

# Coalition to Protect Medicaid and the ACA

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*Leading voices representing the faith, medical, hospital, patient, long-term care and consumer communities.*

July 2, 2025

The Honorable Dan Crenshaw  
The Honorable Lance Gooden  
The Honorable Morgan Luttrell  
The Honorable August Pfluger  
The Honorable Randy Weber  
The Honorable Pete Sessions  
The Honorable Chip Roy  
The Honorable Beth Van Duyne  
The Honorable Michael Cloud  
The Honorable Keith Self  
The Honorable Jake Ellzey  
The Honorable Al Green  
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The Honorable Troy Nehls  
The Honorable Roger Williams  
The Honorable Henry Cuellar  
The Honorable Nathaniel Moran

The Honorable Pat Fallon  
The Honorable Lizzie Fletcher  
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The Honorable Ronny Jackson  
The Honorable Veronica Escobar  
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The Honorable Tony Gonzales  
The Honorable Brandon Gill  
The Honorable Sylvia Garcia  
The Honorable Jasmine Crockett  
The Honorable Marc Veasey  
The Honorable Brian Babin  
The Honorable John Carter  
The Honorable Vicente Gonzalez  
The Honorable Lloyd Doggett  
The Honorable Julie Johnson  
The Honorable Greg Casar  
The Honorable Wesley Hunt

*Sent electronically*

Dear Texas Congressional Delegation:

**On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to express strong opposition to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and to respectfully, yet ardently, urge you to oppose it too. If enacted, the bill will harm the health and well-being of millions of Texans while also inflicting significant and lasting damage on the state's entire health care system.**

**The bill is a preventable tragedy in the making. Now, only you can stop it. Here's why we urge you to do so:**

- At least 2 million Texans will lose health care coverage.<sup>1,2</sup>
- Millions more will face higher monthly health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs.<sup>3</sup>
- Hundreds of thousands of Texans will be at risk of losing food assistance, meaning more children, pregnant mothers, and seniors going hungry, although food insecurity leads to poorer health and higher health care costs.

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<sup>1</sup> [How Will the 2025 Reconciliation Bill Affect the Uninsured Rate in Each State? Allocating CBO's Estimates of Coverage Loss | KFF](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Congressional Budget Office Confirms Senate Republican Reconciliation Bill's Medicaid Cuts Are More Draconian than the House-Passed Bill – Center For Children and Families](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Cost of Eliminating Premium Tax Credits | Commonwealth Fund](#)

- Cuts to health care coverage, limits on Medicaid provider taxes, and cuts to nutrition programs will reverberate throughout the economy, putting at least 130,000 Texas jobs collectively at risk, mostly in the health care sector.<sup>4</sup>
- More Texans will die from preventable deaths<sup>5</sup>. Health insurance, including Medicaid, increases odds of early detection and treatment of cancers, heart disease, pregnancy and postpartum complications, and more.
- All Texas health care providers -- rural hospitals, children's hospitals, trauma hospitals, community clinics, maternity care clinicians, primary care practices, mental health centers, long-term care providers, and so on – will be harmed. Absorbing cuts of this magnitude will mean many of these will limit services or close, *hurting access to care for every single patient they serve*.

**Without a doubt, if passed, the enduring legacy of OBBBA will be devastating. More Texans will be sicker, poorer, and hungrier, while a frailer health care system will undermine access to care for everyone – outcomes we do not believe anyone wants.**

*OBBBA is a complicated bill, creating a spider web of red tape and wonky financing restrictions to make it harder for people to get and keep Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program or Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace coverage. Fewer insured Texans ultimately will mean poorer health outcomes.*

Numerous studies show health insurance coverage contributes to better health and well-being, not to mention financial security by reducing medical debt.

Furthermore, Texas' already precarious safety-net system will struggle to stay afloat, impacting everything from maternal health to specialty pediatric care to trauma care.

- Already, at least 22 rural Texas hospitals teeter imminently on the edge of solvency with another 65 considered vulnerable. Higher rates of uninsured and Medicaid financing changes triggered by OBBBA will make a bad situation worse. Some will close.
- Likewise, financial stability of children's hospitals and pediatric practices will be in jeopardy too. Medicaid and CHIP cover one in three Texas children. Changes to Medicaid and CHIP financing and coverage will increase uncompensated care, costs that must be offset. Reluctantly, many pediatric clinicians or facilities will reduce services. All children will lose.
- Medicaid pays for half of Texas births, helping to sustain maternity care facilities and clinicians throughout Texas, but particularly in rural areas. If maternity care units close, all women within the community will be forced to travel further for care, putting them and their babies at risk.
- Other health care providers will not fare any better. Cuts to coverage will increase uncompensated care among physician practices, obstetricians, community clinics, mental health centers, trauma centers, long-term care providers, and many others. Faced with financial losses, services and/or jobs will be eliminated.. Texas could lose some 115,000 jobs<sup>6,7</sup> as a result, most within the health care sector. However, those job losses will ripple throughout local economies.

Increases in Texas' costs to administer and manage SNAP also will mean difficult choices ahead, with Texas potentially being required to either absorb or mitigate several hundred million dollars in new SNAP costs.

