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To the New York State Congressional Delegation:

United in our commitment to the poor, the sick, and those who cannot care for themselves, we call upon you in the strongest terms to oppose the American Healthcare Act (AHCA) and its counterpart in the Senate, the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA).

Millions of our citizens – many who are chronically ill, frail, and elderly – rely on Medicaid to meet their basic needs for health care services and long term care supports.

The AHCA and the BCRA would cut Medicaid by nearly \$1 trillion over ten years. These cuts would force states to make extreme cuts to the services funded by Medicaid, depriving our most vulnerable citizens of access to quality, affordable care.

Compounding our concerns, the AHCA and BCRA would dramatically increase the ranks of the uninsured, undermine the solvency of the Medicare program, and make it more difficult for people with pre-existing conditions to gain health care coverage.

Mahatma Gandhi said, “A nation’s greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members.” It is abundantly clear that these bills, as they stand, do not meet this test. Congress has the power to act, and it would be immoral, plain and simple, to withhold good from the hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers that stand to lose coverage and suffer under this proposed legislation.

We urge you to oppose these bills and to work with us going forward to ensure that all New Yorkers receive the care that they not only need, but deserve.

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