's time for Republicans to start listening to their constituents and stop trying to placate their big donors (this isn't silly lefty rhetoric - Joy Ann Reid of MSNBC reported this week that R insiders have admitted that big donors are demanding their ACA repeal "tax cuts"). The puerile, suicidal mission to spite Obama is more than ridiculous at this point - it's getting dangerous.

Kaliopi Pappas  
Stockton, CA

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**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Josh Swatosh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** gchj bill

Good Morning:

I am asking that you do not pass GCHJ as I am a person who is blind and has epilepsy and I have a hard enough time now getting what I need to be able to control my seizures and stay alive. I do not want it to get worse. I am pleading with you do not let it pass.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Joshua Swatosh

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**From:** Trygve and Rose Tillerås [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:22 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care reform

I am a 58 year old female with history of renal cell carcinoma. Along with this I have arthritis,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** John Lauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Stop the Cassidy-Graham Madness!

I am a registered Republican in CA, and find the GOP guilty of lying to the American voters regarding this bill's impact.

Looking for a 'win' at the expense of vulnerable citizens is beyond the pale. If you persist along this path, the GOP will consist of greedy Dead Men Walking.

As it is, the GOP is blindly following an incompetent, corrupt, treasonous POTUS who will be vilified, impeached, removed, and imprisoned. The stain will not wash off the GOP, who will fade from memory, all because of lost vision and lost faith in Democracy.

Only honorable members of the Senate will vote to defeat this last grasp for 'power.' The rest of the GOP belong on the trash heap of history.

Impeach Trump and Pence!

John Lauer  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Erin Hurley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare bill

Hello,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the repealing of the Affordable Care Act and its replacement by the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. As an a currently uninsured American, this decision would affect me directly and limit my access to decent healthcare. I firmly believe that access to affordable healthcare is a basic human right.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this dangerous decision and I implore you to keep the Affordable Care Act so that I, and the many, many other uninsured American citizens, might have access to healthcare in the coming years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Erin Hurley

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Heather Hyvarinen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am concerned about the Graham Cassidy healthcare bill for many, many reasons. The first being the deep cuts to medicaid spending.

Medicaid protects the most vulnerable people in society and to roll back spending means huge burdens on families who have children with disabilities and elderly parents.

This is immoral and unethical.

Heather Hyvarinen

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kathy McGann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy Bill

Please do not approve this bill. It is opposed by most Americans, major health organizations including AMA, Hospitals & most Governors. It will harm millions of Americans and the providers who care for them. There is no good reason for it!

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jo-Ann Murphy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** My Coverage Story - Graham Cassidy

My husband had a reaction to a supplement he was taking which sent him to the hospital with high blood pressure. He did not normally have high blood pressure but he did that day. The emergency room gave him a bunch of tests and sent him home telling him to monitor the blood pressure. He worked for a health care company. So the company nurse took his blood pressure every day for months. It was always fine.

He lost his job. The COBRA premium would have been impossible with his salary, without it, we were screwed. We thought we would get a policy on our own. Everything looked fine. The rates were more affordable. Then we got a letter saying we were uninsurable. That little one day jump of blood pressure was now a pre-existing condition. It was a reaction, like any other allergic reaction, We tried to fight the decision but were told it did not matter. A pre-existing condition is a pre-existing condition and we were uninsurable.

So until the Affordable Care Act, unless he could get insurance through an employer we were vulnerable to accidents and illness having nothing to do with blood pressure because we could not get insurance.

That is absurd! The Graham Cassidy bill does nothing to help this situation. Turn the decision over to the states? Tell us we can have insurance but it will cost us \$25,000 a year? I don't even make that much money and the money I make is needed to keep a roof over our heads and food on the table.

This bill is an atrocity. MANY people will die. More will lose coverage.  
Oh sure, they have access, if they win the lottery and can now afford the \$154,000 premium.

Also, what will happen to our local hospital under this bill? Under the Affordable Care Act, they could remain open. If they have more patients come in who have no way to pay, they will close and I will have to travel an hour or more to reach a hospital for help. That will surely cost many lives.

VOTE NO on this horrific Graham Cassidy bill! FIX the Affordable Care Act where coverage is almost affordable and healthcare remains available.

Jo-Ann Murphy  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carol Foster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:10 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Warren  
**Subject:** Senate Finance Committee Hearing on Graham-Cassidy Bill, September 25, 2017

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden,

My name is Carol Brockington-Foster and I live in Holliston, MA. I am concerned about the proposed healthcare bill for a number of reasons including costs associated with pre-existing conditions (my son has a seizure disorder), lifetime caps, and scaling back on mandatory coverage for basic medical needs. I'm concerned about the defunding of Planned Parenthood as they provide basic needs (including birth control) to the most vulnerable women. This bill appears to be driven by the need of the GOP for a "win" and to further eliminate anything Obama rather than the health and well being of the American people. If your interest was truly healthcare, there would be open conversation about it. Massachusetts has been able to report 98% of its residents have health insurance and that was started under Mitt Romney. If we can do it here why can't we do it on a federal level?

This bill allows states to opt out of certain basic medical needs but I'm not sure how some basic medical needs differ from one state to another. Maternity needs in Massachusetts are the same as those in Alabama. The same is true with prescription drugs, mental health, hospitalization and drug addiction. To allow states to determine which healthcare needs are important in individual states means people will need to relocate in order to get the coverage they need.

This is a political move not a healthcare solution. If healthcare is ever to be resolved there needs to be a bipartisan approach. I urge you to vote NO!

Thank you,  
Carol Brockington-Foster

[REDACTED]  
Holliston, MA 01746  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Julia Rodriguez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** REJECT Graham-Cassidy

The Senate should be expanding the ACA, not repealing it. This proposed bill will strip healthcare from millions of Americans who rely on it. It will throw people in debt and bankruptcy as they struggle to pay medical bills. Worse, some people will get sicker and even die without the affordable healthcare they have through the ACA.

I have two children with "preexisting conditions." What will happen to their coverage? I worry for myself and my husband too. We already pay steep charges for insurance and co-pays. Without the protections of the ACA, we may not be able to afford vital health care for ourselves and our children.

The American Medical Association, among dozens of other professional organizations is AGAINST Graham-Cassidy. I think the Senate should heed their advice.

Julia Rodriguez  
Durham, NH 03824

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**From:** Steven Wishnoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Healthcare bill

I am VEHEMENTLY opposed to the GRAHAM-CASSIDY bill. **I will lose all access to coverage.** I had none for 6 years prior to the ACA and had to declare Bankruptcy due to medical bills. If Graham-Cassidy passes you might as well come to my home and shoot me.

The net effect will be the same: I will die and my blood will be on the hands of anyone who votes for this ATROCITY!

Steven Wishnoff

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham\Cassidy Bill

To The Finance Committee:

As a person with several pre existing conditions and one on a fixed income, this bill is extremely disturbing to me. I work well over 40 hours a week. I make decent money but my income has not kept up with the cost of my medical care and that of my families. The fact that the impact of this bill has not been fully assessed is troubling to me as well as most of the American public. This is not the healthcare bill that America needs. Please say no to this bill. Future generations are counting on you to do the right thing. I am counting on you and Senators Casey and Toomey to do that as well. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward Coleman  
Citizen and Tax Payer



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**From:** Elaine Jordan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments

I wish to voice my extreme opposition to Graham-Cassidy. This bill would be devastating to millions of Americans and make American healthcare worse than it has been since the turn of the 20th century.

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**From:** Karen Peck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Reply, Correspondence (Durbin); correspondence\_reply@duckworth.senate.gov  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

My name is Karen Peck. I am self-employed and purchase private insurance for myself, husband and young adult son. I qualify for ACA credits--extremely helpful when insurance for a healthy couple/one young adult on the plan is over 15,000 a year with a \$15,000 dollar family deductible. I don't want to lose that. Additionally, I have a number of pre-existing conditions. For insurance to revert to pre-ACA days would be a huge financial and emotional burden. My husband was uncoverable for five years "in the old days" because of cancer. We are lucky his cancer didn't return or we would have had no coverage for that.

Under this bill, even the healthiest people will still be victims of a 20% minimum increase in premiums. Older Americans, like me and my husband, will pay an "age tax" on top of that. Perscription costs won't be covered. Some scripts, for common conditions as we age (Osteoporosis, blood pressure) can climb into the thousands per year.

Women, in particular, penalized for pregnancy?! This is wrong. It would cost a young woman an extra \$17,000 a year to have a baby. That is not a pro-life stance. Nor is a bill that will kill millions!

The Graham-Cassidy bill does not cover a multitude of pre-existing conditions, including cancer. This is untenable for your constituents! One car accident, one tumor and you will have massive amounts of people bankrupt, homeless, and in the streets dying. And for what? A tax break for the Koch Brothers and the top wealthiest people in America? That is not why your voters voted for you.

The lying and misdirection by Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Graham are reprehensible. Moving coverage decisions to the states hides the fact that states can make insurance accessible yes, but completely unaffordable for many. This bill is impractical for the majority of Americans. It is immoral for our legislators to push something that benefits no one EXCEPT your big money donors.

We the people are sick and tired of the Republican Party putting tax cuts for the wealthy ahead of the well-being of the constituents. Many more of you would be voted out if not for gerrymandering and voter suppression. Pass this bill, and many more WILL be voted out despite that. To do this for a political "win" or to reopen the KOCH PIGGY BANK is wrong. A kindergartener can see that. If you weren't still in office, you'd agree out loud. Lastly, Mr. Grassley said this is to fulfill a campaign promise. BS! I'm sure your voters will forgive you not killing them with fulfilled campaign promises.

Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy TRUMPCARE. It's a sham, a moral failure, an example of greed and corruption, a lie, a disaster.

Return to the boardroom and work on a bipartisan effort to improve ACA, or, if more feasible, Universal Health Care. Kill the Bill because this bill will kill.

Sincerely,

Karen V. Peck

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Karen V. Peck

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**From:** Monica Rhodes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** dick@durbin.senate.gov; tammy@duckworth.senate.gov  
**Subject:** Proposed Healthcare Bill Will bring harm to my mom and my children

Dear Committee Members and Senators,

For the past twenty years, since she was in her 50's, my mom has been slowly and mercilessly eaten alive by early onset Alzheimer's disease. She is now unable to speak, move or make eye contact, but her body refuses to give up. We paid over a half a million dollars to cover her care, liquidating her home and all of her belongings in the process, decimating the wealth my parents struggled to accumulate and had hoped to pass on to their children and grandchildren, before my mom was finally able to go on Medicaid.

We live in fear of losing my mom's Medicaid as we are not wealthy and are supporting an adult child with autism and another child who suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder. I truly fear what the passage of this bill will mean for the people I love - vulnerable people who suffer enough from the conditions they bear. As it is our medical deductibles are very high and are a burden. I can not imagine what it will mean for my family if we lose the support we have as a result of changes to Medicaid or protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

Our days are filled with so much anxiety already given the state of affairs in this country and in the world. This anxiety is crippling the American people; death by a thousand cuts with something more to worry about every day. As a public health worker who has served communities in multiple states, I know, without a doubt, that health is the base of Maslow's hierarchy. Few issues even compete in terms of importance to individuals and families. Please do not allow the proposed health care bill to rob hard working American families of the peace of mind we cling to as we forge ahead in these difficult times.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Monica Rhodes

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**From:** Elizabeth Tometich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** APA replacement

Sirs,

My son and I have health insurance through the ACA. Although I work two jobs, health insurance isn't an option at either. More and more companies are no longer offering health insurance, only 51% of employers offer insurance. We would be uninsured without the ACA. I am well educated with two Master's degrees and work many long hours. My son is 14 and incredibly bright, speaking Mandarin fluently, he plays the cello, piano and drums and is on the Ultimate Frisbee team at school.

I have survived cancer and currently have high blood pressure and Lupus. I go to the doctor twice a year unless there is an issue, I DO NOT overuse my insurance. Because of my diagnosis, I would not be able to obtain affordable health insurance without ACA. My son and I are the face of the ACA.

The thing that bothers me the most is the blatant partisan politics that are at play here. You're making this about pleasing your big donors not about the everyday Americans who rely on this. It is also apparent that your allegiance lies not with America but with the Koch Regime. You are in essence selling us to the highest bidder.

You are also blatantly lying about what this plan does, not just to people who utilize the ACA, but to people who have health insurance, this will shift how America is covered and sadly, you know this.

I was born and raised Catholic and have raised my children in the Church. My mother was the daughter of coal mining immigrants, my father a WWII veteran.. My upbringing was that hard work is a gift you have been given and, "You do the right thing just because it is the right thing to do." My faith reinforces that. Look in the mirror; this life is brief, ask yourself if this is the right thing to do. History is watching as you lay out your legacy. Choose democracy over greed and work for the people before there is no one left.

Elizabeth Reum

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**From:** Betti Franceschi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** health care

The only way we can achieve the best health care for the best price is universal single payer.

Congress has been trying since the Bill Clinton administration to do it by the market alone. We have towering proof that's not possible.

Health care should be disconnected from employment.

Reimbursement to health care services should work like any other insurance:

a patient's overall wellbeing should be assured, and the providers should be paid by the patient's health maintenance, not by specific services.

We the taxpayers are paying through the nose for care for the uninsured, and they generally get the worst possible care... emergency care vs health maintenance.

This goes for addiction services too.. punishment does not work.

Comprehensive care for what is needed does work.

Betti Franceschi  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

New York NY 10025-8739

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Linda Propert Sanford  
**Subject:** Terrible!

This bill is awful! NO NO NO!!!! Vote NO!

Linda Propert Sanford  
Oakland CA 94611

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**From:** Marilee Feldman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I strongly oppose the Graham Cassidy bill

I strongly, vehemently oppose the Graham Cassidy bill. The Affordable Care Act has saved lives and given millions access to healthcare insurance. It may not be perfect but those problems can be addressed by expanding and correcting it. It is unconscionable what Republicans are trying to do to dismantle the health care needs of all Americans, all because you want to dismantle everything President Obama did. Do not pass this bill and Republicans, stop being inhumane. W will never vote Republican until you all come back to your senses and behave decently.

Healthcare is a basic human right and should not be a privilege of the wealthy. Thank you.

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**From:** Leanne Sack [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Hello Finance Committee! I would like to express my thoughts on this Graham-Cassidy sham of a bill. I can't believe this is the kind of nonsense they have come up with after 7 years. I had my life saved because of the ACA. I know that it isn't perfect, but it's pretty close. People (republicans mainly) forget that Mitt Romney was one of the authors of the ACA. It was very bi-partisan. The idea that Planned Parenthood is being defunded is outrageous. NO FEDERAL FUNDING IS BEING USED FOR ABORTIONS! Why take away an option for women who just want a PAP SMEAR? Why take away an option for women who just want information on infertility issues? Why take away an option for women FOR ANYTHING? I enjoy going to PP for routine check ups. I don't like having a Doc at an institution who is not looking at my direct case. When Pharm companies and Ins companies are making our decisions, that is NOT what is in my best interest, nobody wins. I've had 3 ectopic pregnancies and 5 miscarriages. I have tried for a long time to have a child. It's not looking good. If I had to keep a maternity waiver with regular insurance, which was an added \$270 a month, I wouldn't have been able to even try. You claim pro-life is what is important. How can you not GUARANTEE maternity coverage, pre-natal care, or Pediatric services. I am disgusted at this bill. I am quite frankly disgusted by the Republicans. I don't want my tax dollars going to anyone who thinks I don't matter as much as someone who makes more money than I do. Let me tell you, I do matter. I have been thinking of leaving the country because I am beginning to see that stuffing your pockets is all you care about. Funny, I'm writing this to you knowing that you don't actually care what we have to say. You will not do what's right for the people. I did have to try though. That right I do believe I still have.

Leanne E. Sack  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Christine Hawkins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** VOTE NO on this BILL

My daughter was born with Down syndrome (I chose LIFE you see), so right out the gate she has a pre-existing condition. Then at the age of three, she acquired leukemia, another pre-existing condition. We rely on IHSS because she is impulsive and this has been life changing for our family. If this bill passes it would make some MAJOR changes to Medicaid that would have a severe impact on our family.

Please DO NOT let this pass.

You guys need some 'outside the box' thinking!! I know ACA needs some fixing. I would recommend hiring an outside consultant who can do that, because clearly the only way you know how to fix ACA is to gut Medicaid funding and remove the pre-existing clause. There MUST be a better way! Let's find it!

Christine Hawkins

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**From:** Larry Rand [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposed to Graham-Cassidy

My wife and I are opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill. It's awful.

Lawrence Rand

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**From:** Marlene [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GrahamCassidy

How anyone with a modicum of humanity could support GrahamCassidy is beyond me. The GOP is blatantly willing to put Americans' health and finances at risk just to cut taxes for your rich donors. The realization that the Kochs, Mercers and Wall St. have commandeered the US Government solely to feed their greed is beyond shameful and dangerous!

Scrap this travesty. We want the ACA strengthened so it can reach it's full potential!

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**From:** Pat Graham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearings for Graham-Cassidy Bill Letter of Opposition

As you potentially bring the Graham-Cassidy bill to the Senate floor I am writing to express my opposition to the bill. This is not only driven by the bill not going through the normal Senate order but the negative impact on all to many of our fellow citizens. For example, those of us with pre-existing conditions will be presented with insurance fees that we an not afford. We will not have coverage. Many will die. That is not ok. The Medicaid portion of the bill is reprehensible and will render those who rely on that coverage uncovered. That is not ok. Women's health care coverage is gutted. Women will die. That is not ok.

On a personal front I have a beloved cousin who had childhood leukemia and a bone marrow transplant. As an adult he has had other cancers. He is now ACA covered. Under Graham Cassidy his coverage is at risk due to affordability. Should he get sick again your bill puts his life at risk. That is not ok.

Stop the partisan actions that are driven by accepting any old bill that the majority of the citizenry and respected health organizations oppose.

Best,

Patricia Graham

[REDACTED]  
Chicago, IL 60614  
[REDACTED]

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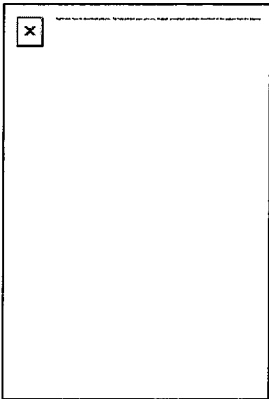
**From:** SALLIE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO Way!

