



*We Will Empower Bold Change to Elevate
Human Flourishing.SM*

June 30, 2025

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), the national leadership organization representing more than 2,200 Catholic hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, service providers, healthcare systems, and other facilities across all fifty states, **I write to express our opposition to H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and to urge you to oppose this bill in the final Senate vote.**

CHA and our members firmly believe that health care is a fundamental human right that is essential to human flourishing, and we remain committed to our goal of providing quality, affordable, and accessible health care for all. Rooted in our faith, we affirm that every individual is created in the image of God, possesses inalienable worth, and deserves care that upholds their inherent dignity. H.R. 1 fails to move our nation any closer to these goals. Instead, the bill would seriously harm critical health and social safety-net programs, especially the Medicaid program, the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) marketplace insurance framework, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), all of which are lifelines both for your constituents and the patients and communities we serve.

While we appreciate the Senate's attempts to lessen the impact of H.R. 1's health care provisions with proposals including revised implementation dates and a rural hospital stabilization program, we must be absolutely clear—no amount of tinkering around the edges changes the underlying, fundamental structure of H.R. 1 and its impact on the health care system and social safety net. Even as amended, H.R. 1 will lead to more than 12 million Americans losing health care coverage; threaten the very existence of many rural hospitals and long-term care facilities; add additional financial stress on already overburdened health providers and state budgets; and take away vital assistance from low-income and vulnerable individuals, families and children.

Protecting Access to Medicaid

The bill's Medicaid provisions are deeply concerning and will lead to coverage losses for millions of individuals who depend on the program to meet their basic health needs. H.R. 1's proposed changes to Medicaid would have devastating consequences, particularly for those in small towns and rural communities, where Medicaid is often the primary source of health care coverage. Many of our hospitals, clinics and nursing homes are among the largest providers in their communities, caring for millions of Medicaid patients every year¹. Reducing Medicaid funding with increased restrictions on provider taxes and limiting state-directed payments will

¹ <https://www.chausa.org/news-and-publications/news-releases/index/2025/05/20/catholic-health-leaders-discuss-impact-of-congressional-proposals-to-cut-medicaid-funding>

shift costs to the states, providers and families and force millions of people to lose their coverage, threatening access to essential care and jeopardizing the critical work of our health care providers. Other program changes including mandatory work reporting requirements without state flexibility, restricting retroactive coverage, increasing beneficiary co-payments and limiting the ability of states and providers to care for immigrants will have a devastating impact on Medicaid beneficiaries and those who serve them.

Ensuring Affordable Health Insurance Tax Credits

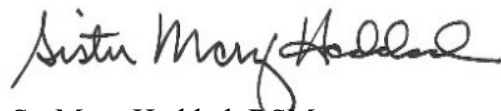
We remain deeply concerned by the absence of language in H.R. 1 to extend the affordable premium tax credits (APTC) used to purchase private individual and family insurance coverage through the marketplaces under the ACA, an essential health care program for nearly 24 million Americans. We also oppose provisions in H.R. 1 that would add additional reporting burdens for exchange enrollees that could cause them to lose their tax credit and lead to millions of Americans losing their ACA coverage. Since its passage in 2010, the ACA has helped to reduce the number of uninsured Americans by nearly half, and these provisions in H.R. 1 threaten to reverse that progress.

Protecting Access to Vital Food Programs

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is a cornerstone of the safety net as it reduces food insecurity, lifts people out of poverty, boosts the economy, and supports the health and well-being of individuals and families. The links between access to food and improved health and well-being of individuals and families are well-documented. H.R. 1's proposed decrease in federal funding and addition of onerous paperwork requirements will lead to diminished access to SNAP and worsened health outcomes for those who rely on the program.

We call on Congress to reject these harmful proposals by voting against H.R. 1. Instead, we urge you to pursue policies rooted in compassion and dignity that will ensure access to affordable health care coverage and other vital assistance programs. By protecting our most vulnerable, we create a healthier, stronger society for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sr. Mary Haddad". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM
President and CEO