

FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Sample “Letter to the Editor” #1

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed cuts to Medicaid. As a person with disabilities, I depend on this critical program to not only stay healthy, but to live my best possible life. As a self-advocate, I must stand up to Congress and the White House when they target my access to health care and the supports that help me to work and live on my own.

The proposed Senate health care bill would slash Medicaid spending by \$772 billion over the next decade. Fifteen million fewer people would receive these critical benefits. Any monetary cut would hurt people. But one of this size would be catastrophic.

In New Jersey, 352,000 people with disabilities rely on Medicaid. Nearly half of Medicaid spending goes to people with disabilities and senior citizens.

This is not because we are lazy, weak or entitled. It is because we are strong and, just like anyone, aim to thrive.

Medicaid pays for vital equipment, doctor appointments, transportation, support services in the workplace and independent living arrangements. Medicaid provides me with a strong shot at success.

Now is the time to contact our representatives in Congress and tell them that we care about people with disabilities. We want Medicaid to help us flourish, not cuts that cause us to flounder.

Name
Hometown
Phone number