Please vote NO for this bill. This is no solution to our continuing health care debate! Please get to the heart of this national issue by considering a national plan. One where all people contribute and all people have basic coverage. Sallie LaMorgia

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**From:** Lisa Baird [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care



Though I know little of the highly secretive Cassidy-Graham bill which intends to repeal and replace many sections of AHC . I am particularly 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,  
Lisa

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** SK Werner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Gordon McKenzie; Graham, Christa L; Phylis Parr; Glendine; Glenise McKenzie; jennifersolmssen@gmail.com  
**Subject:** GRAHAM/CASSIDY BILL

This bill is financially irresponsible and cruel. The vast majority of Americans will suffer from this action. Stop this evil!

Thank you,  
Susan Werner

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Marianne and Doris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:04 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not repeal

Dear Senators,

I have friends whose only means of health insurance is the ACA. What are they supposed to do if it's repealed? Use gofundme to fund their care? Do not repeal the ACA.

Marianne Merola

Oak Park, IL



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please preserve the ACA!!

To the members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I have worked for a small business (owner plus 2-4 employees) for the past 26 years. My employer does not provide health insurance, so I have always purchased my own insurance through the individual market. I have never once allowed myself to be uninsured; I paid into the system even when I was young and healthy. Now, at the age of 53, I have two cancer diagnoses in my medical history (breast and uterine). If the provisions of the ACA regarding preexisting conditions are not maintained, I will be uninsurable. Even if I can get insurance, the premiums will be staggeringly unaffordable (MUCH WORSE than now). And with Graham-Cassidy's planned cuts to Medicaid, I may get little or no care through that system. What alternative for health care will I have???

Is this a just situation? Do you want to stifle small business by making it impossible for people who work for those businesses to purchase their own insurance?

You folks know that Graham-Cassidy will result in millions of Americans like me losing coverage. You also probably do understand that the health care system cannot be sustained unless young people are required to contribute to the system, as I have, so that it will be there for them when they need it later in life; and that many of them won't pay in without a mandate.

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND VOTE NO ON GRAHAM-CASSIDY.

Thank you.

Abigail Wizansky  
California

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**From:** Dee Little [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 11:38 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Repeal

Dear Sirs

I am appalled and truly frightened that this bill has actually made it so far through Congress as to be voted on. Not just voted on, but rushed through at breakneck speed without any meaningful debate or discussion and without a real CBO. Why would you permit voting on the Graham Cassidy bill to proceed when it bypasses all the regular protocols established by the Senate and involves a staggering 1/6 of our economy? Setting that argument aside, the real crux of the matter is that this bill is going to harm a lot of Americans. Allowing insurance companies to charge people more if they have pre-existing conditions will simply be a death sentence for many; and identifying pregnancy as one of those conditions is beyond reprehensible. Furthermore how does ending Medicaid benefit anyone? Passing this bill will be catastrophic and an act against the very people you were elected to represent and protect. I beg you to search your conscience and vote NO on this bill and urge your fellow Congressmen to demand a return to regular procedure.

Thank You,

Robyn J Power  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Dwight Buel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Be responsible!

This Graham-Cassidy bill would be a disaster. Make Obamacare better. You would be rewarded.

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Kind Regards,  
Dwight Buel

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**From:** Shalane Sambor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy proposal

Sirs,

I ask you to please strongly oppose the Graham-Cassidy proposal to repeal ACA. As a senior citizen with pre-existing conditions, it is paramount that the existing ACA remains in place, since so much of my medical coverage depends on it. Leaving decisions to individual states is most assuredly not the answer! The fact that this bill is going to be voted on without even waiting to see the study on the projected loss of medical coverage and resulting increases of costs is unconscionable and irresponsible on the part of the Senators proposing this bill.

Please don't throw us U.S. citizens under the bus by putting political gain over our health and well-being! Oppose the Graham-Cassidy health care repeal proposal!

Sincerely,  
Shalane Sambor

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Kim-Loi Mergenthaler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Medicaid

Dear Senators,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill because of the harm it will do to people with disabilities, including my son on the autism spectrum. Graham-Cassidy goes far beyond repealing the Medicaid expansion in the ACA and directly imperils the Medicaid funding and programs that allow people with disabilities to live and participate in their homes, communities, and schools. Passing this bill without sufficient hearings, testimony from experts, and input from stakeholders (including families and major disability advocacy groups) is irresponsible and immoral, considering the broad impact this bill will have on the life, health, and liberty of millions of Americans. I implore you to seek a bipartisan solution to the healthcare problems facing our country today. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kim-Loi Mergenthaler  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Debbie West [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA repeal

NO Graham/Cassidy

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jane Zwart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against the Graham-Cassidy Act

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy Act.

In all likelihood, it would not greatly change the medical care that my family receives. It would, however, damage the lives of countless Americans, and I hate to believe that the Senate would even consider doing so due to a lack of information or, worse, political vainglory and spite.

Obamacare is an imperfect life raft, to be sure. The solution is not to let people drown. Fix the boat.

All good things,  
Dr. Jane Zwart  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

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**From:** Chris dorfman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Do not pass this bill

We the people are suffering under this inept government as it is. Do not take from us our health care. We will be hurt. And you will regret it [REDACTED]



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**From:** Debbie West [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA

There isn't one way that Graham/Cassidy will help the average American. NO TO ACA REPEAT!

[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Jessica Boers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Fwd: Graham Cassidy

Hello.

My mom was diagnosed with hepatitis C. She lived with it and was dying slowly when the ACA was enacted. She became eligible for affordable health insurance. She paid her premiums, still does. She has been cured of a previously incurable disease. She never would have been eligible for healthcare without the subsidy and will not be able to continue to afford if this bill passes. She deserves to live. She deserves healthcare. So do I and so do my children. So do your children.

John McCain is right. This needs to be a bipartisan effort. Find a way to fix what is in place. Regulate big pharma. Love your neighbor, the least of these. Practice what you preach.

Warm regards,  
Jessica Boers

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**From:** Lisa S. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health care

Dear Sirs,

The Affordable Care Act helped me resolve a health problem that had been making me sick for most of my life. In 2015 I moved from Florida to Oregon and the difference in care was remarkable. In Florida, where Governor Rick Scott had declined the Medicaid expansion, I was unable to afford the high deductibles of the plans I could afford. The diagnostic tests were out of my reach. When I sought care as an Oregon resident, within one year I had the necessary diagnostic tests and the surgery which fixed the problem. Now I feel confident that I will be able to work full time, whereas before the surgery my symptoms sickened me so frequently it was difficult to keep up with a full time schedule. Thanks to the Medicaid expansion in which Oregon chose to participate, I am looking forward to a productive life. Healthy citizens are better able to work and contribute to America's economy. Please keep America great by voting against the plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Lisa Stevens

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**From:** Nicole Bouvier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:00 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller Bill

Dear Senators:

I write to submit comments on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill, under discussion today by the Finance Committee. I urge the Committee to **oppose the Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill** today.

**Cuts to Medicaid.** I wish you could meet my son, Harris. Harris is an engaging young man (23), who has a love of life, jokes, and an expertise in music—he especially loves early rock 'n roll and Lawrence Welk. He also has autism and significant vision impairments. Harris has many skills, and with supervision, he is able to do a wide variety of jobs. In the past two years, he has volunteered at over eight non-profit and for-profit agencies to help him develop vocational skills and improve his employability. He works very hard, and makes steady, slow progress. But Harris can be impulsive; he does not have a sense of safety (e.g., because of his vision issues he cannot identify moving cars when out in the community); and Harris has difficulty communicating with others without assistance. There is no question that Harris is able to work and contribute to the betterment of society, but he is likely to always need some level of close supervision or support to do so.

Harris graduated from school last June (non-diploma track) and currently participates in a Medicaid waiver program. As a “waiver program,” it is my understanding that the program is funded with federal Medicaid and state funds jointly. These funds, administered through my state DDA, covers the costs of an “adult services provider” to help Harris develop work skills, increase his independence, and participate in community activities. In this program, Harris is generally happy, and is proud of the work he does—especially when he knows he has been helpful to other people.

Because Harris needs constant supervision, without this program, my family could never afford the level of support that the Medicaid waiver program provides. I would have to quit my job to be with him 24/7. The economy loses one good worker; my family becomes less able to pay for our bills (including health care). Then, I would be able to keep Harris safe. But, I do not have the training, connections, nor energy to provide the level of employment and recreational opportunities for Harris that his “adult services provider” team is able to provide. And, as a young man with autism, who needs to work at making social connections, Harris especially benefits from the social engagement that is required of him to participate in his program.

Further, the Medicaid waiver program is important because it enables Harris to become accustomed to relying on people other than his parents to help him learn how to meet his needs. Like any young adult, Harris is too old to continue to rely on his mom for everything! It is time for Harris to meet other people, and develop a network of non-family members who he enjoys and who enjoy his company. As my husband and I near retirement, the pressing need for Harris to have others in his life who understand and love him, and will watch out for his needs when we are gone feels very urgent. We are trying to be proactive and have plans in place for the future, but this is not something we can do alone. The Medicaid waiver program is a lifesaver for us, and is helping Harris get ready for his future.

Like his able-bodied and neuro-typical peers, Harris deserves to live his life fully. He needs the support that the Medicaid waiver provides to do so. Gutting Medicaid will have disastrous results for my family, and many, many, more with similar situations. I am very afraid of what will happen to Harris and my family without this appropriate support.

**Protections for people with pre-existing conditions.** I have heard/read in the media a number of Republicans, and the President, claim that this bill protects persons with pre-existing conditions. This appears to NOT be true; these

protections are not guaranteed. While the bill does not eliminate coverage for pre-existing conditions, it undermines those protections by allowing states to waive essential health benefits. States would have incredibly broad discretion in how they use the waivers in the proposed bill. Further, under this bill, insurers could decide to raise *anyone's* premiums any time. This is NOT sufficient protection for people with pre-existing conditions.

The basic point of insurance is to protect people because it is inevitable that you will get sick. At some point, everyone will have a pre-existing condition. If insurers are permitted to raise premiums whenever they want, people with pre-existing conditions, people who get sick, and seniors (who are most likely to have health issues due to age) will soon be unable to afford health coverage. Then what happens. Sick people start showing up at hospitals without insurance. Hospitals either refuse treatment, or treat us at their expense. Then hospitals (especially those in poor areas) are not financially viable and go under. We've been there, and done that. It doesn't work! THIS was one of the problems the Affordable Care Act has started to fix.

**Women and family health.** As a mom, I find it very offensive that pregnancy and pre-natal care are considered pre-existing conditions. Having children is what keeps life going! Men participate in this process. Starting families is expensive enough— if women fear losing their health insurance if they get pregnant, I worry about what distorted unanticipated consequence such a policy would bring.


Further, I understand that Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill enacts a total prohibition on any covered insurance plans from offering abortion coverage. Women should have the right to choose an abortion, and health insurance plans should be able to offer that option. I don't want to see this world go back to coat-hanger abortions—where only women (and not the men who impregnated them) suffer!

**Graham-Cassidy-Heller provides** a special new tax break for the well-off, allowing Health Savings Accounts to be used for health insurance premiums. This may also incentivize employers to just put tax-free money into these HSAs and stop offering their staff health insurance all-together. While I hate clichés, this certainly seems to be a way to help the rich at the expense of the poor, working and middle class!

Senators, I urge you to continue serious, bi-partisan discussion to strengthen our health care system, with the goals of protecting Medicaid, ensuring coverage for all Americans, reducing premiums, improving care. Tax cutting goals should NOT be one of the goals of a health care bill.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Nicole Bouvier

  
Olney, MD 20832

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Carin Coty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:01 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Committee members,

I am writing you regarding the current proposed Graham-Cassidy bill. I am opposed to this bill. I am very disappointed in this bill and it needs to be tossed out. I don't have fancy statistics but I do know that health care needs to be affordable, accessible and provide coverage to those who buy it. It is time to put differences aside and actually work towards a common goal.

It is appalling that a health care bill would penalize those who are sick and cannot help it. No child wants Type 1 or cancer or to be born with a heart condition. No adult wants to get cancer or have high cholesterol.

It is equally appalling that I can get insurance for my car and my house easier than I can get health care for my family. We get our coverage through my husbands work, but there are no big choices - its one company and we pick the plan that works. But to get information on what is actually covered and how it will actually be applied is nearly impossible.

Health care should not be that complicated. But everyone should be able to get health care coverage. If you can get coverage for a truck or a house you certainly should be able to get coverage for your family.

As a country, we claim that people are a priority - its time to show it.

Carin Coty

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**From:** maria.cheteboune [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:00 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.

Maria Cheteboune  
Los Angeles, CA

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**From:** Maggie Nunley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:00 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

Senate Finance Committee,

I'm lucky these days to have good health insurance but I've also been a student and unemployed (I graduated at the height of the recession) without health insurance before the ACA. And I'm familiar with the anxiety of knowing that I was one health problem away from financial disaster. I have a hand that aches because I accidentally broke, or fractured I'm not entirely sure, several bones. I couldn't afford X-rays or an ER visit. I had a friend who was a med student set it as well as we could. It's my rainy day reminder of what we stand to lose.

Healthcare, its limits, and lack of have touched every person in my life. From my uncle who died of cancer and was lucky enough to be cared for by a fantastic hospice to more than one friend with a child with a life altering health issue that ranges from severe allergies to Spinal Muscular Atrophy. We're the wealthiest country in the world but half of GoFundMe campaigns are healthcare related.

The ACA is not perfect. But the Graham-Cassidy bill is much, much worse. Passing it would destroy, and end, the lives of so many people. Please don't.

Maggie Nunley  
Gordonsville VA 22942



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**From:** John Kimball [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:00 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committee,

I strongly 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, destroy Medicaid, and harm the most vulnerable members of our communities - seniors and people with disabilities.

It also targets people with pre-existing conditions, like my brother a never-smoker, stage IV lung cancer. His medicine costs \$15,000 a month.

The cynical attempt to bribe Senators Murkowski and Collins further illustrates the base, utter lack of character amongst the designers and supporters of this bill.

Regards,

John Kimball

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**From:** Elizabeth Schott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy fiasco

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Honestly, who doesn't have some sort of preexisting condition?

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

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Schott  
Sebastopol, CA

Sent from my iPhone

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Krista Gill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO to Graham-Cassidy!

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Krista Gill; I live in Alexandria, VA. I'm a scientist, wife, and mother. I strongly believe that affordable access to healthcare is a human right. The Graham-Cassidy bill is a step in the WRONG direction. My husband and several other family members are Type 1 diabetics, and my daughter is at greater risk for developing the disease. My family, NO family, should ever be discriminated against because of their health status! Graham-Cassidy would take us back to the days of throwing sick people off of insurance and bankrupting families. My husband's diabetes is very well managed under his current affordable plan. He wants to keep his vision and his extremities, and live to see our daughter grow up. Please vote NO on Graham-Cassidy! Work together to provide real fixes to the current system! Do your jobs to help the American people!

Sincerely yours,  
Krista E. Gill

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**From:** Katharine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony re: the Graham-Cassidy bill

I am Rev. Katharine Houk, a resident of New York State, and this is my testimony which explains why I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My family depends upon reliable, affordable healthcare. For years I endured an autoimmune liver disease (AIH/PBC), caused not by alcohol or drugs but by a genetic twist of fate. My liver was slowly destroyed, as my family watched and did their best to care for me. Two years ago, I received a lifesaving liver transplant from a living donor. A young man who I didn't know and had never even met undertook great risk to save my life by giving me the left lobe of his liver. I am forever grateful to him and his family, who supported his decision to donate and cared for him during his recovery. He has given me the gift of life.

As a recipient of an organ transplant, I am considered to have a pre-existing condition. Because of this transplant, I will be on immunosuppressive drugs for the rest of my life. If I were to stop taking them, my body would reject my precious new liver, creating a life-threatening situation for me. The idea that I could be denied health insurance because my lifesaving transplant is considered a "pre-existing condition," and have to pay out-of-pocket for the costly medication that keeps me alive is horrible. It is cruel and inhumane.

Not only do some insurance companies consider the recipients of organ transplants to have pre-existing conditions, many of them also consider organ donors themselves to have pre-existing conditions. This means that the amazing young man who acted completely selflessly to save my life could be denied health insurance in the future because of that choice. He could be punished for the heroic action he took. That is not right. (H.R.1270, the Living Donor Protection Act of 2017, would help to protect donors from this travesty, if that bill is passed.)

People need access to healthcare to be healthy, to be active, to be generous and to care for others. Americans shouldn't be denied health insurance because a cruel accident of fate means that they are ill and suffering. Americans shouldn't be punished for wanting to save a life and doing everything in their power to do so.

For these, among other reasons, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill, and I support a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Katharine J. Houk

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**From:** Patricia Nguyen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Hello,

My family relies on affordable health care without exemptions for pre-existing conditions. My family was never able to have health care while I was growing up as my father's auto-repair business was denied group health care because one employee had a daughter who was slightly below the growth curve. His choice was to fire the employee so the other families could have health care coverage or keep him in his job. No employer should have to make that choice.

My father chose to do the RIGHT THING and kept this man on so his family could have a father with a job. Instead - my father paid for all maternity bills for every family who worked for him out of pocket. He was not a rich business owner - he was a mechanic who turned wrench for a living. This eliminated the ability of my father to save for retirement. He is now 74 and still working as they have no money to retire.

DO THE RIGHT THING like my father and DO NOT REPEAL OBAMACARE. There is no perfect law, every law needs a bipartisan congressional effort to fix issues that come up during implementation. Do that. Do not take my health care away. I work for myself and am a group of one family who gets their health care through ACA.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patricia Wilson Nguyen  
Lexington, MA 02421

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**From:** Patricia Wilson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham Cassidy Healthcare proposal

Please stop Graham Cassidy bill and let it die by September 30.

It is wrong to base premiums or affordability on pre-existing conditions which so many fellow Americans and I have since we had no choice about our diseases or conditions or how much those conditions cost to manage nor the cascade of other health effects they will cause in coming years if left untreated. For example since my late twenties I have been hypertensive even though I was athletic and at the ideal weight and kept my sodium intake low. I have conscientiously taken daily blood pressure meds ever since because I understand risk for strokes, heart attacks, renal damage and blindness if I don't. Why must I now at 61 due to the GOP's hatred of the ACA as it was implemented by compromise instead of single-payer as an option, thus by Graham Cassidy bill be priced out of routine care and medications or have to decide between paying for daily living expenses or following medical recommendations?

