June 26, 2017

The Honorable John Kasich
Office of the Governor
Riffe Center, 30
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 Floor
Columbus, OH 73105

Dear Governor Kasich,

In March, our organizations formed a coalition representing some of the nation’s largest patient and
provider groups in order to respond to Congress’ work to pass health care reform legislation. Together,
we defined a set of principles that we believe are essential components of any successful health care
reform plan.
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 These principles are specifically designed to protect the health and well-being of the
millions of patients we represent and their unique health care needs. With the release of the Senate
proposal, our groups remain extremely concerned about the short- and long- term impacts this
legislation would have on patients, families, and communities. Our organizations have been committed
to working with legislators to ensure that adequate protections remain or are put in place to serve the
more than 100 million Americans we represent. Despite this commitment, we have not been consulted
in any meaningful way. We hope, in your capacity as Governor, that you will advocate for the residents
of Ohio by urging your Senators push for better process and better policy.

We have significant concerns about a number of provisions in both the House-passed American Health
Care Act (AHCA) and the recently revealed Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) that would have
serious implications for states like Ohio. The Congressional Budget Office analysis of the AHCA estimates
that 23 million Americans will lose coverage as a result of the bill’s plan to restructure Medicaid, end
Medicaid expansion, and allow for rollbacks of existing consumer protections. This includes eliminating
guaranteed essential health benefits (EHBs) and regulations that protect patients with pre-existing
conditions. Any of these proposals would put patients in Ohio at risk. Sim漪㤨 ⤭⁇ഊ嬨 ഊ嬨 ഊ嬨 ㄹ䄾ⵃ㝊ഊ䕔⁯礍ਰ⸰〰䝣〠ㄊ〮〰ぇ挰捲歮爊ㄠ〠〠ㄠ䅳桲㌷䔰ㄵ‰ਰ⸰〰㤰㸱㈼〰䝣っ爳〱㤱ㄱㅅ〱㜶〱㤊嬨 崠呴のഊ䉔ഊ⽴⁯礱‰‰ㄍਜ਼⠠㈊嬨琩㤠呦ഊㄠ〠〠ㄠ㜲⸰㈴′㌱⸴㤱㈠〠㘱㈠㝯㌳㜮㜹㈠牥ഊ圪⁮ഊ䉔ഊ䅣猱㈼〰䝣㔠呭ഊ〠ഊㄠ〠獨漰㐠吰‰‱‸㐮ぬ祦ഊㄠㄮ〴⁔昍਱‰‭㌨眠⤭㐨昩‰‱⸰㐠呦ഊㄠ〠〠ㄠ㜲⸱‱〷⸶㘠㉢整猠⠍਱‰‰ 㤨瑨攠爩㤨攩㤨捥湴汹⤭㈨ 㤨牥⤱〨瘩ⴴ⡥慬敤 崠告ഊ䕔ഊ儍ੱഊ〮〰〰〹ㄲ‰㜶ㄲ‷㈠牥ഊ圪⁮ഊ䉔ഊ䅣猱㈱⸰㐠呦ഊ慮獩漀䄠ㄠ㌲⸲㌠㈳ㄮ㐱⁔洰⸷㐠呭 瑨攠爀攀捥湴汹 牥瘀敡汥搠

Medicaid Restructuring
The proposal to convert federal financing of Medicaid to a per capita cap or block grant system
is deeply troubling. These policies are designed to reduce federal funding for Medicaid, forcing

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