## Time to Tell Congress: SAVE MEDICAID! OUR PATIENTS NEED CARE, NOT CUTS!

In order to extend tax cuts to billionaires and corporations, the U.S. House of Representatives just voted to gut Medicaid by \$715 billion, as well as impose more stringent eligibility rules. The changes as written into the budget reconciliation bill would eliminate health care for more than 8.6 million lower-income patients, impose new costs for patients who can't afford it, establish onerous work rules, yank health care from lowincome immigrants, cut benefits to veterans, deny gender-affirming care, and much more. Together, they will rob tens of millions of our patients of health and security, leading to more suffering and death.

Choosing to deprive our neediest patients of health care shows a shocking moral depravity and violates nurses' core values of caring and compassion. Nurses believe health care is a human right; and nurses believe in a society where we take care of one another. Until we win Medicare for All, safety-net programs like Medicaid help our most vulnerable patients.

There is still time for nurses to FIGHT BACK! The bill must still be deliberated upon and passed by the U.S. Senate. Let's show them gutting Medicaid is unacceptable, and that our patients need care, not cuts! Tell them to reject this immoral bill.

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