Women's reproductive care is another issue I find Graham Cassidy terrible on. Preventive ob-gyn exams, contraceptives and hormonal treatments (I used to have endometriosis so needed daily contraceptive pills to limit terrible painful dysmenorrhea) are vital to half our adults, prenatal and maternal care is essential for most families and abortion on demand is our SCOTUS-upheld right. Necessary for productive and wise control of fertility since men seem to be unwilling to shoulder their share of controlling their duties regarding reproduction! You are unrealistic to restrict abortion and ob-gyn services that allow adults to determine if and when to handle the most consequential biologic functions of all.

Cancer being incredibly common and typically vastly expensive and difficult to treat and cure, yet with wonderful new methods that can prolong life and raise quality of life, is another area of your plan that fails our country. You will create suffering needlessly and kill thousands by allowing insurers to financially penalize and/or deny care decisions to most citizens because even if personalized genetics- or immune-systems based new medicine regimens, chemotherapies and laser or other surgical interventions can let them live longer and better, the beancounters and bankers will bar the door to those possibilities for all but the wealthy. Reprehensible and unacceptable!

I think is immoral to deprive any American citizen of adequate healthcare in this overall-wealthy country of ours even if it means no new tax breaks for the richest classes. Time for the GOP to work across the aisle to fix ACA or better yet give us a Medicare-for-all option so we join the rest of the civilized world to allow all Americans the sane and effective healthcare we deserve!

Thank you.

Patricia Wilson,  
[REDACTED]

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Charla Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill comments

Please enter these comments into record regarding the Graham Cassidy bill.

As a Texan I am deeply concerned with the contents of the Graham Cassidy Bill. This bill will cause significant harm to Americans seeking affordable and quality healthcare. All of the well respected professional medical associations have expressed their dire concern with this bill. This bill will devastate insurance markets, throw millions of people off their health insurance and punish individuals when they become ill with rising premiums. Congress can do better by working with bipartisan support to craft a bill to fix the problems with the ACA and by listening to the experts in the healthcare field.

Thank you,  
Charla Thompson

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Myra Pressman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy Graham opposition

> Senate Finance Committee,

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> PLEASE reject Graham-Cassidy-Heller. It 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. Please put people and country ahead of party.

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> Thank you.

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> Myra Pressman

> Rockville, MD



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**From:** Ann Hesser [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** medicaid coverage

To Whom this may concern,  
We are parents in Pa, chester county of a daughter with Down Syndrome who receives health insurance through Medicaid. She is 28 years old and relies on this coverage. She became independent of my husband and myself insurance , as they turned her down due to preexisting conditions. She is wholly dependent on this medicaid insurance for her health care.PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS BILL GO THRU , AS IT WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT SO MANY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.  
Respectfully Submitted ,  
Paul and Ann Hesser  
Exton, Pa

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**From:** Janeen Richards [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Wright, Kevin (Finance); senator@warner.senate.gov; senator@kaine.senate.gov  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Janeen Richards  
[REDACTED]  
Dunnsville, VA 22454

09/25/2017

Senate Committee on Finance  
Attn. Editorial and Document Section  
Rm. SD-219  
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510-6200

re: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, Monday, September 25, 2017, 2:00 PM.

Senator Hatch and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing to give my perspectives on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson bill. I have been a pharmacist for 25 years, and we are definitely the first line of defense when it comes to healthcare. We are the first to see people with no insurance, because we are the only health professionals who are free and require no appointment.

I have seen too many mothers with babies ask me if their baby truly needs to go to the doctor, and many adults ask what else they can do to treat their condition without spending money on expensive medication. That was before the ACA was passed. We still see people who live on the edge with no coverage, but much less than before, but much less so.

While the ACA isn't perfect, getting rid of it would be disastrous. It truly is the difference for many families between living and dying. Let's focus on fixing what it lacks rather than repealing the whole thing. This Graham-Cassidy Bill is awful- just on its attack on Medicaid alone. Too many working families rely on Medicaid for health benefits- I even worked with them in a chain drug store!

Preexisting conditions should not be left up to states to be in effect or not. States cannot be expected to come up with efficient health care systems for everyone in 2 years. Block grants are not the answer. I've seen little old ladies save up to pay for their expensive inhalers too many times to want to see a return to pre-ACA coverage. I myself have had family members paralyzed by medical bills who have struggled paying for care, and without the ACA would have had to file bankruptcy. What an awful fear- that you can't pay your doctor bills and would have to declare bankruptcy in order to survive. This is not how Americans should have to face staying healthy.

We give no thought to spending billions on defense, yet begrudge every penny to spending on healthcare. I personally believe universal healthcare is the way to go. We are a great country and should take care of our sick instead of leaving them to die, which is what this bill will do.

Sincerely,

Janeen Richards

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Ed Troya [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:33 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.

Ed Troya  
Jersey City, NJ

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** seawall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** vote against health care bill!!!!

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

Sincerely,  
Ellen Sea  
Sherman, Ct 06784]

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**From:** Sam Ritter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 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.

Sandi Farina  
Farmingville, NY  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Shannon Perri [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Why I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My husband is a small-business owner, and I'm a writer. I recently took a teaching job, so was able to get insurance there, but for the past few years we've relied on the ACA – without it, my husband and I wouldn't have been able to pursue our dreams. Further, I have pre-existing conditions, and ACA protects me. Also, though we haven't yet had a child, we want to, and the ACA guarantees maternity care. Yes, the ACA is flawed, but I'm thankful for it. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,

Shannon Perri

Austin, Texas

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Phil Moscirella [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Senators and Senate Finance Committee, I ask and implore you too please vote NO on this bill. This bill would strip tens of millions of Americans of their health insurance plans, It would reduce protections and greatly increase costs for those with pre-existing conditions, would greatly destabilize the health insurance markets, would cause premiums to skyrocket and would cause a great amount of uncertainty among hundreds of millions of Americans.

I am someone who was born with the chronic incurable condition known as Crohn's Disease this bill would very likely reduce protections that help cover me and cause my healthcare costs to skyrocket, I am currently unable to afford my own health insurance and have my parents pay for it for me and it is unlikely they would be able to under this bill neither would be able too in the very near future as a student.

I ask that you please vote NO on this bill or it will properly be very likely that instead of going to school and working I will be instead signing for disability since I will be impaired in my ability to work without access to routine medical treatment in the form of medical infusions of the drug Remicade that I get every 8 weeks.

Thank you Senators I pray you will all make the right decision for all Americans.

-Phil Moscirella, 21811, Berlin, Maryland

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Vicki Conner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** ACA repeal

I work with many West Virginians who have healthcare for the first time under the ACA. West Virginia is a poor state and without the kind of support given by the expansion of Medicaid, there is no way to make up the money that we will lose under the new bill. People will die in this state if the new bill passes.

Vicki Conner



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Melissa Baker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Good morning. My name is Melissa Baker. I'm writing in reference to the Graham Cassidy Bill. I have a 21 month old son who is still with us here today due to the amazing health care he has received. He has had several surgeries, constant doctor visits, continual therapy sessions and multiple medications.. We are in and out of the hospital on a regular basis. We are able to provide my son these cares with his Medicaid. Should the Graham Cassidy Bill go through my son will be at a significant loss as will other kids with complex care. This can not go through. We can not slash these special fighters and take their benefits away. If you sat down and heard just half of his story you would realize he is stronger than 20 men. This is a plea of desperation for complex care kids. Many of these children don't have a voice. We need to be a voice and protect our babes. I, Melissa Baker, am AGAINST the Graham Cassidy Bill.

Thank you for taking time to read this,  
Melissa Baker

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Nadine Bangerter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing Sept. 25, 2017

Attn: Senate Finance Committee  
Statement for the Record  
Graham-Cassidy hearing Sept. 25, 2017

Vote No Graham-Cassidy

My grandson was born with spina bifida. Before the Affordable Care Act (ACA) went into effect, my daughter could not get insurance for my grandson. My daughter and her family earned too much to qualify for Medicaid, but due to his pre-existing condition could not obtain other insurance for him.

They relied on the emergency room to make sure his shunt was working and to deal with his deteriorating kidney. My grandson received excellent care from some wonderful physicians, but cobbling together ER visits is no way to take care of a chronic condition.

Due to surgeries and hospital stays, by time my grandson was three years old, my daughter was almost \$80,000 in debt. My daughter and my grandson are living proof that those who have insurance get the best care, while those who don't have insurance, struggle just to get by.

The ACA gave them a path to affordable health care for the first time in my grandson's young life. They were given the opportunity to have regular doctor's appointments, take care of issues before they became emergencies, save my grandson's kidney, and get him the care and treatment any child deserves. Thanks to the ACA's protections, my grandson can't be denied because of a pre-existing condition, and insurance companies can't cut his benefits off once he reaches an annual or a lifetime limit.

The ACA gave them some stability and peace of mind while trying to meet my grandson's needs. Without the ACA, my grandson and his parents face a lifetime of unneeded stress, both financially and medically. Why? They are decent, intelligent people who are facing healthcare issues that could happen to anyone. This is America. We must make sure that those who need it have access to affordable, essential health benefits. I thank Senator Collins for opposing the current Senate health care bill, and urge her to stand strong for all people who need to know that they will continue to have affordable care, now and in the future.

Thank you

Nadine Bangerter

Rockland Maine

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**From:** Julie Renne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO

Dear elected officials,

The health of country is being greatly jeopardized by the actions of a few, including Lindsey Graham and Bill Cassidy and some other senators. These are the people that were elected to serve us and they are placing us at risk.

I have to speak up again or my family, friends or neighbors will suffer. I should not have to do this. Again! It's important that you respect those who you were elected to serve; and not the 1%ers, or the Koch brothers. The Koch brothers have poured \$400 million into defeating the ACA. Why? Because they want more money for themselves. It is simply greed.

I see the inhumanity of taking away healthcare from pregnant women, children, the vulnerable and those with pre-existing conditions. Why don't you? I am disappointed in Bill Cassidy and Lindsey Graham.

I want to thank Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine for standing strong for Virginia residents. I want to extend a special thanks to those Senators voting NO to this awful bill, this miscarriage of justice.

Sincerely,

Julie Renne  
Resident of Manassas, VA

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**From:** Jennifer P. Cohen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Hello,

I am writing because I am strongly opposed to the Graham Cassidy bill. My entire family would be effected, like most families across the country. I have a sister with down syndrome who is dependent on medicare for both health care and additional support in order to live independently. My mother, sister in law and I all have 'pre-exisiting conditions' that would make it unaffordable to continue to get good health coverage, even with an employer based plan. This devastating bill would strip health care away from millions and crush us. It is a cruel plan. Keep the ACA and make it better.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Cohen  
Brooklyn, NY

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**From:** Lynn Robinson [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy.. please vote NO

Senators,

As a mother of a child with emotional and learning disabilities I urge you to vote NO on this ill-conceived bill. Our medical bills are already quite high due to the various treatments she receives, including psychiatric and psychological treatments. The Graham-Cassidy bill WILL make it far easier for our premiums (and her premiums when she turns 26 in 3 years) to skyrocket. America can do better. I urge each of you to work across party lines and craft a comprehensive, humane, and fair bill which protects all Americans rights to quality, affordable healthcare.

Thank you for allowing me to express my views. The nation is watching and counting on you.

Lynn Robinson  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Eve Sicular [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** improve the ACA; do NOT repeal it

To whom it may concern,

My family members rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My brother with lifelong mental health issues is able to remain stable and independent with the help of care that is now affordable for him. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Also it is outrageous that the process around this heinous Graham-Cassidy proposal is only allowing one set of hearings, and that proper debate is not being held. The prospect of junk insurance that hurts consumers means that anyone with a pre-existing condition would have no true protections.

Our government is intended to serve the citizens of this country, not the major donors of any certain political party. Clearly most Americans and health care providers, even insurers, realize how bad the outcomes of this bill would be for millions who would again find healthcare out of reach.

Sincerely,

~Eve Sicular  
New York, NY

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**From:** Kyle Rawding [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy hearing

My family and I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Despite its flaws, the ACA was a step forward for our country, and given how many millions now depend on it, repealing it would not be a return to 'how things were before' but rather a drastic setback. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to IMPROVE the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Rawding  
Cambridge, MA

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**From:** Liisa McCloy-Kelley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comments for the Graham-Cassidy bill hearing  
**Attachments:** GCBStatement-LiisaMcCloy-Kelley.docx

Dear Committee-

Please find attached my comments relative to my opposition for the Graham-Cassidy bill that you are holding a hearing for today. I hope you will read and take my thoughts into consideration.

Thank you,

Liisa McCloy-Kelley

[REDACTED]  
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Christine Rohrer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Statement in opposition to Graham-Cassidy  
**Attachments:** STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO GRAHAM-CASSIDY.docx

Attached and pasted here.

### STATEMENT OF CHRISTINE ROHRER IN OPPOSITION TO GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL

I submit this statement to urge all Senators to oppose Graham-Cassidy. The bill will result in reduced access to health care through higher premiums for persons with pre-existing conditions and place a significant burden on State Medicaid programs through the use of block grants that will force States to choose between vulnerable populations to ration care, or simply cut people off of health insurance as the funding is capped. States have significant flexibility already to shape their Medicaid program so that it meets the needs of their individual populations through the current Medicaid waiver program. All States have waivers, and some States have up to 30 waivers enabling them to adjust health care delivery methods, reimbursement, and co pays and add people to the program based on age, financial status and health status. The primary condition of the waiver is that it be cost neutral so the flexibility granted the States is currently cost effective. There is no need to change this. Further, eligibility of the Medicaid program is an entitlement, States are not able to restrict enrollment and therefore cannot control a large portion of the costs of the program. Block grants will force States to do much more with much less, hurting people in the process.

If you want to do something about the costs of health care, take a serious look at the costs of health care. Health care costs in the US outpace every single other nation, but outcomes do not. There are many areas that should be studied for review. Prescription drug costs are too high, physicians order too many tests to cover their liability and because they do not have electronic access to all of the other tests their patients may have had, too much money is spent on treatments that don't work, or end of life care, the bulk of Medicaid dollars are spent on nursing home care when we know that care is better and cheaper in the community.

In addition, I take issue with the process by which this bill was developed. It is against the Senate regular rules, and highly unethical, to develop a bill in secret and not allow input from fellow Senators and the numerous stakeholders who will be affected. Health care represents one fifth of our nation's economy and ripples from the effects of this bill will be felt by everyone. In a democracy, everyone should have a say, not just a handful of Republican Senators. The most recent attempt to adjust the bill to benefit Alaska and Maine is a craven attempt to gain votes and will do nothing to improve the country's health care system. Improving the health care system should be the goal of the Senate's work, not fulfilling a misguided promise to your political base.

Thank you.

Christine Rohrer



Vienna, VA 22180

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**From:** Laura Bowman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy on PKD Patients

Dear Legislators,

I am a concerned constituent writing to to oppose the Graham-Cassidy ACA Replacement Plan.

I am concerned because I have family members and friends who have, and have died from, a chronic, genetic, pre-existing condition called polycystic kidney disease, or PKD. This genetic disorder causes cysts to grow on their kidneys, causing chronic pain and eventually leading to kidney failure. PKD requires lifelong medical care and the only life-extending options are dialysis or kidney transplant.

I urge you to vote against Graham-Cassidy as it will reduce their access to health insurance and remove patient protections for people like them that have PKD, a pre-existing condition.

As you consider your position on this bill, please consider how it will impact constituents like my family members and friends who need access to quality, affordable health care. I hope you will work with your colleagues across the aisle to have a bi-partisan effort to fix the ACA.

Thank you,

Laura Bowman  
Kidney Donor

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Tao Neuendorffer Flaherty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

I was able to have a healthy baby boy because we got pre-natal care to address my allergy to him.

Then he needed care because he got pneumonia and couldn't breathe.

Then we got run over by a car walking home from elementary school. It took months for the nerves in his arm to grow back.

Yes, we've been unlucky. That's the whole point of insurance. Everybody pays while healthy so that tomorrow when your baby's in need your doctor can afford to treat him.

The ACA could be improved! Please talk with medical organizations about how to make it better.

Thank you,  
Tao Neuendorffer Flaherty,  
voting citizen of Pittsburgh PA

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**From:** Debra Buxton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Repeal Graham Cassidy

My son is medically fragile - his LIFE depends on having Medicaid. His very LIFE. He has a genetic disorder that can cause 180 separate issues - for him for now - it has caused congenital heart disease, major GI issues, development delays, caused him to be non-verbal (he has so much to say and can't make the sounds to make words) and he's immuno compromised. He's undergoing additional evaluations to check some very worrying blood tests.

Graham Cassidy will compromise his health and SEVERELY impact his quality of life. He will DIE without Medicaid.

Debbie Buxton

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Crawley, Kimberly J [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:31 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Isaac

My son, Isaac is 8 year old. He was born 9 weeks early with a rare birth defect, Esophageal Atresia. Babies born with Esophageal Atresia are missing the majority of their esophagus. Because of his birth defect Isaac has been tube fed since birth. Attempts were made to repair Isaac's esophagus early on, at Fairfax Hospital in VA. These attempts resulted in more damage being done to Isaac's esophagus and eventually his airway, as only a few surgeons in the country specialize in Esophageal defects.

At 4 months old Isaac received a tracheotomy, he was no longer able to breathe through his damaged airway. We also made the decision to move his care to a surgeon in Minnesota who specialized in his birth defect and would eventually save his life (several times).

Isaac spent the next 8 months in Minnesota, during this time he was kept in a medically induced sleep for a total of 3 months, while his esophagus grew. Watching your baby sleep, unable to hold him or watch him achieve normal milestones is hard. What was coming our way was a million times worse.

Isaac's esophagus was finally completed almost a year after his birth, what we thought was the end of the journey was actually just the beginning. While Isaac was in the ICU his insurance company called me – asking if we had a “back up plan” as he was approaching his lifetime limit for care. When your baby is in the ICU it is hard to think about much else. I recall thinking “they can't take my son's insurance away” and I moved on to more pressing issues, like keeping him alive.

Isaac came home for the first time in his life at 13 months old. Two months later his life saving medical supplies didn't arrive, when I called the company to inquire about the supplies they let me know my baby was no longer insured. Just like that. My son had used a LIFETIME (\$2 million) of care in just over a year.

