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February 20, 2025

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), the national leadership organization representing more than 2,200 Catholic hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, service providers, healthcare systems, and other facilities across all fifty states, **I urge you to vote “No” on the House Concurrent Budget Resolution 14 for FY25 through FY34. This budget resolution would severely impact critical health and social safety-net programs, especially the Medicaid program, that are lifelines for your constituents and the patients and communities we serve.**

We are deeply concerned that this budget resolution would force the House Energy and Commerce Committee to slash \$880 billion from the Medicaid program—an essential health care program for nearly 80 million low-income Americans. Medicaid provides coverage for one in five individuals, funds 41% of all births nationwide, and is the largest payer for long-term care and behavioral health services. These cuts would have devastating consequences, particularly for those in small towns and rural communities, where Medicaid is often the primary source of health care coverage. **Medicaid is not just a health program—it is a lifeline. It provides access to care for those who need it most—poor and vulnerable children, pregnant women, elderly, adults, and disabled individuals in our nation while ensuring their dignity.**

CHA and our members firmly believe that health care is a fundamental human right that is essential to human flourishing. For decades, we have championed policies ensuring everyone has access to affordable health care. Rooted in our faith, we affirm that every individual is created in the image of God, possesses inalienable worth, and deserves care that upholds their inherent dignity. Our health ministry is especially committed to serving those most in need, recognizing that our mission is not complete until quality, affordable, and accessible health care is a reality for all.

We urge you to vote against the budget resolution when considered on the House floor and instead champion policies rooted in compassion and dignity. By protecting our most vulnerable, we create a healthier, stronger society for everyone.

Sincerely,


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