

Governor Phil Murphy

Statement from Governor Murphy Urging U.S. Senate to Oppose Reconciliation Bill

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“This week, Congress has a simple choice: stand for affordable access to health care and food security or stand for tax cuts for the wealthiest. I call upon Congress to be on the right side of history and to resist cutting billions of dollars in federal funding from lifeline services.

“If approved, the Congressional Republicans’ budget reconciliation bill will have disastrous ramifications for New Jersey families. The proposal would force New Jersey families to jump through unnecessary bureaucratic hoops to access care, impose conditions that go against New Jersey’s values, and erode federal financial partnership in our healthcare system. Hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans stand to lose coverage, and our taxpayers will lose billions in federal resources that should be coming back to our state.

“One in five currently enrolled New Jersey residents are expected to lose Medicaid – which enables children with complex health needs to receive specialized care, individuals with disabilities to live independently, and seniors to afford medications and behavioral health care. SNAP helps more than 400,000 households meet basic nutritional needs each month. Premium tax credits currently support over 450,000 New Jersey residents to maintain affordable health coverage. These are immensely important programs that New Jerseyans rely on.

“Every vote to advance this bill is morally reprehensible. It will leave our state with an unfillable funding gap – destabilizing New Jersey’s vast health care system and jeopardizing the well-being of our most vulnerable community members.

“My Administration will continue to fight for New Jersey’s working families.”

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