I was lucky, returning from a leave of absence I was able to put him on my health insurance, but knew this meant I was tied into this job for as long as I could keep my son insured. One month after Isaac lost his insurance the Affordable Care Act was signed into law. My son was safe. He could not have his laundry list of pre existing conditions used against him. He could no longer use a lifetime of care in just over a year.

In the years since the ACA was signed into law Isaac has undergone 10 additional surgeries (his 25<sup>th</sup> surgery is this week). He has relied on health insurance and Medicaid to live a normal life.

Isaac has a Medicaid waiver, his Medicaid pays for the things his insurance does not – which is a lot. Isaac requires nursing care, as a result of his trach and feeding tube. His health insurance does not pay for this care, Medicaid does. Without trained nurses I would not be able to sleep at night, and Isaac could not attend school each day. I would likely lose my job and my home as a result of the care Isaac requires. Isaac receives speech services at school, Medicaid covers a portion of that – for most children.

One of Isaac's nebulizer treatments is \$7000 a refill, his insurance company has refused to pay for this, Medicaid covers it.

Isaac has fought his entire life, he has proven stronger than any person I have ever met. He is a happy, mostly healthy little boy. He is a cub scout, an active member of his church and an avid Mario Kart player. He is living today because of the care he has received. Without Medicaid this would not be possible.

If he is forced to deal again with lifetime limits (he has easily surpassed another lifetime of care at this point), and pre existing condition rules his life will be dramatically impacted.

My son was one of the faces for the ACA rollout, we attended the press conference at the White House with President Obama – and we could finally rest easily knowing Isaac was getting the care he deserved.

I have fought for everything this child has ever needed – I have fought doctors, and therapists, and schools, and sometimes my own community. I should NOT have to fight my own government on my son's behalf – but I will.

I will not rest, I will not be silenced, and neither will Isaac.

Please find a way to work together. Please listen to these families – stop hiding behind staffers and phones and MEET your constituents and understand what you are doing when you support a bill like the Graham –Cassidy bill. It is a wolf in sheep’s clothing. We see that, why don’t you?

Kim Crawley  
Special Education Teacher, Herndon High School

*"All Hornets are capable of success, no exceptions!"*

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**From:** Deborah Foote <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oral Health Florida Opposes Graham/Cassidy

On behalf of Oral Health Florida, a diverse coalition of over 300 stakeholder seeking to improve oral health for all Floridians, we oppose the Graham/Cassidy bill.

The Graham/Cassidy bill, like previous bills to repeal health care that were already rejected this summer in the Senate, would have a devastating impact on America's families. Specifically, Graham-Cassidy would:

- Cause more than 30 million people to lose their health insurance
- Make devastating cuts to the expanded Medicaid program. Under Graham-Cassidy, the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion would end altogether by 2027, throwing millions of people off their coverage.
- Cap funding for the traditional Medicaid program, which provides vital care to seniors, children, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations.
- Cut funding for the financial assistance that helps people purchase insurance through the Affordable Care Act's insurance marketplaces.
- Allow states to eliminate protections for people with preexisting conditions and to end the requirements that insurers cover a set of essential health benefits like oral health services, prescription drugs, maternity care, and mental health care.

We urge the Senate to develop a bipartisan solution that builds on improving the ACA.

Deborah L. Foote  
Managing Director  
Oral Health Florida

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**Deborah L. Foote, MPA**  
**Cypress Tree Consulting, LLC**  
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**From:** ALISON M POWER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** please abandon this bill

And please stop being deceptive about what it would do. Listen to professionals across the country who are against this bill.

I have health insurance through the ACA. I do not want to lose it.

Please lead a bipartisan effort to fix whatever needs to be fixed with the ACA, rather than continue on this foolish and dangerous path.

Alison Power  
New York State

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**From:** Johannes de Jong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Comments, Please Oppose This Terrible Legislation

Senate Finance Committee,

I am one of the tens of millions of Americans who stand to lose healthcare coverage as a result of the Graham-Cassidy bill, and I want you to know that I exist. This isn't an abstract political game to me; it is a potentially devastating, looming crisis that gnaws at me every single day, and has throughout each and every one of the Republican "ACA repeal" efforts: AHCA, BCRA, ORRA, HCFA, and now Graham-Cassidy.

All of these bills represent wholesale violation of core campaign promises by both members of congress and the President, to: 1) maintain popular and critical patient protections – each bill weakens some or all of these protections, 2) cover more people – each bill would cover tens of millions fewer people, 3) lower costs – each bill would cause aggregate rise in premiums initially, and spike premiums for those of age or with pre-existing health conditions, 4) make "no cuts to Medicaid" – each bill would make deep cuts to Medicaid, and four of those bills, including Graham-Cassidy, would cut Medicaid far beyond the expanded funding levels established by the ACA.

To my knowledge, no member of congress ran on the kinds of Medicaid cuts being proposed under Graham-Cassidy, and I fail to grasp what those Medicaid cuts –yes, they are cuts– have to do with the ACA or a pledge to "repeal and replace Obamacare."

I am profoundly concerned what Graham-Cassidy would do to my coverage, and the coverage of many friends and family members, who have at one point or another depended on patient protections or Medicaid coverage to tend to medical needs, get them back on their feet, or basically stay alive. I urge the committee to reject as adequate the frankly embarrassing process used to craft this legislation, and instead open itself up to more hearings with medical experts, affected patients, and other healthcare stakeholders who can inform congress on the impacts of this legislation.

I unequivocally urge those on the committee and in congress moreover to reject Graham-Cassidy. Graham-Cassidy, and the process used to craft it, is an affront to democracy.

(to help inform your 9/25, 2pm ET hearing on Graham-Cassidy)

Sincerely,  
Johannes de Jong  
East Aurora, NY

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**From:** Robin LaPasha [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Cassidy-Graham-Heller bill - please vote NO!

To the Senate Finance Committee -

Please vote NO against the Cassidy-Graham-Heller bill this week. It ends many workers' ability to get coverage from their employers. It leaves poor and ill Americans without the ability to buy (*somewhat* affordable) insurance at all--they would *not* get medical care they need. Finally it slashes Medicare for seniors, children, and the disabled.

States would LOSE money under the Cassidy-Graham-Heller proposal (compared to the ACA), because many block grants will be generally AND proportionately less than the subsidies which individual citizens now get to help pay for insurance. And then the money will be reduced further.

I am a middle class working citizen. Although I now have healthcare through my employer--I still worry about what happens if I get sick or injured, or if I have trouble paying for healthcare in retirement. So does ALMOST EVERYBODY--and this is why we need to keep a nationally managed healthcare/insurance option, not just a limited and *temporary* buying-off of individual state legislatures with grants.

I say to you Senators of the committee:

Please stop trying to destroy a decent health insurance program. The Cassidy-Graham-Heller proposal fixes/covers almost nothing, and is NOT better. Its core is to defund the ACA program for the sake of VERY narrowly targeted tax breaks.

Please also stop trying to 'beat the (parliamentary rules) clock.' You have no excuse for bypassing the negotiative work of actual legislative process towards a real fix. Specifically, the idea of continuing to a vote without full information from the Congressional Budget Office on the bill is simply a sham.

Please vote NO on advancing, continuing, or passing Graham-Cassidy-Heller!

Robin LaPasha  
Durham, North Carolina

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**From:** Kimberly Ratliff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I urge you to reject the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill.

Graham-Cassidy would cause tens of millions of 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.

I am a rare disease patient, and the Affordable Care Act protections on pre-existing condition coverage are essential for me to have access to care. Any annual or lifetime caps on coverage, like those in Graham-Cassidy, would force me to choose between treating my lifelong condition and financial ruin for my family.

Americans want a bipartisan solution to improve the ACA, developed through regular order. We do not want to see it repealed. And I for one am terrified at my prospects if Graham-Cassidy passes. Please reject this bill.

Kimberly Ratliff  
Charlotte, NC

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**From:** Cheryl Bluestone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham - Cassidy Bill

I am appalled that this bill is being considered following none of the processes of a typical bill. It will hurt (at a minimum) 30 million people. Senator Graham - who has displayed a good deal of honor throughout this year, is betraying the citizens of his country and honestly, his state. If we are going to correct any of the flaws in the ACA, this should be done in a thoughtful, thorough process. I know the Republicans want a win... but it is entirely possible to correct the flaws (and possibly even return some "flexibility" to the states, in a well thought out and preferably bi-partisan process. Do not let this go out for vote as is. Do not try to bribe senators who have a conscience about their constituents. These short term bribes will end in several years.. .so ultimately it is a devious trick to pass a bill that won't have consequences until the senators who vote on this are gone or past the re-election process. Those of us who will be hurt will have no recourse. Don't play politics with our lives.

Dr. Cheryl Bluestone

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**From:** Matthew Cazessus [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the Graham-Cassidy Legislation

Dear Committee Members,

I am strongly OPPOSED to the Graham-Cassidy legislation for three key reasons:

- 1) The legislation has not moved through regular order with sufficient time for debate and public comments.
- 2) The legislation has not received a complete scoring and impact study by the CBO
- 3) The proposal to 'block grant' funds to the states while reducing overall support would reduce access and quality of care to my immediate family and that of my friends and neighbors.

I encourage you to recognize that this legislation is not only potential disastrous in its implementation, but it is opposed by the vast majority of your constituents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matthew Cazessus

[REDACTED]  
Simpsonville, SC 29680

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**From:** Carol Jean Kennedy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO for current healthcare bill

This bill will be the cause of millions of citizens losing health care.  
This bill will allow states to take away preexisting conditions.  
It is shameful that now more \$\$\$ have been given to Maine and Alaska to get their votes.  
So many reasons for a NO.  
Please consider all the people this bill will hurt.

Carol Jean Kennedy, Arizona

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**From:** Joleen Dooley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** graham-cassidy vote

Dear Senators,

I implore you to vote NO on Graham-Cassidy.

As the parent of a medically complex child, I have no choice but to fight for his RIGHT TO LIFE - not just access to the medical care that he must have to stay alive, but to LIFE and everything that it entails - joy and heartache, trials and triumph, hard work and reward -- a place in his community.

Despite many of your colleagues' false assurances to the contrary, Graham Cassidy leaves those with pre-existing conditions (like autism) dangerously vulnerable.

Its draconian cuts to Medicaid will leave our most vulnerable citizens - most notably our parents, grandparents and disabled loved ones - without the lifeline they so desperately need to be able to live and work in their communities, where they belong.

It may be easy to ignore the emotionally charged plea of a terrified mother, but my stance on the bill is based in fact, not fear.

The American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Hospital Association, the Federation of American Hospitals, America's Health Insurance Plans, and the BlueCross BlueShield Association have all implored you to vote NO on this bill.

All 50 State Directors of Medicaid, and myriad other groups including the 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, among many, many others have issued statements imploring you to vote NO on this bill.

This isn't about politics. It's about people like my daughter, and not just my but OUR sacred responsibility to fight for her Right to Life.

Please, I'm begging, VOTE NO ON GRAHAM CASSIDY.

[#KillTheBill](#)

Thank you,  
Joleen Dooley



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**From:** Kadie Brigham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO

Don't vote yes. Vote no. I know Republicans don't care about anyone except themselves so please prove the world otherwise.

**Kadie Brigham**  
Research Assistant  
VCU School of Medicine  
Dept. of Health Behavior and Policy

Email: [REDACTED]  
Office: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Carolyn Lawson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment on Graham-Cassidy Bill



The Graham Cassidy Bill would be devastating to my family.

My mother is in assisted living with dementia; my brothers and I all contribute to her care, so she is safe and comfortable. Without the assistance of Medicare/Medicaid, the support she receives from the staff would disappear. We would either need to expand our contribution to her care or literally take it on ourselves. This would truly bankrupt me - and possibly my brothers.

I do NOT have health care coverage through my job - we once did and then it was taken away. I currently spend about 10% of my income on insurance and out-of-pocket expenses. And yes, at 56, I have pre-existing conditions. I am fearful beyond words what coverage would cost for me should this bill pass.

Finally, my children - my older two are not yet 26 and continue to be covered under their father's plan. That would evaporate if this bill passes. And my daughter has mental health issues - serious enough to require hospitalization. She's still a minor- but her future looks bleak indeed if this bill (or one like it) goes forward.

Do the right thing for Americans - work on a bi-partisan, well-researched, expert-advised program that will HELP people rather than this monstrous bill that hurts everyone it touches - except the very wealthy, insurance companies and drug companies. Please do your job as our elected representatives.

Carolyn Lawson  
[REDACTED]  
Fredericksburg VA 22406

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**Carolyn Lawson**

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Twitter: [REDACTED]

*You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. — Eleanor Roosevelt*

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**From:** Pam [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Pamela Gross  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Comments on the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson bill  
For your consideration

Please don't let this bill be voted on so fast. Please insist on full CBO score, more hearings and enough time after the final version of the bill is finished for there to be thoughtful consideration by Senators and for constituents to get accurate information.

I have a few comments below divided into two parts. No more than two pages including this page. Thank you so much for reading.

### Part I

It is very hard to know how to begin. How do I know what matters to the person reading this? My plea for my own life? That I have serious medical conditions and I won't live if this bill is passed? That I have loved ones who will die, or have to live with terrible pain and illness which they do not have to suffer now, but will if the bill is passed? That I have been involved with support groups for others with autoimmune disease who are afraid for their own lives or those of whom they dearly love, who also will not be able to afford their medical care if the bill is passed? Should I also share the stories of the people I know in my Save Medicare and Medicaid group, where several hundred people are opposing the bill? These things should matter. The lives of citizens with serious disease or chronic illness should matter.

And it's hard for me to understand that since I don't know who is reading this, I can't tell of what political persuasion the reader might be...and that this matters terribly now. That I can't just count on someone reading about what would be the heartbreaking results of the bill and caring enough about the many thousands of people who would lose their coverage to stop this train wreck of a bill and insist that time should be taken to come up with something non-lethal. So many stories of men worried about how their families will do when they are dead or incapacitated. Women who know they are going to have to skip their mammograms and other important self-care...or who will have to tell their kids about how mommy is going to heaven. That children (see the Little Lobbyists of FaceBook, for one of the many places where kids are begging for their lives)...that children will suffer whose only crime was being born in the wrong place at the wrong time. High premiums, unaffordable copays, lifetime caps...sorry, your country doesn't care about you...can't explain these to a child.

I just had to stop writing and take a few minutes to be sick to my stomach. No, this isn't a literary device. Stress makes my lupus worse, as it does for many illnesses. And with the appearance of this bill, all I have had is stress. I cry. I shake. I don't know what a full night's sleep is. I know plenty of others going through exacerbation of illness.

Does anyone care enough out there to delay passage of this bill? Everyone had hope for the bipartisan process going on. Why can't we have that? Why can't we have due process while facing the death penalty...not to mention that we haven't done anything wrong? I grew up in a very patriotic family. I love my country. I never thought I would say about my being born here...wrong place, wrong time. My father, now deceased, was a proud flag-waving veteran who always took us to the desert so we could do fireworks on the Fourth of July. It was a huge holiday in our house. And he was a lifelong, passionate Republican. He would never have understood that his children's lives would hang in the balance because they

both had lupus and were born here, at a time where many seem to be putting politics above the value of human lives, and that his own party was behind this.

Oh, and the bill hurts veterans. Many are on Medicaid. It hurts people over 50. Their premiums will go up sky-high. It hurts people in nursing homes. Many are on Medicaid. It hurts young people who might be seduced into buying "bare bones" insurance coverage which will be a disaster if they get sick or seriously injured. I got lupus at age 23. How would I tell dad about all this?

As it is, my mom is 83 years old, and working retail even though it exhausts her. She's worked hard her whole life and a lot of it was to keep me alive. She doesn't understand that I now might die early anyway, for political reasons.

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## Part II

There are so many reasons to oppose this bill on impersonal grounds that I hardly know where to begin. Since I don't want to write 15 pages I will just hit some high points:

1. The insurance markets have already been gravely destabilized due to the uncertainty of what will happen to their government funding in the near future. This bill will make that far worse. Many insurance experts oppose the bill, and wrote a letter to that effect.
2. In addition to the above destabilization the bill hurts our economy in many ways. There will be many job losses, especially in the health care sector. Entrepreneurs will find themselves abandoned, left with unaffordable insurance or none.
3. The health care delivery system will be thrown off course. Many hospitals and clinics will close. Even people who can afford care may not be able to easily access it. The AMA, among many others, oppose the bill.
4. Many governors, even some in conservative states, oppose the bill. Patient organizations oppose the bill. As mentioned above, so do many insurance experts. This goes far beyond individual stories.
5. The bill is inherently unfair. Many with preexisting conditions will find their health care completely unaffordable. And who can end up with a preexisting illness or injury? Anyone.

How the bill affects you might depend on the state in which you live. It's hard to believe or understand, but I gather if you live in California your state will be badly harmed by the bill, while if you live in Texas, there will be a temporary benefit. And although there hasn't been time to get this information out to someone like me in a way that is very clear, it seems that states where key Republican Senators who are needed for the vote live will now do better than they did before the bill was changed yesterday. Although all states lose in the end, which a lot of Congress doesn't even seem to know yet.


6. The bill is too rushed for everyone to know what will hit them. Even people who think they support it don't yet know it will gravely harm them. Many think it will solve the problems of people whose premiums became too high under the ACA, but in the long run many of these will be hurt rather than helped. Many think the sick will be helped by risk pools. They don't know that between high premiums, high copays, and the lifetime caps, so many won't be able to afford care.

Bill changed last night. What's in it? No time to find out. Must vote this week! No full financial analysis. Hearing today that few know about. Vote this week because of an artificial political deadline. Our lives deserve better consideration than that! Many still think the bipartisan effort is going on; they don't know about this bill or what is in it, so how could they contact their representatives in time? Here I am typing as fast as I can because the hearing is today! And the bill was changed last night so there should not be only one hearing, and one that most people won't even know about until it is over. This violates democracy.

Even our own Senators won't have had time to analyze the bill, especially the latest version, before they are forced to vote on it! No full CBO score even for them! this really the USA? The bill is backed by political and moneyed interests who want it rushed through but is that all that is important to us as a nation? We can't even take the time necessary to go over something important because of a political-only deadline, with lives at stake?

