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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  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Leaders Thune and Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries,

As diabetes patient advocacy organizations, we are writing to express our grave concerns with and to urge you not to advance the “One Big Beautiful Bill” or any other budget reconciliation proposal that would negatively impact health and health care for your constituents.

Medicaid is a lifeline for communities across the country, providing affordable health coverage to nearly 80 million Americans, including an estimated [2.9 million people with diabetes](#). Diabetes is a chronic condition that impacts the body’s ability to utilize or make insulin, an essential hormone for the body’s functioning. Without the ability to use or make insulin, the body is unable to turn food into energy, and organ systems begin to shut down. People with diabetes need consistent, reliable healthcare in order to live healthy lives. About a [half a million people](#) would never be tested for diabetes under the proposed bill.

People with diabetes on Marketplace plans are particularly vulnerable to proposed cuts. An estimated 12.8 million Marketplace enrollees who live in counties with high rates of diabetes would pay an average of [\\$559 more](#) for coverage. Additionally, an estimated 2.8 million residents in counties with high rates of diabetes are at risk of [losing their coverage entirely](#).

[Nearly 12% of Americans](#) are living with diabetes and need Congress to act with our health in mind. As diabetes patient-advocacy organizations, we remain opposed to provisions of the Big Beautiful Bill that will make life harder for people living with diabetes including cuts to Medicaid, and Marketplace health coverage.

Sincerely,

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Beta Cell Action  
Diabetics Doing Things  
DiaVerge Diabetes  
Mutual Aid Diabetes  
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