

February 25, 2025

Members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation:

We, the undersigned Leaders of the Pennsylvania House Majority Caucus, strongly urge you to oppose the proposed \$880 billion in healthcare-related cuts to the federal budget. These cuts will have disastrous consequences for Pennsylvania.

We collectively represent Pennsylvania, urban, suburban, and rural, and our constituents are struggling – facing rising costs and living paycheck to paycheck. The proposed cuts to critical healthcare programs like Medicaid and CHIP will only deepen the crisis. Over 3 million Pennsylvanians rely on Medicaid and CHIP for healthcare. These programs keep Pennsylvanians healthy and safe.

Our constituents in rural areas have hospitals already operating under financial strain and these cuts will cause even more challenges. These institutions not only provide essential healthcare services but also provide good-paying jobs. These cuts will potentially cause job loss, hospital closures, and the deterioration of healthcare access in communities that need all the support they can get. All Pennsylvanians will be affected.

While we understand the need for fiscal responsibility, it does not need to come at the expense of the health and well-being of Pennsylvanians. Under our leadership, we have demonstrated that tax relief and fiscal discipline can happen while we protect vital services for our residents. The Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit is just one example of how we can provide relief without undermining essential healthcare.

As you cast your vote, we implore you to put the needs of Pennsylvanians first. These cuts will devastate communities already on the brink.

We stand ready to work together to find solutions that protect Pennsylvania's families and ensure they are not left behind.

Sincerely,

Joanna E. McClinton Speaker of the House Matthew D. Bradford Majority Leader Jordan A. Harris

Majority Appropriations Chairman