Thank you very much for reading. I appreciate very much the time you are taking to give all of us at least one hearing.  
Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Pam Gross

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*Pamela Gross*  


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**From:** JoAnne Chase [REDACTED] <>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare for myself and others. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I have bone-on-bone arthritis in both knees and I'm facing a much needed knee replacement next month and the other knee next year. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely, JoAnne Chase

Wheaton, IL

Sent from my iPhone

*JoAnne Chase*

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**From:** Susan Awad [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Statement for the Record on GCHJ  
**Attachments:** Chapter Letter for Record on Graham Cassidy - NNESAM.pdf

Good morning,

Please find attached a letter for the record for the Senate Committee on Finance Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal from the Northern New England Society of Addiction Medicine.

All the best,  
Susan

Susan Awad  
*Director, Advocacy and Government Relations*  
**American Society of Addiction Medicine**

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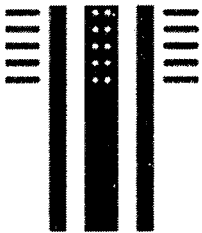
**From:** Tanya Dorf Brunner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Graham/Cassidy

On behalf of Oral Health Kansas, I submit these comments about the Graham/Cassidy legislation. Oral Health Kansas is the statewide oral health consumer advocacy organization in Kansas. We support fair access to oral health prevention and treatment services for Kansans of all ages, cultures, and resources; and we are particularly concerned about people who are underserved.

We believe Graham/Cassidy is the wrong choice for Kansans and for Americans, and we urge the Committee to stop the bill. It would make devastating cuts to Medicaid, which provides vital care to seniors, children, people with disabilities, and very low-income adults. The bill also would cut funding for the financial assistance that helps people purchase insurance through the Affordable Care Act. In sum, under the bill, 32 million Americans and 241,000 Kansans will lose healthcare coverage.

The flexibility offered to the states puts people at risk more than it helps them. The bill allows states to eliminate protections for people with preexisting conditions and to end the requirements that insurers cover a set of essential health benefits like oral health services, prescription drugs, maternity care, and mental health care.

Kansans cannot afford the risks associated with the Graham/Cassidy bill. We ask the Committee to stop the bill.



**TANYA DORF BRUNNER** | Executive Director  
**ORAL HEALTH KANSAS, INC.**

[REDACTED] • Topeka, KS 66612

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**From:** Robert Saffer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write regarding the proposed Graham Cassidy healthcare reform legislation.

This proposed legislation and the process (or lack thereof) being used to move it along are both abhorrent to the basic principles of decency, democracy and civic responsibility.

It is a cynical and transparent attempt to satisfy extreme elements of the Republican base and donors at the expense of tens of millions American's wellbeing.

Any Senator who votes for this or even votes to let it proceed has shown a shameful disregard for the democratic process and the welfare of his constituents.

Sincerely,

Robert Saffer

Brooklyn, NY

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jean Anne Shafferman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:29 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 leukemia. I had to retire to become a full-time caregiver for my husband, who has Alzheimer's as the result of the debilitating effects of having had Type 1 Diabetes for 50 years. The new legislation will prevent my ability to purchase health care for myself -- my leukemia meds alone cost \$12,000/month! It will severely impact, if not eliminate, the Medicaid-funded programs that benefit my husband. If you pass this bill, you will have passed a death sentence on me and, thereby, on my husband. I beg you to choose moral conscience over political party and vote against this devastating bill. Jean Anne Shafferman, Easton, PA

Jean Anne Shafferman

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**From:** Alison Beckwith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Bill  
**Attachments:** IMG\_2256.JPG; IMG\_5488.JPG

I am the mother of two medically fragile children. My son is 13 and has spent every one of those days fighting a horrible progressive disease to try and thrive. His medical bills are well into the millions over his lifetime. My daughter is three and fighting the same disease as her brother. Just this year she has been hospitalized multiple times and had two surgeries. Without the protection against lifetime maximums and pre-existing conditions my children will DIE. Please do not pass this cruel bill. Fight for my two precious children and so many more like them. They deserve better.

Alison Beckwith

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**From:** Nancy Wallace [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** NO on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

Please look at what America's health care associations have to say about this bill - they are ALL against it. What is your response? Americans need an explanation from you as to why ALL of these medical people / associations are wrong - *and how you can justify voting for this bill?* What is it that YOU know, that THEY don't?

American Medical Association: "Physicians rarely agree on anything as strongly as they do that the Graham-Cassidy #healthcare bill is harmful." @AmerMedicalAssn, 09/21/17

American Academy of Pediatrics: "This bill may be disguised under a different name, but it contains the same dangerous policies as the legislation that failed to advance out of the Senate earlier this summer. In fact, Graham-Cassidy goes even further in its attacks on Medicaid." @AmerAcadPeds, 09/20/17

Nurses Association: "We oppose it too! It is the worst healthcare bill yet." @ANANursingWorld, 09/20/17

American Public Health Association: "Graham-Cassidy bill would have damaging consequences for health of Americans." @PublicHealth, 09/18/17

American Hospital Association: "@ahahospitals opposes the Graham-Cassidy proposal, which would eliminate coverage for millions of Americans." @AHAAdvocacy, 09/17/17

National Rural Health Association: "NRHA demands that health reform solve current #ACA issues, preserve successes, and benefit rural health Americans." @RuralHealth, 09/20/17

Children's Hospital Association: "Children's hospitals stand against #GrahamCassidy, would reduce access & coverage for 30 million kids in #Medicaid." @hospitals4kids, 09/21/17

American Heart Association: 09/18/17

"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. Our organizations urge senators to oppose this legislation."

**AND THE FOLLOWING SIGNERS:**

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

American Lung Association: "We need quality and affordable health care. Call your Senators and tell them to oppose the #GrahamCassidy bill." @LungAssociation, 09/21/17

Federation of American Hospitals: "The Graham-Cassidy proposal could disrupt access to health care for millions of the more than 70 million Americans who depend on Medicaid and the marketplaces for their health coverage.

It is time to move on to secure the health coverage for those who have it, and find solutions for those who don't.

We urge the Senate to reject legislation that fails to move us forward in assuring Americans access to affordable health care and coverage." @FedAmerHospital, 09/20/17

LASTLY:

Now there are THREE estimates of coverage loss of 32 million: Brookings Commonwealth Fund: nonpartisan Brookings estimates 21 million lose coverage by 2026, 32 million by 2027. This is the best estimate absent a CBO score. @BrookingsInst, 09/22/17.

Are you listening to America's experts on health care? We are all watching you. We are highly motivated for 2018! SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP - WORK ON THE BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE ACA.

DO.YOUR.JOB.

Nancy Wallace

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**From:** Deb Farmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 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.

The lack of protection for those with pre-existing conditions is unfathomable. I urge you - AGAIN - to reject Graham-Cassidy and work on a bipartisan bill through the HELP Committee.

Deb Farmer  
West Hollywood, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Andrea Tentner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment on Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal  
**Attachments:** AndreaTentner\_Comment\_on\_Graham\_Cassidy\_2017\_09\_25.docx

Hearing title: Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal  
Hearing date: Monday, September 25, 2017

Andrea Tentner  
[REDACTED]  
Chicago, IL 60647

\* i have lived with a chronic disease (a 'pre-existing condition') since i was 11  
\* my whole life, i felt the clear necessity to take the safe route in my career - i needed good employer-based health insurance and couldn't ever afford a gap in insurance from something like even a short gap in employment because once i was off, there were no guarantees i could \*ever\* get insurance again  
\* my life changed in 2010 when the ACA passed - i cried with relief, and counted the days until the ban on discriminating against those with pre-existing conditions would take effect in 2014  
\* the ACA passage, and this relief, allowed me to take some risks in my career that i never would have otherwise - it allowed me to pursue a career change and now i am on a clear career track to make a difference in the areas about which i care most deeply (healthcare, healthcare equity, and social determinants of health!)  
\* already the trump administration, and hhs head tom price have undermined the individual health insurance markets of the ACA, by 1) cutting the advertising budget for marketplace enrollment by 90% and even using some of the budget to \*discourage\* enrollment, 2) by cutting the open enrollment period for 2018 to half the length it was previously and allowing [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) to be \*regularly out of commission\* almost every single sunday until \*noon\* of the already shortened 2018 open enrollment period, and 3) making sure that insurance companies have to release 2018 premium prices \*without any assurance\* that the subsidies mandated by the ACA will come through, such that insurance companies will be forced to pass those costs on to consumers by raising premium prices in the marketplace  
\* if graham-cassidy passes we will truly be back to worse than square one  
\* i am terrified and heart-broken for myself and for all Americans - truly, 10s of millions of Americans will be immediately affected by this bill and all Americans will be eventually - no one stays healthy forever, and certainly no one escapes sickness among their family, friends, and community  
\* graham-cassidy is a shockingly bad bill that will lead to deaths, bankruptcies, and the depression and anxiety that comes with not knowing how you will pay the bills to keep yourself or your loved ones alive for millions - please please return to bipartisan talks and figure out a strategy that actually works to help fix the problems you see - graham-cassidy is not the answer.

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**From:** Rebecca Scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION to Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

This email is to inform you of my strong opposition to the "Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal."

My greatest concern with the proposal is the issue of pre-existing conditions. My understanding is that this issue will be left up to the states. While I cannot address how all states will handle this, I AM quite familiar with how one particular state will.

My eldest daughter is 38. She has TWO pre-existing conditions: bipolar disorder and thyroid cancer. She lives in TEXAS. Prior to the ACA's protections, she was unable to buy ANY medical insurance coverage - AT ANY PRICE. Regardless of the premium she was willing to pay, or the deductible she was willing to absorb, NO CARRIER IN TEXAS WOULD COVER HER. She is a college educated, responsible person, who works two jobs, neither of which offered her coverage. Her pre-existing conditions are not the result of poor life choices, but of genetic predisposition and bad luck.

While I do know some state legislatures have now passed laws which address coverage of pre-existing conditions, I also know there are still many who do not, and WILL NOT in the future. WHAT ARE THESE PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO DO?

I am also concerned about the almost two million VETERANS who rely on Medicaid, and the future impacts to their care under Graham-Cassidy.

I agree with Senator McCain that there is a better, bi-partisan way to address the problems with the ACA, and urge the Senate to come together to address the needs of ALL Americans.

Thank you for your time and attention.





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**From:** Meredith Kinney [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

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Meredith Kinney  
Hainesport, NJ

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** jane bouvier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill

Dear Senators:

I write to urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy-Heller bill.

My daughter passed away this summer at age 58. She had a pre-existing condition, systemic lupus. She had a job with health insurance, but was afraid to take the advice of her physician and apply for disability at this time because of the fragility of health care our health care system.

Her job required travel , and because of her compromised immune system, she got typhoid fever in Colombia. This triggered terrible consequences and after THREE MONTHS in the hospital, with multiple tests and attempts to keep her alive, she died. I imagine her hospital bill will be in the millions. Had she retired early, she would likely be alive today. (She was prayed for on the floor of Congress by Senator Jim McGovern just before she passed away.)

If we had reliable healthcare , many people would not be faced with such a life or death decision. We are all one diagnosis away from a pre-existing condition.

Jane Mansfield Bouvier

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Hamden, CT 06518

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**From:** Terryl Owens [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Hearing to consider Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson September 25, 2017

To Senate Committee on Finance. ATTN Editorial and Document Section,

My mother was afforded death with dignity due to Medicaid. She suffered from vascular dementia and insulin dependent diabetes, which in themselves limited the choice of nursing care facilities available to her to exactly ONE within a radius that would allow my sisters who lived there to see her and return home to their own children on the same day.

Under the current proposal, to get the care she needed at the time, she would have been forced to move to a different state. So she would have effectively been forced to choose whether to LIVE -- OR to be near family and for all intents and purposes be given a death sentence.

Is this what you wish to legislate for me and my family, should our medical circumstances prove similar when I reach old age?

That is the definition of EVIL. Nothing less.

You MUST oppose this bill.

Sincerely,  
Terryl Owens  
Glenwood Landing, NY

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of JS [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT - SENATE FINANCE HEARING TODAY 9/25 - PLEASE CONSIDER

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2017, 2PM

Jill M. Spector, Attorney, Parent

[REDACTED]

Ambler, PA 19002

[REDACTED]

I write to ask that you consider my comments with respect to the Graham-Cassidy bill. As the parent of teenage twins including one with severe disabilities, I write because my family and I – and many other typical middle-class families like us – are terrified at the prospect of this bill becoming law and urge you to VOTE NO.

Despite my advanced education, I had no idea how Medicaid affected my solidly middle-class life until my twins were born 10 weeks early, each with many different special health care needs. I quickly learned that our only chance of getting my sons what they needed was to get them on Medicaid -- based not on income, but rather their disabilities. Before they left the ICU, they were enrolled in what Pennsylvania called "medical assistance" – a Medicaid based secondary insurance policy that would kick in to pay for what our private insurance did not.

I quickly learned that Medicaid – not our private insurance – is what paid for nearly everything we needed. Medicaid made it possible for us to care for them at home and get the endless therapies they needed to thrive. Our private insurance paid some of the cost of some services. But, we could never have afforded even the portions we had to pay. And, plenty of services were not covered at all by our private insurance, but ONLY by Medicaid.

Without Medicaid, our kids would not have received necessary care, plain and simple. Without knowing that their care was GUARANTEED – through Medicaid and

despite having good primary insurance - I don't know that my husband and I could have survived emotionally, physically and certainly not financially.

The Graham-Cassidy bill jeopardizes the guarantee of care that is so fundamental to children with special needs and their families.

For our one son with severe disabilities, we still rely on Medicaid for day-to-day needs, and count on Medicaid for his future. For example, MEDICAID – not private health insurance – covers “home health” services we continue to rely upon daily, to assist us with things like getting him out of bed, into his wheelchair, bathed and dressed. MEDICAID - not private insurance – is how we afford the power wheelchair he relies upon every waking moment, and other essential equipment.

As he enters adulthood, MEDICAID – not private insurance -- is the ONLY source of funding for long term services that will make it possible for our son to be at home and in the community. Only through Medicaid will he get the one-to-one assistance he needs; someone to help him at home, at school or work, and everywhere else. No insurance pays for such “Home and Community Based Services” and even the very wealthy would be hard pressed to pay for these services long term.

The Graham-Cassidy bill jeopardizes the home and community based funding that our son needs to survive and thrive as an adult.

I know I speak not only for myself, but for hundreds of other families and persons with disabilities who I have met through my journey as mother, attorney and advocate, and founder of a major Philadelphia-based support group for parents and caregivers:

For the sake of my son, and all other families and individuals who live with disabilities, now and in the future, PLEASE VOTE NO to this devastating bill.

I would be happy to discuss any of this comment, answer questions, submit further testimony, or appear if it would be useful to this committee or others considering this bill.

THANK YOU for the opportunity to submit this comment, and for your time and consideration.

Jill Spector

"...the important thing is to not stop questioning...."

-Albert Einstein

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**From:** Elizabeth Reilly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Trump Health Care Bill

Please do not pass the Trump Health Care Bill. I have a son and a sister-in-law that have diseases that they were born with and have limited financial resources if this bill is passed by the Senate. Please have some compassions!!!

Lane Reilly

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**From:** Georgina Bard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:27 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

Please vote against the Graham-Cassidy bill. My 27 year old single daughter was in a tragic auto accident in 2012 which resulted in a severe traumatic brain injury. She was able to be cared for in my home due to the funding provided by the Medicaid Community Based Waiver funding which we received from the state of Pennsylvania. I have met many other victims of Traumatic Brain Injury during our journey and we are concerned about funding being cut off for the care that is so desperately needed among this population. The people who have suffered this type of injury have been strong contributors to society and family, yet one tragic day in their life changed everything. We need us to consider them, be compassionate, and enable them to have the care they need for their recovery. This population has a long road of rehabilitation in their recovery journey and they are not usually able to work in the same type of job they had before their brain injury.

Please vote against this bill so that people who need this help can still obtain the insurance, medical care, and therapy they so desperately need.

Thank you.

*Georgina Bard*



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**From:** Lois Tow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, 09/25/2107

Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017

Submitted by

Lois Tow, [REDACTED] Jamaica Plain MA 02130

My husband and I are self-employed. I have leukemia. Without the ACA I wouldn't have medical insurance. Without the ACA we will use up all our retirement savings paying for my care. Without the ACA, we'd be bankrupt and/or I'd be dead.

I was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) in 2006. My husband was laid off in 2008 early in the Great Recession, so we lost our employer-paid medical insurance – an eye-opening experience on what medical insurance costs!

We paid for COBRA to keep insurance. After fruitless job searching, my husband decided to start a business. Every year it got more expensive to insure our family. When we no longer qualified for COBRA, we moved to coverage under HIPAA, often considered the last resort. HIPAA plans often go into death spirals because only those at high cost/high risk or uninsurable like me buy them. In 2014, we were relieved to get insurance (unsubsidized) under the ACA.

Under the Graham-Cassidy bill:

1. I may not be able to afford any kind of insurance coverage, or the insurance that I can afford may not cover all of my cancer treatment, such as the drugs I need. The next time I need treatment, it will be with the new oral chemotherapies. They are very effective, controlling the leukemia completely for most CLL patients – kind of like insulin for diabetics, but it is very expensive.
2. I will no longer be able to count on the pre-existing conditions protections I have under the ACA.
3. I will no longer be able to count on the age-rating protections I currently have under the ACA.
4. I will lose the protection from annual and lifetime caps, a very real concern. I have lived with leukemia for over 11 years and my prognosis for living many more years is good.
5. Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) do not provide anywhere near enough money to pay for care.
6. High risk pools fail. They lead to a “death spiral” of ever increasing costs that become unaffordable and ultimately cost as much as having no insurance.

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Toby Jean Lunstad [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** How GCH affects us

Dear Senate Finance Committee

My name is Toby Lunstad and I live in Mandan, ND. My daughter Addilynn will be 3 years old on October 10th.

Addilynn is a beautiful and sassy toddler who loves Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, riding in the stroller, swinging, and going outside. She has blue eyes that will take your breath away and a smile that will melt your heart. She gives the best hugs and her giggle is infectious.



Addilynn has Global Developmental Delays with Hypotonia. We do not know the reason for her delays or hypotonia despite numerous tests and specialists visits. Because of her delays, Addilynn receives Early Intervention services, outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy, and will be starting special education preschool in a couple of weeks after her third birthday. Her therapies address her goals of increased sitting tolerance and balance, functional mobility, and feeding and dressing herself.

