

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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An open letter to the public:

The Trump Administration and Congressional Republicans are planning to give another round of tax handouts to the ultra-wealthy and corporations that are paid for by gutting the health care you and your family need to stay safe and healthy.

We write to make our position on this legislation perfectly clear: **Congress should not give tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans by ripping health care away from millions of Americans.**

Earlier this month, Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives approved a measure to fast-track deep cuts to health care. Last week, Republicans in the U.S. Senate passed a similar measure, even voting **against** bipartisan amendments to protect Americans' health care. Congressional Republicans claim they will "[not take away \[Medicaid\] benefits](#)," and Trump says he will "[love and cherish](#)" the program. But the numbers tell a different story. The nonpartisan [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\) confirms](#) that the **only way** for Republicans to achieve their desired cuts would be to defund the Medicaid program by nearly one trillion dollars, the [largest cut to Medicaid](#) in history.

Please do not believe Republicans' empty health care promises.

Hundreds of billions of dollars in Medicaid cuts will terminate health insurance for millions of Americans and shutter hospitals, doctors' offices, and nursing homes, among other essential health care providers. Local leaders [confirm these cuts](#) will force state governments to restrict who can get coverage and reduce what benefits they cover, things like home-based care and behavioral health services that only Medicaid covers. From DenaliCare to Missouri Health Net to MaineCare, no matter what Medicaid is called in your state, these changes put the program and people who need it at risk. Seniors living in nursing homes, children with disabilities who need home-based care, and veterans for whom Medicaid is a lifeline will shoulder the harm caused by these cuts, all while Republicans' tax breaks make corporations and billionaires like Elon Musk even wealthier.

Today, [more than 24 million](#) Americans purchase health insurance on their own in the Marketplace through the Affordable Care Act. More than 90% of those enrolled rely on enhanced tax credits to be able to afford coverage. Starting next year, these tax credits will be taken away, causing premiums to skyrocket, and leading to coverage losses for an estimated [3.8 million people](#) each year – unless Republicans take action. The people most likely to lose their coverage include small business owners, food service and construction workers, and family caregivers. Trump and Congressional Republicans are prioritizing tax cuts for the wealthiest, sitting by idly while Americans get sicker and suffer.

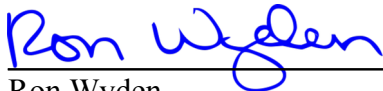
Right now, Republicans are writing the most consequential tax and health care legislation

contemplated in decades entirely behind closed doors. That's because Trump and Congressional Republicans must hide the ugly truth—their legislation feeds corporate and wealthy individuals' greed by hurting tens of millions of Americans. You, your family, and your neighbors deserve far better.

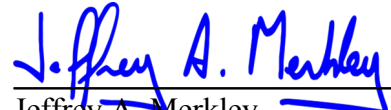
Democrats are fighting to protect your health care from Republican cuts.

Join us and keep up the fight.

Sincerely,



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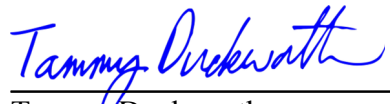
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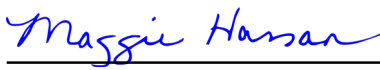
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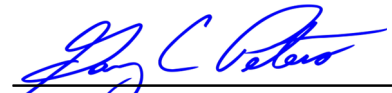
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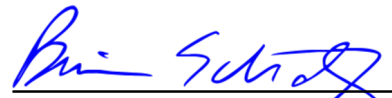
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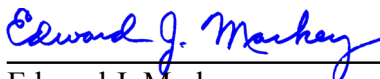
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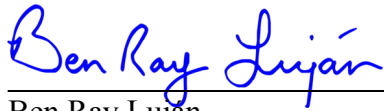
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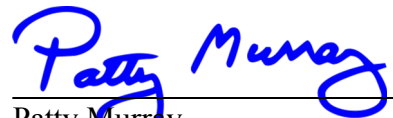
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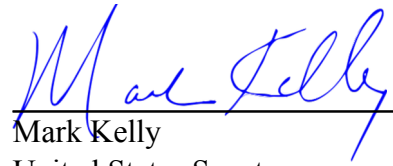
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