

March 27th, 2026

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Jeffries, and Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives,

We, the undersigned state legislators, more than 200 from around the country, write in opposition to threats and actions that restrict Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) and harm people with disabilities and older adults. More than [8.4 million people with disabilities and older adults](#) rely on HCBS to live and age independently in their homes and communities, and they — along with their families and workers that make care possible — cannot afford cuts, reductions, or frozen funding to these life-saving services.

We are deeply concerned by continued attacks on Medicaid, including actions by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) that undermine HCBS. We strongly reject the implication that increased demand for HCBS, including mental health services and other integral services for people with disabilities, or the [growth in the number of direct care workers](#), is evidence of fraud.

HCBS are essential supports that help older adults and people with disabilities with day-to-day activities such as bathing, dressing, managing medication, and participation in employment. More than [1 in 4 people in the U.S. have disabilities](#), and across the country, more than [one in five adults receive ongoing support](#) with everyday functional needs as part of aging and disability care. Family caregivers and direct care workers are also supported through Medicaid to provide life-saving, essential care. The [growth in Medicaid spending](#) reflects the needs of a rapidly growing population that requires care, a lack of good care jobs, and decades of progress to ensure people can live, age, and work with dignity in their homes and communities rather than costly institutional settings, often [saving the government money](#).

Cuts to Medicaid harm people with disabilities, older adults, family caregivers, and workers which Medicaid is intended to support. States are already facing difficult decisions following more than \$1 trillion cut from Medicaid, SNAP, and other public services to pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest and big corporations. At least 10 states — including [Idaho](#), [Colorado](#), [Utah](#), [Missouri](#), and [Washington](#) — have proposed eliminating or reducing some HCBS funding as a result. Recent CMS actions to withhold more than \$250 million in Medicaid funds from Minnesota, including HCBS, further strain state budgets crises and threaten access to care.

Medicaid is already closely monitored, and states have [robust tools](#) to ensure accountability. The real challenge is a lack of sufficient public investment which leaves people without care, direct care workers underpaid, and family caregivers struggling trying to fill the gaps. We urge Congress to protect Medicaid and put guardrails in place that prevent policies that restrict HCBS or take away essential care from people who depend on them.

Sincerely,

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