Addilynn's therapies and medical care are covered both by my insurance and by Medicaid as a secondary insurance. However, my insurance covers 52 therapy visits per year and that is all. All therapies, along with chiropractic care (which she also receives on occasion) are taken out of that 52 visits. She uses up those 52 visits after 13 weeks of the benefit year. This means for 39 weeks out of the year, without the Medicaid waiver as a secondary insurance we would have to attempt to pay out of pocket for the therapy she so desperately needs to thrive. The total for these therapies based on my explanation of benefits would be between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year.

It is my understanding that the Graham Cassidy bill will negatively affect my daughter's life in quite a few ways. First, it would eliminate the waiver we depend on for her to get the therapies she needs. Second, she would most likely cap out within a few years unless we decreased her therapy interventions, thereby decreasing

her likelihood to thrive as she goes through life. Third, her pre-existing condition could make it very difficult for us to get her covered under health insurance plans.

I ask you to put yourself in my shoes....What if this were your daughter? What if this were your granddaughter? How would you find \$30,000 extra dollars a year to pay for the therapy she so desperately needs to succeed?

The Graham-Cassidy Bill would hurt my daughter and my family. I strongly urge Congress to reject it.

Thank you for your time.

Toby Lunstad

  
Mandan, ND 58554

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**From:** tree [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please vote No

This bill hurts not only those that need help with government healthcare but those who actually already have insurance. It takes away our protections for pre existing conditions not only for those seeking new insurance but those that have had insurance for many years. It allows insurance companies to charge more to those that need it the most.

I work hard to provide insurance for myself and my disabled husband. I stay in a job I hate just for the insurance. And even it is not perfect with high deductibles and copays but it helps keep my husband alive. I work hard to keep him off Medicaid. Please do not hinder me by allowing insurance companies to charge more and exclude those with pre existing conditions.

Please think about the people that elected you and do what is right for them. You may hate the AHC but to do away with it and replace it with anything that offers less coverage, fewer protections, and higher costs is not only a disservice to your constituents but a death sentence for many.

Thank you,

Theresa A. Miller

[REDACTED]  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

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**From:** Woods, Amy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote No

Dear Senators,

As the parent of a child with special needs and as a citizen with pre-existing conditions since birth, I implore you to vote NO on Graham-Cassidy.

Surely the pure multitude of organizations that denounce this bill must resonate with you and your moral compass.

Thank you,  
Amy Woods

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**From:** Jenifer Strozier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** healthcare

To whom it may concern:

It is imperative that we resolve our health care crisis. The Republican vow to repeal Obamacare is an election tool used to fire up their base (most of whom will be hurt by a healthcare repeal) and has nothing to do with making America stronger, more prosperous or "Great Again". I implore you to dig deep into the financial aspects of ANY bill put forward and see exactly how it will affect Americans. Any bill should provide more healthcare to more people at a lower cost with better outcomes. If it doesn't unequivocally do that then it is a bad bill and we should retain the ACA until a solution is found.

Stop being afraid of retaining the ACA. Our country cannot prosper without healthcare for all. My daughter has a mental illness (bipolar disorder) and because of the provisions of the ACA she could not be denied coverage. As a woman she and I both need reproductive care and that MUST include access to safe abortion services. Prescriptions costs need to come down. Substance abuse counseling must be included in any health care bill.

Maybe the solution is a single payer system. Maybe it is to lower the age of Medicare and demand that all states accept medicaid and gradually lessen the difference between the two, age-wise. Maybe our system will be a combination of Medicare and Medicaid. We must invest in our people.

I will be watching the hearings closely.

Sincerely,

Jenifer Strozier  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Oilville, VA

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**From:** Hilary Beason [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:26 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. As an emergency physician, I see everyday the cost that lack of health care access has on orients, and the Graham Cassidy bill will make access worse, not better.

Hilary H Beason, MD  
Birmingham, Alabama

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Judy ALLTON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing

Title of Hearing: Graham-Cassidy Bill Hearing  
Date of Hearing: September 25, 2017  
From: Judith H. Allton, [REDACTED] Houston, TX 77058

Senate Finance Committee Members:

Healthcare in the United States is a complex issue that affects American productivity and scientific leadership, in addition to the well-being and happiness of the population. I encourage you to NOT move forward on healthcare legislation without the thorough vetting and broad participation of all interested parties. Graham-Cassidy does NOT meet this requirement.

Respectfully,  
Judith H. Allton



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**From:** Neal Morris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote against irresponsible, cruel, destabilizing Graham Cassidy Heller bill

Please reject this bill that will lead to 15 million uninsured by 2026 and 32 million uninsured after 2027 when we go over the funding cliff, according to numerous independent estimates. This is certain to lead to many thousands of preventable deaths each year and many more thousands of medical bankruptcies and ruined lives.

Please reject this bill that will cause chaos, disruption, panic, and anger by forcing every single state to “completely transform their individual insurance markets and Medicaid programs in little more than a year--an impossible task”(from joint statement by AMA, AHA, AHIP et al.). Given 7 years to think about it, Congress has failed to agree on a way to replace the ACA. Now you are considering betting all our lives on the ability of 50 state legislatures to succeed in this same task, given just a little over a year to do it.

Please reject this bill that the National Association of Medical Directors--most of whom were appointed by Republican governors--says constitutes the “largest intergovernmental transfer of financial risk from the federal government to the states in our country’s history” and that would “fail to deliver on our collective goal of an improved health care system”. They go on to say that “operationalizing the block grant component” of GCH will require so much work that the “vast majority of states will not be able to do so within the two-year timeframe envisioned here”.

Please reject this bill that attempts to radically restructure a sixth of the American economy with hardly any discussion or analysis, and without the time for the CBO to estimate its likely effects. As the NAMD letter states: “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.”

Please reject this bill that will “undermine safeguards for those with pre-existing conditions”, causing some to be charged much higher premiums and some not to be able to afford insurance at all”.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Keep Medicare/Medicaid for all Americans

Please keep Medicare, Medicaid and precondition coverage of the ACA for all Americans. " It's not important? Until you need it. "

At some time all our families and friends will need such coverage. Please support this basic health care need for all Americans. I

am a cancer patient.

Robert F. Ludwig

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**From:** Jane Wilson-Moses [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please vote no on Graham-Cassidy.

Senators,

My health and the health of many vulnerable Americans depends on the ACA. I'm a special education teacher. My students depend on Medicaid for therapies and medications that improve the quality of their lives. I had a student once who had seizures an hour long and had to be airlifted to a children's hospital. She wasn't supposed to live past two. When I was her teacher she was seven, and that's because of quality healthcare.

As a servant of kids with disabilities in the public sector I also don't expect ever to make enough money to comfortably afford my own healthcare in this absurd profit system. I've been relatively lucky so far, but luck is not a plan. My brother (31 and healthy) was recently diagnosed with a kidney disease that may shorten his life expectancy and certainly gives him a preexisting condition. This could happen to anyone any time.

We need the ACA. Please turn your attention to work that would improve the lives of the poor, the young, the old, and the otherwise vulnerable. That work begins with killing Graham-Cassidy bill.

Thank you,  
Jane Wilson-Moses

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**From:** Smith-Parrish, Melissa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy Bill

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

As a pediatric cardiologist, I cannot stand by without speaking out against this bill. While I have seen the effects of the ACA on healthcare as I have progressed through my training and early years of being an attending, this bill is not the answer to fixing the ACA's flaws. The children and adults I care for are born with pre-existing conditions, not because of poor decisions made by themselves, but simply because that's how they were made. Families of these children comprised of responsible, hard working mothers and fathers struggle to make ends meet as a consequence of unmet health care financial needs in spite of having insurance through their employer. As Congress, you have the opportunity to make the ACA better, but the Graham Cassidy bill isn't the answer. For the sake of my patients and their families, I implore you to find a solution that makes healthcare a right, not a privilege. Difficult decisions must be made, but not at the expense of the most vulnerable Americans....my patients.

Sincerely,

Melissa Smith-Parrish, MD  
Assistant in Cardiology  
Instructor in Pediatrics

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**From:** Irene [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

I have always referred to my son Sam as "Sam, the Anti-Preemie". I am thinking of changing his name to "Sam, the Pre-Existing Condition".

When Sam decided to make his early entry into the world, my life was turned upside down. I had to quit my job to focus on caring for my son. That meant moving from full time work (with benefits) to freelance work (with no benefits). At first, I didn't have to worry about health care. First, our family all moved to my husbands plan. Then, when we got divorced, and my (now) ex-husband got laid off from his job, the kids and I took advantage of the ACA and signed up through the Covered California health exchange and got pretty good coverage.

I took a Bronze plan. I am in pretty good health, so Bronze was just fine for me.

The kids, on the other hand, they got Platinum. This wasn't just because I want my kids to have the best, this was because Sam needed the highest level of coverage possible.

Being born at 24 weeks comes with many health issues. Sam is lucky, he only has a few, but they are enough to warrant the best health care possible. Aside from Sam's constipation issues which have resulted in four inpatient stays at Children's Hospital, Sam has tested positive for a blood disorder, has vision issues, and is on the Autism Spectrum. With insurance, our co-pays for therapy, doctors visits and hospitalizations runs around \$25K a year.

If the ACA were to be replaced with any of Graham-Cassidy we run the risk of being priced out of coverage due to the lifting of protections of pre-existing conditions. The list of areas affected by Sam's pre-existing conditions are: vision (he had eye surgery while in the NICU), anything related to his heart (he had heart surgery in the NICU), his brain (he had three skull fractures when he was just 2 months actual), his intestinal tract (remember 4 hospitalizations), or any of his autism related therapy.

It is also unclear if, by some miracle we can afford coverage, if the per person limit will also cap Sam out of coverage.

Almost all of Sam's medical issues can be tied back to the fact that he was born prematurely.

Gastrointestinal issues are a direct result of his early birth. Autism is a direct result from his premature birth. Sam's ongoing eye care is a direct result of his premature birth. The only things not tied to his birth are the skull fractures (dad fell asleep holding Sam and dropped him on his head) and the blood disorder which is hereditary. None of that is due how Sam has lived his life.

As you think about this health care debate, and why it is so important, think of Sam. He is just one story. I know many others if you want to hear them.

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**From:** iSeleyan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senators,

I implore you to vote NO on Graham-Cassidy.

I am the single parent of two children, my son who is mentally and physically disabled, and my daughter who has chromosomal mutations and related health issues. I myself have several genetic health issues that are pre-existing and costly to treat without insurance. We rely on Medicaid to live, and without I don't know how we could afford to survive. I have no choice but to fight for our RIGHT TO LIFE - not just access to the medical care that we must have to stay alive, but to LIFE and everything that it entails - joy and heartache, trials and triumph, hard work and reward -- a place in our community.

Despite many of your colleagues' false assurances to the contrary, Graham Cassidy leaves those with pre-existing conditions (like autism, asthma, genetic disorders) dangerously vulnerable.

Its draconian cuts to Medicaid will leave our most vulnerable citizens - most notably our parents, grandparents and disabled loved ones - without the lifeline they so desperately need to be able to live and work in their communities, where they belong.

It may be easy to ignore the emotionally charged plea of a terrified mother, but my stance on the bill is based in fact, not fear.

The American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Hospital Association, the Federation of American Hospitals, America's Health Insurance Plans, and the BlueCross BlueShield Association have all implored you to vote NO on this bill.

All 50 State Directors of Medicaid, and myriad other groups including the 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, among many, many others have issued statements imploring you to vote NO on this bill.

This isn't about politics. It's about people like my son, my daughter and myself, and OUR sacred responsibility to fight for Right to Life.

Please, I'm begging, VOTE NO ON GRAHAM CASSIDY

Sincerely,

Shauna Keane

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Support for Obama care

Good Morning:

My family has an inherited genetic disease. We have private health insurance and pay for all our healthcare. I am writing to support all of the families throughout this country who have similar issues and need the Obamacare insurance for their treatment. I strongly urge the senate to reject this new proposal.

Thank you.

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Caroline Garrett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Jee, Lauren (Cardin); sarah\_schenning@vanhollen.gov; Ababiya, Ziky (Van Hollen)  
**Subject:** Comments: Hearing on Graham Cassidy 9.25.17

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden,

I oppose the Cassidy-Graham bill. The Affordable Care Act has saved my son's life, and I cannot support any legislation that might cause a different outcome for another family.

Our son, Elliott, is 18 months old. He was born with a rare birth defect where his esophagus did not form properly, leaving a large gap in the middle. He required surgery on Day 1 of life. On Day 6, his treatment was further complicated by a bowel rupture, resulting in him, thankfully, only losing 2-3 cm of his small intestines. His midline defect, from the esophagus malformation, means that his trachea does not function properly and he cannot recover from lung infections without hospitalization.

He spent 104 days in the NICU, and a further 61 days in the PICU in 5 additional hospitalizations over his first winter (November 2016-April 2017).

If we had paid out of pocket, we would have owed the hospital over \$2 million. Through our employee-sponsored insurance, we have only paid around \$20,000 through deductibles and co-pays, but these unexpected medical costs have greatly impacted our finances.

Here's what I ask of you. First, please do not pass a bill out of this committee or the full Senate that eliminates the restrictions on lifetime caps. If the ACA was not in effect during the past 18 months, my son would have met a likely cap of \$1 million at around 2 months, when he was still very sick and at birth weight. We are still under that insurance plan, and if Graham-Cassidy is passed, either my husband or I would be required to change jobs in order to find a plan that would even consider covering him.

Second, I ask that you not allow insurance companies to charge our family more for my son than for my healthy daughter. Insurance is a shared risk, by definition. When you buy insurance, you take the risk that you may have a catastrophic illness or accident someday, and you deserve to be covered. None of us are invincible, and we all deserve access to medical care.

And third, I ask that you maintain robust coverage for expanded Medicaid. Poor people need insurance, but not only poor people are covered by Medicaid. When my son first came home from the NICU, we desperately needed home nursing. We did not have Medicaid, however, and our private insurance did not cover home nursing. So I spent nearly two months tube feeding my son in sessions that took over 2 hours and needed to be repeated every 3 hours, while trying to keep him from vomiting the formula (to which we later found out he was allergic). These were some of my darkest days, and expert care would have saved us many mistakes from exhaustion and inexperience.

Please hear us.

Please find a bipartisan fix to the ACA. My son deserves to have affordable health care coverage as he grows up. Please don't cut off his opportunities. Please allow him and kids like him to have a fulfilling and productive life.

I respectfully request that you oppose this bill.

Thank you,

Caroline Brouwer  
Rockville, MD  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:24 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committe

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.

Elimination of pre-existing conditions protections, reinstatement of lifetime maximum coverage thresholds, and removal of prescription drug coverage requirements would seriously hurt my family. Make improvements to the ACA to reduce premiums and costs. Don't repeal it's protections, required coverages, and individual mandate.

Yvonne Kita  
Riverton, NJ

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 edge, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** Chris Coen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy - NO

Government's role is to take care of the entire nation, not just the wealthy. Fix the ACA. Dump Graham-Cassidy.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Catherine Koebel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:52 AM  
**To:** gchcomments

My husband is an Emergency Medicine physician. He has two serious pre-existing conditions: a heart coarctation repair and inflammatory bowel disease. He needs monitoring and care to stay healthy. He is uninsurable without protections for pre-existing conditions. Every day at work he provides health care, how can you contemplate making him unable to access care?

Catherine  
Roanoke, Virginia

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**From:** Angela Meyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:52 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** Light, Jaymi (Young); Campbell, Katie (Donnelly)  
**Subject:** Re: GCH & Medicaid block grants: threat to premature and sick infants

In addition to being a person who relies on ACA protections for essential health benefits and pre-existing conditions, I am also a family support coordinator in a NICU. As part of my job, I work every day to connect families with resources to help them cope emotionally with their baby's health crisis and financially to help them avoid financial collapse. Prior to my program's inception over a decade ago, and prior to the ACA, it was not uncommon for families struck by a NICU hospitalization to lose homes and end up bankrupt for fighting for their child's life. Many of the babies that I see come through our NICU will go on to live amazing little lives, though with challenges. Their families often come back to visit after having spent weeks to months in our NICU, and they thank me for two things: for having been there during their scariest times and being someone who they can remember their story with, and for connecting them with a precious resource that has ensured their family's continued wellbeing: Medicaid.

It is a little known fact to families with "good" incomes that they can become eligible for Medicaid in one of two ways. One, if the birth mother has unpaid time off work, the family may qualify because Pregnancy Medicaid considers per month gross income rather than annual. If a mother gets Pregnancy Medicaid, her infant will be covered for a full year. Parents ask: "but can I have Medicaid AND my employer insurance?" And they ask because they don't want to risk losing their employer plan. I get to encourage them: yes, they can have both. This is a tremendous benefit to many families. When Medicaid pays for what their insurance doesn't, families can focus on using their financial resources for other difficult parts of hospital stays: transportation, lodging, childcare for other siblings, and meals away from home. Many NICU parents live more than an hour from the hospital.

When Pregnancy Medicaid isn't an option, Institutional deeming helps families whose babies are hospitalized over 30 days - regardless of parental income. When these children receive Medicaid, it provides hope and relief to their parents whose "very good" income isn't enough to tackle all of their increasing needs related to their child's care. Many of these children may also go home on oxygen, feeding tubes, and oxygen and heart monitors. They may require ongoing therapies, frequent doctor visits, and may be at risk for frequent hospitalizations or surgeries.

A family recently visited me, hugged me, and said "You saved our home by helping us get Medicaid. We never would have survived the bills we have seen in this first year of our daughter's life without it." Not only was their hospitalization lengthy due to their daughter's birth at 25 weeks, but their daughter also has a very dangerous heart condition that took great effort to control. Since being discharged home with oxygen, monitors, feeding tube, and critical medication, their daughter has grown to thrive in many ways. She no longer requires all the extra equipment, but she has chronic lung disease that has caused her to be hospitalized twice for respiratory infections. Because the family lives over an hour from the city and the smaller hospitals near them can't care for their daughter (in fact, won't), she has had to be lifelined. The cost of emergency transportation alone can break a family!

In the end, access to Medicaid has helped this beautiful family survive and grow to thrive. And this is only one story of MANY!! There are so many voices that need to be heard. If Medicaid funding is block granted with funding slashed as proposed over time, families like the ones I work with will be the ones to feel the pain. I

haven't even gotten to speak about Medicaid Waivers yet, but I trust you are hearing from people like Beth DeHoff and Rylin Rodgers about the critical nature of those Waivers and how they protect families.

Please listen to us. Please protect Medicaid. Please, say no to Graham-Cassidy and get hard at work drafting bi-partisan bills that take family voices into account. We do a disservice to one another when we force our views and agendas. We CAN figure this out. Please take the time and make the effort to slow down on full repeal and focus on HEALING the ACA.

