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Dear Congressmen Edwards, Moore, and Murphy,

Due to your deep commitment and support of North Carolina's healthcare systems and patients, as dedicated future, current, and retired health care providers, we urge you to <u>oppose</u> any funding cuts, eligibility changes, and barriers to accessing Medicaid, Medicare, and Marketplace health insurance plans in the reconciliation bill.

Proposed changes from both chambers will flood our hospitals and clinics with uninsured patients, driving up uncompensated care costs and leading to far too many patients delaying care due to fear of medical debt. Before North Carolina's bipartisan expansion of Medicaid, we cared for countless patients who had easily treatable conditions but avoided seeking our care due to fear of becoming a financial burden for their families.

We urge you to reconsider any kind of barriers to accessing Medicaid or SNAP, such as the proposed reporting requirements, which prevent people from accessing services when they most need it—when they are too sick to work, leaving prisons/jails, or unsheltered. During times of vulnerability and pain, patients need to focus on their care and recovery without the stress of government-imposed red tape and bureaucracy.

As health care providers, we are deeply concerned about the rushed nature of the sweeping changes to these vital programs that serve millions of people in our state. These are the biggest cuts to Medicaid in the program's history, impacting millions of children, pregnant mothers, seniors, and low-wage workers who rely on Medicaid to get regular screenings, fill prescription medications, and care for chronic conditions.

We have a moral obligation to provide health care to our patients with dignity and compassion, and to advocate for them. Our patients are your constituents, and they are counting on you to do the right thing.

Our state and our country are stronger when our people are healthy. Any cuts to Medicaid and health insurance will cause significant and irreversible harm to millions of North Carolinians.

Please stand up for your constituents and vote NO on the reconciliation bill.

Sincerely,

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