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To the New York State Congressional Delegation:

Our coalition of New York State consumers, health care and human service workers, and providers and insurers urge you to strongly oppose the new Cassidy-Graham bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which could be voted on in the Senate in the coming days. If the bill clears the Senate, it would be sent to the House for your consideration. Your opposition to the bill is critical, as its implementation would catastrophically cut Federal funding to New York's health care system and severely compromise your constituents' access to health care coverage and services.

The Cassidy-Graham bill would eliminate the ACA's tax credits and Medicaid expansion, and replace them with profoundly inadequate per capita block grants to states. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the block grant policy and the Medicaid per capita cap would cut Federal spending to New York State by \$18.9 billion in 2026.

As the bill's authors have explained, their plan is specially designed to take Federal funding from New York State and redistribute it to states that chose not to expand their Medicaid programs. Further, the bill's waiver

provisions would also allow states to upend protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions and eliminate requirements that plans provide comprehensive coverage.

We urge the Delegation to reject the Cassidy-Graham bill. It's time to work together in a bipartisan way to improve New Yorkers' coverage and access to quality health care.

AARP New York
New York Health Plan Association
Greater New York Hospital Association
Healthcare Association of New York State
Coalition of Provider Associations (COPA)
Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS (CP of NYS)
New York State Rehabilitation Association
NYS Association of Community and Residential Agencies (NYSACRA)
NYSARC, Inc.
Coalition New York State Public Health Plans
Community Healthcare Association of New York State
Leading Age New York
Greater New York Healthcare Facilities Association
Continuing Care Leadership Coalition
New York Association on Independent Living
Home Care Association of New York State
New York State Association of Health Care Providers
Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State
Medical Society of the State of New York
The Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State
Healthcare for All New York
Metro New York Health Care for All
Medicare Rights Center
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy
Empire Justice Center
Consumers Union
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