Senators Murkowski, Collins, McCain: your leadership has been invaluable. Please stand your ground for the sake of American families.

Senator Young: please hear and fight for common ground, pave the way for bi-partisan work.

Senator Donnelly: thank you for your clear and constant support.

Kind regards,  
Angela Meyer  
Indianapolis, IN 46224

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** LESLIE SHORTRIDGE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** I Oppose #GrahamCassidy

Please vote "NO" on Graham-Cassidy. This bill would cause tremendous harm to my elderly parents (a person living with dementia and his wife/care-partner) and to my adult son who has a disability.

Leslie Shortridge

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Dawn Plath [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Hearing to Consider the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal, September 25, 2017)

Good Morning,

My husband and I are both employed full time and have health insurance coverage through my employer. We also have a special needs daughter that is covered through Badgercare. We adopted Hope knowing she had several disabilities and would have unaffordable health care cost. Without Badgercare, we would not have been able to adopt her and she would have remained in the foster care system. Please consider the full impact of cutting any health care coverage for persons with disabilities. It truly could be the difference between just being another foster kid and being in a loving family.

Thank you,  
Dawn Plath

[REDACTED]  
Marshfield, WI 54449

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Annie Kimball [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committee,

I urge you to oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller today. The process by which this bill was cobbled together - rushed through, only one public hearing, late-night deals, outright bribes to Senators Murkowski and Collins - is a total embarrassment to the democratic process. While current estimates suggest that 32 million people would lose their health insurance with this bill, we do not actually know the true numbers because Republican senators refuse to allow the CBO to do a proper evaluation of this bill.

If Republicans had created a bill worth passing, they would be proud to have it stand the test of public scrutiny. But they know this bill is a travesty, which is why the frantic scramble to pass it now.

Perhaps it's time for Republicans to look forward, not backward. ACA passed with dozens of Republican amendments, and after more than a year of public debate. If Republicans think they can do better, prove it.

Thank you for your time,

Ann Kimball  
Clinical Psychologist  
Daughter of a man with Stage IV lung cancer that would kill him if a bill like this passes



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**From:** Glynis Irwin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 8:51 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.

Glynis Irwin  
Portland, Oregon

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 7:55 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Please reject this Graham Cassidy plan and improve Obamacare.

Please reject this Graham Cassidy plan and improve Obamacare.

Philip Strutner, President  
Insurance Provider Network, Inc.  
A Member of Willow Glen Insurance Agency

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Cassandra Decker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 7:54 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.

Cassandra Decker  
[REDACTED]  
Red Oak, IA 51566  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kathy Parham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 7:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please vote No on Graham Cassidy Healthcare bill

Dear Senators, the latest proposed bill to repeal the ACA is very damaging and dangerous. I urge you to vote no because the consequences are unknown since the bill has not even been scored by the CBO and it's irresponsible to rush through legislation affecting people's lives and a 1/6 of the US economy just to avoid the rules of regular order. These antics shake people's faith in your motives.

I am concerned that the throwing everything back to the states in the form of block grants will ultimately strip people of many important protections created by the ACA, including the those involving denying coverage for preexisting conditions or making the coverage so expensive that it might as well be denied, essential benefits that make sure that the insurance coverage is worthwhile.

I know many people whose lives are improved by the ACA and would be devastated if the subsidies were taken away. Once is example is my own sister who has several preexisting conditions. The ACA enabled her to get her Hepatitis C cured. Without health care, she will not have the care and medications she needs and she will not be able to work. Another family was able to expand their small business which necessitated the husband quitting his health insurance providing job and working full time on the family business. This was a scary move to make since the wife has a serious seizure disorder but they were able to do because they could buy insurance through the marketplace.

Please vote No on Graham-Cassidy and instead work across the aisle in regular order to make bipartisan improvements to the ACA. Only this will restore the public's faith in your leadership.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Parham  
[REDACTED]  
Boone, NC 28607

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 7:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reject the Graham-Cassidy Bill

My oldest daughter has schizophrenia affective disorder and is dependent upon Medicaid and Medicare for her healthcare and medications. Losing the Medicaid would be devastating to her and the people who care about her. I work in healthcare with dialysis patients that are dependent upon Medicaid for their dialysis and medications. My daughter and these people know that they will not survive without Medicaid and Medicare. The focus in our present administration in protecting the profits of insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies and other healthcare corporations is part of capitalism. However, a government is responsible for it people. My healthcare premiums have gone up in cost as well as the cost of healthcare. I do not think that denying healthcare is the answer. There needs to be a universal solution.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Steven Dibdin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 7:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to The Graham Cassidy Bill

To whom it may concern,

My wife is currently undergoing treatment for cancer for a second time. Losing the protection of the ACA for pre-existing conditions will result in most likely our bankruptcy and very possibly her death.

On top of that by ensuring that I have to take care of her on a daily basis while she is ill we will not be paying taxes as we will not be working. I'm a contract mechanical engineer, my wife works as a contract executive assistant. Additionally, the business we started last year will end up failing, not because of business management but because of personal circumstances. We are one of millions of Americans that will be placed in this position by the people voted into place to protect and serve us, not large corporations and their profits, not exceedingly rich individuals that act as your donors.

If you truly believe this cruel and heartless bill deserves to pass you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Steven Dibdin

New Jersey.

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Mary Helen Scott-Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 7:54 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Against

I'm against the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill. The AMA is opposed. Emergency Room doctors are opposed. The list is pretty lengthy. Pay attention.

I want to see a bipartisan improved ACA....not a repeal. It will hurt Americans, including my family. My 26 year old son has a limited income and pre-existing conditions. My mother is on a fixed income and has extensive medical requirements. As you know, Americans from all political parties and walks of life want the ACA improved upon.

Vote No.

Mary Helen Scott-Lewis  
Kilmarnock VA. 22482

Sent from my iPad

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Corinne Marzigliano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 7:53 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** MY FAMILY AND MY SMALL CHILDREN WILL BE HOMELESS

If this bill is passed, neither my husband nor I will be able to get health insurance. I have severe, chronic asthma, which I've had since age 2. My husband has had heart disease for decades. He is 42, the same age as when his father died in front of him, on the kitchen floor, from his 3rd heart attack.

We rely on Medicaid to keep our family afloat and out of bankruptcy. The cost to my family will pay for our prescriptions ALONE, if this bill passes, would mean we couldn't afford our rent and would be kicked out. With nowhere else to go.

My parents, in the 90's went bankrupt as a direct result of paying for all my healthcare out of pocket, because no insurance would accept my pre-existing condition. It nearly put us on the street.

I have a 6 year old daughter named Lily who loves to make mud pies and play dress up in her room. Please, please, please. Don't take her home away from her. Please do NOT vote for this bill, without a full vetting by the CBO, with transparency, AND REGULAR ORDER.

Very sincerely,

Corinne Marzigliano



## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Laura Clancy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** AGAINST Graham-Cassidy repeal bill

Hi,  
I'd like to register my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy repeal bill. I have a 20-month old niece who was born with a rare genetic disease, Tuberous Sclerosis, for which she'll need a lifetime of medical care including specialists, tests and treatments. As you deliberate replacing the ACA, please consider innocent, vulnerable people like her, and please don't make it harder and more stressful (emotionally and financially) for her family to care for her because of her pre-existing condition. Of all the people in our society, these are the ones we especially need to be taking care of. Please help support the fragile members of our communities so they and their families can thrive and spend their precious time and energy on being dignified, healthy, productive people (as opposed to being consumed by medical expenses and paperwork).

I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,  
Laura Johnson  
Henrico, VA (23229)  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Christine Schwab [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Thoughts on Graham Cassidy -- DO NOT PASS IT

I left corporate America 4 years ago to start my own business — I am successful in it. Upon leaving a big company, I was forced into the marketplace. I have the following comments:

1. The Congress should HAVE TO participate in any mandated health care system — if they did, we would not be here — at the eleventh hour — with partisan egos and rhetoric causing inordinate strain and stress on hard working Americans — you represent US — stop having the platinum health care on our dime and giving us no choices and only worry and stress about the future — shame on all of you for not working together;
2. Graham Cassidy is just another continuation of the problems in the health care legislation — WORK TOGETHER — as a bipartisan coalition to reform Obamacare — DO NOT have one party do it - this “solution” is ridiculous and makes things worse for many - it is actually cruel and ruthless (I was a lifelong Republican who would say I was fiscally conservative and socially liberal and tended to a moderate view on many things — now, I am completely unrepresented in our political chaos — and I am not the only one who feels this way) — figure it out - we need something that provides coverage for all without being an unfair tax on the self-employed or those of us who are not in a group health plan;
3. Health care MUST cover pre-existing conditions and not have caps on coverage — otherwise, you are essentially forcing innovation and the courage it takes to start a small business out of our society - you are essentially saying the only people whose health is protected work for companies big enough to have a large pool and good health benefits.
4. I am appalled at the fact that this partisan rhetoric has enabled most insurers to leave the “market” — it is not a market if you have only one or two suppliers - that’s a monopoly and it benefits ONLY the suppliers — not the voters you were elected to represent.
5. Obamacare is broken and must be fixed - it is unfair and illogical to burden small businesses and self-employed people with premiums that increase 25-40% (or more) every year for lower benefits every year (and more increases in cost this year since suppliers have left the market) — that is not sustainable and makes no sense. BUT — Obamacare has many good things that must be kept (no penalty for pre-existing conditions, no caps on coverage, free preventive care)
6. Please consider giving more incentives for HEALTHY living in any healthcare reform
7. Please stop ignoring the COST and LACK OF TRANSPARENCY issue in health care - why can we get clear quotes to fix our cars before we process insurance claims, but we can’t get a definitive quote on an out-patient surgery? That is ridiculous and our drug costs are insane — other countries have solved this - borrow from those best practices.

THANK YOU JOHN MCCAIN and the FEW OTHER GOP SENATORS with the guts to stand up against this horrible reform bill. And for the rest of you - -may the midterm elections truly show you what the American people want and need — you all should be ashamed of yourselves.

Nothing will get solved until both parties work together and compromise - DO IT. Start acting like the examples you were elected to be.

Chris Schwab

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Christie Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:37 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy Hearing Testimony

To whom it may concern:

My family relies on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My 3-year-old nephew is on Medicaid. My sister works full-time, but as a single mother she does not make enough to pay bills and afford high insurance premiums for her son (she has insurance for herself through her job). She relies on Medicaid to make sure my nephew gets his regular check-ups, as well as any emergency care he might need. I worry that with the Graham-Cassidy bill's cuts to Medicaid, my nephew will become one of the millions of people with no healthcare coverage. My sister will have to decide whether it is more important to put a roof over his head and food in his stomach or to pay insurance premiums to ensure he would not be without access to healthcare. She will have to worry that every fall, every accident, and every childhood sickness might turn into thousands of dollars of hospital bills she is unable to pay. My family is not the only one in this situation, I am sure this story can be told by people all over the country from all walks of life. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it. Thank you for your time.

*Sincerely,  
Christie Reale  
Concord, NC*

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

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**From:** Luke Pensiero [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Concerns over the proposed Graham-Cassidy legislation

Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I write at this time to express my concerns over the hasty and irresponsible proposal that senators Graham and Cassidy have drafted. The legislation is a serious threat to the lives of Americans all around this country who everyday struggle in a system where no one watches out for them. One of the few assurances we have in our imperfect system is that if the worst were to befall me or my family, at least we would not have to enter crippling debt in order to live.

The proposal in question, and repeated attempts by the Senate, have sought to undo this protection for Americans. This simple fact is why I vehemently oppose it. After working in the health care industry for years, I will be the first to point out the flaws of our current system. I ask that work be done to improve it for all people across the country.

This proposal is not a step forward. Instead, it seeks to eviscerate the little progress we have made in the past decades. It seeks to destroy the marketplaces, other time-tested programs, and, most of all, the piece of mind given to the American people.

The two senators from my state have thankfully been vocal critics of any reckless and poorly planned repeals of the current health laws. Many others are not so lucky to have consistent and honorable representatives in our government. At this time I felt the need to press further and make sure everyone understands just what they are doing: Following blindly this path of destruction based on myths and partisan loyalty is not just dangerous, but an outright disrespect to the offices you hold and an abuse of the trust your constituents place in you.

I urge this committee to do everything in it's power to return our government to regular order and build real solutions to the problems facing this country. Let us take a lesson from our most important of frameworks: The Constitution. Don't just throw out something because you don't like parts of it, instead make it work for you. Build it better, make it stronger, and listen to your constituents.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note from a humble citizen. I wish you all clarity and courage to do what is right for our country.

Sincerely,

Luke Pensiero  
Stamford, Connecticut

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** cinfranca [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:36 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** The Wealthcare bill -- it's just wrong!

To All Concerned:

The bill you are considering is opposed by nearly every medical association you can name, doctors, insurance companies and Americans.

I realize those of you who hold authoritarian views think we should all just bow down and do anything you say. But that's not how it's supposed to work in a democratic republic.

You work for WE THE PEOPLE. And WE THE PEOPLE do not want this bill. Fix the Affordable Care Act.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. We are awake, we're watching and no matter how much money you get from your narrow minded greedy supporters, it's not worth killing millions of Americans. I'm hoping many of your mothers are not alive to see you even considering this bill. She would be ashamed of you. I certainly am.

*Carol Infranca*

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** AARON GEROW [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comment on Graham-Cassidy bill

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

While for many of you I am not one of your constituents, I thought it was very important to write you about the effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Your decisions can affect Americans all over the nation and I hope you will hear our voices as well.

I urge you to reject the Graham-Cassidy bill, which is clearly the worst bill so far to be proposed to gut the ACA. It is solely focused on repeal with little thought to replace.

First, I think it is extremely irresponsible for any senator to vote for a bill with such profound influence on the economy and people's lives without extensive hearings and a full CBO score. To vote for such a bill without months of hearings and investigations is a blatant abrogation of the responsibilities of you as our elected representatives.

Second, the bill itself is an abrogation of the responsibility of the government—and all of us as citizens—to protect the weak and infirm. While it is cloaked in the language of states rights, letting states decide if those with pre-existing conditions can be rejected for insurances is simply the equivalent of saying that the Senate does not care at all when—and it most certainly happen—many states decide to allow such rejections. It is passing the buck in a most cowardly way. The fact that the bill also includes many cuts, including to Medicaid, both makes it inevitable that most states will have to take measures to reduce those with insurance, as well as makes it clear this is a bill clearly intended to throw many Americans off of insurance and into a life of suffering. With the Brookings Institute already predicting that 30 million fewer people will be with insurance at the end of this debacle, it is obviously a cruel bill.

Even Republican governors have come out against this bill. A bipartisan effort was already in place and making good progress in fixing healthcare when this bad bill stopped that process. Your service for this country has been great and I would not like to see it be blemished by a vote for such a horrid bill that would hurt many Americans, including veterans.

Finally, I should mention that I have lived for a time in Japan, which has national health insurance. It is inexpensive, convenient, and the care is generally high quality. Yes, there are a few problems, but none that compare to the mess that is the American health system. If you think America is the greatest country in the world, why does it have so many who cannot get affordable health care? If you intend to vote for this bill, why do you want to make American an even more inferior nation when it comes to caring for its own citizens?

I urge all of you to reject this bill.

Yours truly,

Aaron Gerow  
[REDACTED]

Hamden, CT 06517

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Diane Zero [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committee,

I strongly urge you to reject Graham-Cassidy-Heller in favor of the bipartisan bill the Senate HELP Committee has been considering before politics became more important than the healthcare of Americans.

Graham-Cassidy-Heller would cause 32 million people to lose their health coverage, foolishly destroying Medicaid and harming the most vulnerable members of our communities, seniors and people with disabilities.

I find this bill to be reprehensible.

Diane Zero  
Crestwood KY 40014

**Wright, Kevin (Finance)**

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**From:** Ben White [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

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Ben White  
Cambridge, MA



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**From:** Jason Jystad [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:35 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
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Jason Jystad  
Seattle, WA

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

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**From:** Liz Bergstrom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing on 9/25

The protections of the Affordable Care Act make it possible for me to survive with chronic illness. 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. My story about having a disability and pre-existing conditions is:

I'm only in my early thirties, but I'm chronically sick and could die without affordable health insurance and healthcare. I have the autoimmune disorder of Crohn's disease, in addition to chronic migraines, asthma, joint pain, and eye problems. I have excruciating headaches, trouble breathing, abdominal cramps, vomiting, and stomach pain, with some symptoms affecting me several days a week.

Last year, I needed many diagnostic tests, blood work, and visits to specialists. This would have cost me tens of thousands of dollars without my health insurance. I still need to see specialists on a regular basis, and my Crohn's disease could become more severe over time and require intestinal surgery. Without the Affordable Care Act's provisions against rescission and against excluding pre-existing conditions, I could be kicked off my health plan or have my chronic conditions excluded, or made so expensive that they are inaccessible. Without adequate health insurance, I could either risk bankruptcy or risk dying without access to care for my Crohn's disease.

In addition, the ACA's access to contraception is not only about birth control for me or many other women. In 2015, I had very sudden and heavy uterine bleeding that made me nearly pass out at work. I needed to go to the emergency room for IV fluids and care. My doctor recommend I get an IUD, and thanks to the ACA, I was able to get this device for no cost. It has prevented further episodes of heavy bleeding, and it protects me for at least five years from unwanted pregnancies.

I and millions of other Americans depend on the protections of the ACA, such as the pre-existing conditions clause, rescission clause, contraceptive coverage, and the ability for young adults to stay on their families' plans until age 26.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bergstrom  
Brooklyn, NY

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Linda Steele [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:34 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose Graham-Cassidy-Heller

Senate Finance Committee,

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Linda Steele and Ernie Arvizu

Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Robin Goodfellow Malamud [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Hello,

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, I have benefited immensely from the protections it created, from allowing me to stay on my parents' insurance until I was twenty-six years old to the expansion of Medicaid that allowed me to get Medicaid insurance while I was working freelance and without any health insurance through my work.

I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, expanding access to even more people, not repeal it.