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<sup>4</sup> [How Medicaid, SNAP Cutbacks Would Trigger Job Losses Across States | Commonwealth Fund](#)

<sup>5</sup> [House Bill Seen Causing 51,000 Preventable Deaths Annually - Penn LDI](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Cost of Eliminating Premium Tax Credits | Commonwealth Fund](#)

<sup>7</sup> [How Medicaid, SNAP Cutbacks Would Trigger Job Losses Across States | Commonwealth Fund](#)

The likely outcome will be a reduction in services that prevent Texans from going hungry. And likewise, such cuts will kill more jobs,<sup>8</sup> compounding coverage-related job losses.

**Good health is foundational to Texans' well-being, economic security, and freedom.** Yet, OBBBA will undermine people's health by erecting unnecessary barriers to health care coverage and weakening Texas' health care system. **Indeed, more than 160 years ago, the American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote *the first wealth is health, a maxim still true today – and one voters inherently understand.*** Numerous polls<sup>9</sup> show people of all political affiliations, including MAGA voters, strongly oppose the health care and nutrition cuts OBBBA will cause because they realize the pain such cuts will inflict.

As public servants dedicated to the betterment of the communities you represent – and indeed all of Texas -- **we respectfully urge you to reconsider OBBBA, taking time to weigh the profound concerns not only conveyed here, but also by your own local health care, faith, civic, and community leaders.** They'll tell you the same thing: this bill is a bad deal for Texas.

**Please stand with us in opposition.**

Statewide Organizations

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, District IX (Texas)  
Any Baby Can  
Arc of Texas  
Autism Society of Texas  
Built4Agility  
Children's Defense Fund, Texas  
Center for Civic and Public Policy Improvement  
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
Disability Resource Partners  
Every Body Texas  
Every Texan  
Family ADDventures Ed Therapy and Advocacy  
Family to Family Network  
Feeding Texas  
Free Battered Texas Women  
Healthy Futures  
Jolt Action  
Knowledge Is Justice Incorporated  
Lancaster Parent Support  
Latino Texas Policy Center  
Link Health  
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Texas Chapter  
National Association of Social Workers - Texas Chapter  
National Council of Jewish Women, Texas  
Prevention Institute  
Methodist Healthcare Ministries  
South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ  
Texas Academy of Family Physicians  
Texas Association of Community Health Centers

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<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> [Forbes](#), [KFF](#).

Texans Care for Children  
Texas Chapter, American College of Physicians  
Texas Coalition for Healthy Minds  
Texas College of Emergency Physicians  
Texas Impact  
Texas Parent to Parent  
Texas Pediatric Society  
Texas Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Texas Primary Care Coalition  
Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals  
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry  
Texas Women's Healthcare Coalition  
TexProtects  
Treaty Oak Law Group, PLLC  
Trust CHW  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
United Ways of Texas

#### Local Organizations

A Community of the Servant-Savior Presbyterian Church, Houston  
Arapaho United Methodist Church, Richardson  
Be The Neighbor  
Bethel United Church of Christ, Houston  
Black Mamas ATX, Central Texas  
Bridges to Empowerment, Fort Bend and Harris Counties  
Bridges Training Foundation  
Caritas of Austin  
Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ  
Central Texas Methodist Federation for Social Action  
Church and Society of the Horizon Texas Conference UMC, North Texas  
College Mound United Methodist Church, Terrell  
Congregation Emanu El, Houston  
Congregation Shir Ami, Cedar Park  
Courageous Conversations about Race, Georgetown  
Daisy Consulting, Houston  
Dallas Peace and Justice Center, Dallas  
Disciples of Christ Christian Church, Odessa  
E3Alliance, Central Texas  
Easter Seals, Central Texas  
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, San Antonio  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Granbury  
Faith Commons, Dallas  
Faith United Presbyterian Church, Farmers Branch  
First Congregational Church of Houston  
Friends Congregational Church, UCC  
GALS, Giving Austin Labor Support, Central Texas  
Greater Longview United Way  
Haven Health Clinics, Amarillo  
Houston Food Bank  
Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church, Carrollton  
Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Northwest, North and Central Texas  
Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Richardson  
JustUs for the Common Good, NorthPark Presbyterian Church, Dallas

Justice Network of Tarrant County, Fort Worth  
Link Health, Houston  
Makom Shelanu Congregation  
Maternal Health Equity Collaborative, Central Texas  
Mental Health America of Greater Houston  
Metro West United Women in Faith  
Midway Hills Christian Church, Dallas  
Navigation Services of Georgetown  
Neurodivergent Friends  
Positive Women's Network GHA, Houston and Dallas  
Sacred Worth Ministries  
Social Justice Committee, Congregation Beth Israel, Houston  
Southwestern Texas Synod  
St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Arlington  
St. Brigid Episcopal Church, Fort Worth  
St. Christopher's Episcopal Austin  
St. Luke's in the Meadow Episcopal Church, Fort Worth  
The House of Love and Justice Ministries, Rio Grande Valley  
United Way of Amarillo and Canyon, Amarillo  
United Way, Erath County  
United Way of the Crossroads, Victoria  
United Way of Southern Cameron County  
United Women in Faith of the Horizon Texas Conference  
University United Methodist Church, Austin  
Vista Ridge United Methodist Church, North Texas  
Vivent Health  
Westside Unitarian Universalist Church, Fort Worth  
Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church  
White Rock United Methodist Church, Dallas

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