Thank you,  
Robin Goodfellow Malamud  
Somerville, MA

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** Neil Fisher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Statement on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Neil Fisher and I am a substitute teacher who lives and works in Frederick, MD 21702 and I want to express my opposition to the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act in the strongest terms. It will create a situation whereby around 26 to 32 million of Americans will lose the ability to purchase needed health insurance by 2026. Without an accurate CBO score, this is only an estimate of the number of uninsured it will create. Tax-paying and law-abiding citizens who rely on Medicaid to purchase their health insurance will potentially lose this option as the lack of money given toward funding Medicaid under the "block grants" proposed by this draconian bill will force these citizens to make the choice between paying for medical care and feeding themselves. Another weakness of this harsh bill is the fact that it grants states the option to give waivers to insurance companies so that they can deny coverage to those with pre-existing conditions and install lifetime caps to those who do. How can our Congress be so needlessly cruel to our most vulnerable people?

The ACA needs repairs not repeal. Why abandon the bipartisan talks started by Senators Lamar Alexander and Patty Murray? The process they began is how laws benefitting ALL Americans have always come about. The ACA has helped so many including myself. As a substitute teacher, I don't have access to employer provided insurance. I have a pre-existing condition of chronic sinus issues. Before the ACA, there was no way I could afford the insurance options available to me. I am beyond thankful for the exchanges. Before the ACA, my father who suffers from severe lung complications resulting from working many years in the concrete block business would not have been able to purchase insurance during the period between his retirement and Medicare. Without the ACA subsidies available to him, I have no problem admitting that not having coverage during this time would have resulted in his likely death. As a teacher, I have worked with countless special needs students who, without Medicaid, would not receive the care they need to live and thrive. They deal, on a daily basis, with autism, cerebral palsy, blindness, cognitive difficulties, mental and emotional challenges as well as problems the doctors don't even have answers for. It is beyond heart-breaking to me that Senators like Lindsey Graham and Bill Cassidy could concoct such a toxic bill which would deny these kids, these innocent people, the help they need to survive! It is unconscionable to me that this bill ripping the healthcare away from so many could become law!

It is my desperate hope that the members of the Senate Finance Committee will consider the experiences and circumstances of I, my family, and especially the students I teach in their consideration of this abomination of a bill. This doesn't expand healthcare for Americans nor make it more affordable. In reality, it denies Americans their ability to afford healthcare. I believe there are Senators among you that have the courage to table this reprehensible piece of legislation and move onto crafting the bipartisan bill our country truly needs. I thank you for considering my thoughts on this matter. God bless.

Sincerely,

Neil Eric Fisher  
[REDACTED]

Frederick, MD 21702  
[REDACTED]

## Wright, Kevin (Finance)

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**From:** valerie rheinheimer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:33 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Healthcare

You may never have been in the position of having to pay out of pocket for needed healthcare services or faced the choice of forgoing healthcare services due to cost or face losing your benefits due to a change in employment status. As a member of the senate or house YOU NEVER WILL. However my family has and you need to consider what you are doing.

25 years ago mental health benefits were limited at best. My sister was diagnosed with schizophrenia and was in need of extended hospitalization numerous times over a two year period. The cost to my parents was on average \$10,000 a month - plus the cost of medications that were not covered - these ran on average \$1000 a week.

In 1991 my husband was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia .

In 1992 the company I was working for was sold to another organization. We faced the prospect of losing coverage totally ( this was before HIPPA). Can you imagine being in that position? Luckily the company that purchased us kept prior employees- but if they had not? How would we have paid for health care?

My father was a very successful small business owner for over 20 years. He paid his employees well and provided them with benefits.

When he was 55 he had a heart attack.. Ongoing heart issues made it necessary for him to sell his business due to health issues. He was unable to obtain affordable health insurance - the cost was \$12,000 A Month. Needless to say he was unable to afford so he was forced to delay necessary treatment for over two years until he finally obtained Ssi disability . By that time his heart was so damaged his only alternative was a heart transplant. Given the limited success of that procedure he elected not to pursue. His health was seriously compromised by the gap in necessary treatment and shortened his life as well a diminished the quality of his life.

I hope you take serious consideration to what you are doing with your proposed changes to health care. I do note you are not making changes to your benefits - which you now have for life. If you truly believe the affordability and quality of health insurance will be acceptable under your plan I would expect that you make all past present and future representatives subject to it and remove your current health benefits.

I live in Maidens, VA

Sent from my iPhone  
Val Rheinheimer

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

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**From:** Shannon Knight [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Reasons to Vote NO on Graham-Cassidy

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

If the Affordable Care Act had received the endorsement and financial support that it needed in the beginning, we would not be having this discussion today. I do not believe that it is broken; it has been sabotaged along the way by those with personal interests in keeping the current insurance businesses intact. I agree that the ACA is not perfect. But I also believe that we should work to make it better, not shut it down and start over.

And we should definitely not start over with something as cruel and short-sighted as the Graham-Cassidy bill. While, in theory, leaving healthcare in the hands of each state sounds reasonable, we've already seen that it doesn't work in practice. Texas de-funded low-cost family planning clinics -- primarily due to religious beliefs - - which reduced access to contraception, screenings, and other necessary health care. It did not, by the way, reduce access to abortions, since the law already prohibits spending federal money on abortion. Texas currently has the highest rate of uninsured people in the nation.

In the first three years after funding was cut, teen abortions in Texas increased 3.1% while, in the following four years, teen births spiked by 3.4%. Texas currently ranks 46th in terms of teen birth rate, with 34.6 births per 1,000 girls age 15-19 (compared to the national average of 22.3 births per 1,000 girls). This is in spite of decreasing rates of teen pregnancy and abortion rates on a national level, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control. There has also been a significant increase in Medicaid births, with more than half of Texas' 400,000 births each year covered by Medicaid. Texas also now holds the dubious honor of having the highest maternal mortality rate of all developed nations in the world.

By contrast, Massachusetts started requiring health care for its citizens in 2006. By 2012, 99% of its residents were insured. Of the 439,000 previously uninsured Massachusetts residents who obtained insurance after the reform became law, 83% did so through publicly-funded programs. A study from Urban Institute revealed that concerns over employers dropping coverage or scaling back benefits because of health reform have not been realized. Access to employer coverage in Massachusetts has increased, as has the scope and quality of the coverage as assessed by workers. In fact, more employers are offering healthcare coverage to employees because of healthcare reform (70% to 77%). On an individual level, health care reform reduced the total amount of debt that was past due, the fraction of all debt that was past due, improved credit scores and reduced personal bankruptcies.

In terms of actual health care, Massachusetts reform decreased the length of stay and the number of inpatient admissions originating from the emergency room. Hospitalizations for preventable conditions were also reduced, likely because the number of working-age adults reporting that they skipped care due to high costs fell from 17% to 11% in the first two years after the law took effect. Overall, mortality rates in Massachusetts decreased by 2.9% across the state. The decrease was more pronounced in counties with lower household incomes and higher pre-reform uninsured rates.

Massachusetts has the lowest maternal mortality rate in the US, as well as the lowest teen pregnancy rate.

The Graham-Cassidy bill follows the Texas model of healthcare:

- Does not require that federal funding -- which will be higher for states with more low-income individuals -- provide coverage for those low- and moderate-income people. Instead, federal funding can be used for any health care purpose, not just for health coverage. In other words, there's more money for poor people, but no guarantee that the state has to use it for them.
- Eliminates or weakens protections for people with pre-existing conditions. This means that people with disabilities or chronic diseases, people who have had cancer, and parents of children born with health problems would have to rely on states who would decide whether to make up that funding, trim services, or limit who can get Medicaid.
- Allows states to opt out of covering ten "essential health benefits" currently required by the ACA, including maternity care, prescription drugs, emergency care, and children's health.
- Lead to greater numbers of uninsured after 2026 by eliminating its block grant funding and making increasingly severe federal funding cuts to the rest of the Medicaid program under its per capita cap. Estimates are that more than 32 million will lose coverage starting in 2027.
- Eliminates tax credits to help moderate-income consumers in the individual market pay for coverage.
- Eliminates the guarantee that low-income adults can enroll in Medicaid.
- Allows for states to apply for waivers that will let insurers charge different premiums based on age.
- Provides no ability for federal funding to automatically adjust for enrollment increases due to recessions or for higher costs due to public health emergencies, new breakthrough treatments, demographic changes, or other cost pressures. Instead, it leaves making up the financial difference to each state.

The Graham-Cassidy bill would be a disaster for most people. On the other hand, the bill would offer a tax cut to wealthy people by making health savings accounts more generous.

As you consider your decision on this bill, please keep in mind that you are supposed to represent *all of us*, not just those with the financial means to speak loudly in the bill's favor and who will not be negatively impacted by its passage. We are one of the richest and most powerful nations in the world; we should not neglect a huge percentage of our population simply because they do not have the money to deal with health crises.

Healthcare should *not* be treated as a commodity. It should be available to every American, not as a right, per se, but as a privilege granted to all citizens living in this great and privileged country.

Thank you for listening. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Shannon K. Knight**

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**From:** Jamie Gullen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:32 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 will cut Medicaid, which is an essential program to keep people healthy and able to work, live, and contribute to their families and communities.

Jamie Gullen

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**From:** Kathie L Meizner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on Graham-Cassidy Bill

Dear Senators,

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare, and on health insurance that does not exclude me because of asthma I have had since childhood. I am healthy and productive because I have had access to excellent healthcare and excellent health insurance to help cover the costs.

I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Please work to achieve bipartisan improvements to the ACA. Doing so could be a Congressional success, while repeal of the ACA would certainly be a Congressional mistake and failure.

Sincerely yours,

Kathie Meizner

Silver Spring, Maryland

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**From:** Jane Benson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:32 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Medicaid

I'm 1 of many that without Medicaid wouldn't have Insurance at all. On a fixed budget just where does Congress and the Senate possibly think people's in this situation are going to magically come up with more money to pay more for insurance.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

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**From:** wendy holtzman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Cc:** schumer, scheduling (Schumer)  
**Subject:** Hearing for Graham-Cassidy

In March 2013, three months before my husband was to retire after working 30 years in elevator construction, he contracted an immunologic disease. Within a month he became a quadriplegic. He was in the hospital for two months, a sub acute hospital for another two months and a rehab facility for three more months. After seven months of hospitalization he had physical and occupational therapy three times a week for one year. With the help of incredible healthcare professionals and hard work on his part he regained 90% of his functioning.

It was the worst period of my life. I had to be his advocate every step of the way and when he was first discharged, he could not do any activities of daily living. I did everything for him except he could feed himself.

The one thing I was thankful for was that he had excellent insurance. I can't even imagine going through what we went through and having to be concerned about financing his care.

That is why I am writing to you. Veterans, seniors, children, low income people, disabled people, and everyone in America today should not have to worry about paying for healthcare. That is a freedom that we all, not just some of us, are entitled to.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Holtzman

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**From:** Lauren Hollender [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** opposition to the Graham Cassidy bill

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. As an emergency department registered nurse in New York City, I see patients everyday who lack access to affordable primary care and who must be repeatedly hospitalized for exacerbations of chronic health problems due to this lack of access.

Despite the amount of money this country spends on healthcare every year, we are so far from providing quality care to those who need it most. As a country we need to be moving towards universal healthcare, not away from it. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Thank you,

Lauren Hollender

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**From:** Christina Skoski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy

Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

ARMS and LEGS are NOT a LUXURY!!

I was diagnosed with a fibrosarcoma at age 11, 5 years later after multiple surgeries I had my entire left leg and hip and pelvis amputated, literally 1/4 of my body (hemipelvectomy). My first prostheses was a carved wooden leg; back in 1962, this was all that was available. I leaned to walk, finished my education and became a doctor of medicine in 1972. I literally have had a foot in both worlds of medicine as a provider and a patient for the last 56+years.

I have spent a great deal of time studying the Graham-Cassidy Bill. It is an abomination and has been condemned by every major medical, health, insurance and patient group in the USA.

1. Currently prosthetics and mobility aids are covered as an Essential Health Benefit, EHB. There is nothing in this new bill which will guarantee that coverage for prosthetics will be continued by the states. This also goes for wheelchairs, crutches, canes and any other forms of rehabilitation and mobility. This bill also potentially puts caps on yearly or lifetime insurance coverage. If that were the case, I would still be walking around in a 50+ year old leg. Would you like to tell this to a child born with a congenital limb loss or trauma or cancer, sorry you are only covered for one leg in your life? Sorry, you can't take advantage of the new technology.
2. This outrageous bill will allow states to discriminate against individuals with "pre-existing conditions". Trust me, the leg does not grow back! Live long enough, do you honestly know anyone who does not have a pre-existing condition? Cancer survivor...I was there long before the term even came into existence. Ask any of your family, friend and neighbors, is anyone truly without any medical condition? I know from experience that insurance companies are very quick to label just about anything a pre-existing condition to avoid paying, or to raise rates.
3. The absurd (stick your heads in the sand) idea that choice is paramount. NO ONE chooses to get cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, or have a child born with a congenital anomaly. Tomorrow you could easily be involved in an accident, loose a limb, become paralyzed or brain damaged....you don't choose this, life happens and you too can become disabled. This is why it's imperative that everyone has access to affordable health insurance. Every other advanced nation can provide this, it's an embarrassment for America that we cannot and will not.

I urge Congress to follow the bipartisan efforts of certain Senators and ALL the governors to work together to fix the issues with our health care system. Let me make this perfectly clear: *I will NOT vote in the next election for any Representative, Senator, etc. that supports this bill. It is bad politics, bad medicine and morally and ethically obscene.*

Yours truly,  
Christina Skoski M. D.

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**From:** kristinpula [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:30 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Affordable healthcare

Like most Americans, I rely on access to affordable healthcare. I need coverage for preexisting conditions. All of us will need health care at some point in our lives.

Repealing the ACA would directly hurt millions of Americans. We should be working together to improve on the ACA, not repeal it. The proposed bill will make millions of us sicker.

We need health care, do not take it away or make it more expensive.

Kristin Pula  
[REDACTED]  
Seattle, WA 98118

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** Jessica Colon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:29 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.

Jessica Colon  
Silver Spring, Maryland



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**From:** Patricia Brand [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** GCH is Bad for Americans and America

I am opposed to the current ACA repeal bill because it will:

- End protections for pre-existing conditions (Is there anyone over 55 who doesn't have a pre-existing condition, such as asthma, heart disease, hypertension, or cancer, or one of many other qualifying conditions?)
- Phase out Medicaid expansion to zero by 2027
- Block grant healthcare to states on a per capita basis without increases — and also allow those block grants to EXPIRE in 2026
- Reinstate insurance lifetime caps
- End essential benefits such as:
  - Emergency services
  - Hospitalization (as for operations and overnight stays)
  - Pregnancy, maternity and newborn care (both before and after birth)
  - Mental health and substance abuse service, including behavioral health treatment
  - Prescription drugs
  - Rehabilitative and habitability services and devices (services and devices to help people with injuries, disabilities or chronic conditions gain or recover mental and physical skills)
  - Laboratory services
  - Chronic disease management
  - Birth control

The bill is also opposed by a most groups that represent experts in health care, including the AMA, National Association of Medicaid Directors, the Arthritis Foundation, JDRF, Autism Speaks, Kaiser Permanente, March of Dimes, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, and many more.

This bill should not move forward.

Patricia Brand  
Sugar Land, Texas

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**From:** Toni Rey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham/Cassidy bill

My husband had Parkinson's. This would be considered a pre-existing condition and he would not have gotten the care he needed under your bill.

Toni Rey  
Evanston, IL

Peace

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**From:** Steve West [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** No to Trumpcare

No to Trumpcare, Single Payer Healthcare for all Americans.

Steve Westerlund, American Citizen

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**From:** Hannah Winkler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:29 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Graham-Cassidy hearing

To whom it may concern:

I rely on quality, affordable healthcare, and so I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. My Medicaid coverage allows me to be a self-employed children's music educator/performer in New York. Without affordable insurance, I wouldn't be able to provide entertainment and musical enrichment to hundreds of children and families in my area. I would like to see bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA, not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Winkler  
Brooklyn, NY

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**From:** Heather M Moon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:28 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham Cassidy

I am a mother, a daughter, a wife, a teacher, and a high risk patient. I have cost my insurance company thousands of dollars in cancer screenings, biopsies, and specialist appointments. And I have also paid thousands of dollars over the course of my life to maintain my health insurance. That is how the insurance market is intended to work: individuals pay and hope they never need to cash in on their investment. The Graham Cassidy is simply the latest attempt to exempt the insurance companies from keeping up their end of the bargain: covering health expenses for sick patients. It does not matter the circumstances, sick people are the people who need insurance the most. If the GOP doesn't like the ACA, then they should work with Democrats to improve the legislation. That is what opinion polls say the American people want, and our elected leaders should listen.

Heather Moon  
Holden, MA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Health Care

I work with adults with developmental disabilities and have done so much of my life. They depend on Medicaid for health care. Even with the current Medicaid system, not all of their health care needs are taken care of. I would hate to see any cuts to this important program.

Through no fault of their own, these people were born with disabilities. I believe they have a right to appropriate health care. The Graham-Cassidy bill does not have these people in mind. Like the other GOP proposals, the goal is to reduce health care for the most needy. This is not Christian or American. I will not support any candidate that votes to cut medical care for Americans--any Americans.

Tom Zirpoli, Ph.D.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:25 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** personal statement

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to voice my concerns for the proposed Graham-Cassidy Bill. I am a Medical Social Worker, currently working in Home Health Care. The majority of patients I work with, are older adults, disabled or chronically ill. For people who are dealing with either a sudden or chronic illness, having access to affordable quality healthcare is of utmost importance. They have often had a hospitalization, short-term rehab stay and come home with multiple medications and medical appointments. I have grave concerns for a health care plan that would potentially make healthcare for people with illnesses that are considered pre-existing more expensive and in some cases unobtainable due to cost. Putting people in a position where they cant afford insurance or their medical care, often requires them to decide between, basic needs such of food or medication. As a county we should not be putting people in a position to make a decision that could be life or death because they can't afford their healthcare. We should be ashamed as a country when our leaders choose not to take care of our most vulnerable population. Please look into your hearts and vote no to this bill and help protect the people you were voted into serve.

Sincerely,

Angela Coleman-Stambro MSW,LCSW  
Indianapolis, IN

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**From:** Linda Steele [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:27 PM  
**To:** gchcomments  
**Subject:** Graham-Cassidy bill

I rely on quality and affordable healthcare and feel strongly that this should be available to all Americans. Because of this, I oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. I would like to see a bipartisan Congressional effort to improve the ACA not repeal it.

Sincerely,  
Linda Steele  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sent from my iPhone