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The Honorable Michael D. Crapo  
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Chairman Crapo:

We write to demand that you schedule a markup of the policies included in H.R. 1 in the Senate Finance Committee so that the members may serve their role in considering such legislation before it moves to the Senate floor. The American people deserve a chance to hear Republicans justify their economic agenda that would terminate health coverage for 16 million kids, seniors, people with disabilities, and families, while adding trillions of new debt—all to fund tax cuts for the rich and big corporations. A markup is the last opportunity for us to have that debate at the committee level. It is already unacceptable that Republicans have declined to hold public hearings that would weigh the real-world impact of these policy changes, instead writing this legislation in secret.

Despite that secrecy, the harms of Trump's tax bill are beginning to come into sharp focus. The most damaging policy changes in Republicans' House-passed reconciliation bill are in the Senate Finance Committee's jurisdiction: tax handouts heavily skewed in favor of big corporations and the wealthy costing \$7 trillion, at least \$700 billion in deadly Medicaid cuts for working Americans, and hundreds of billions in cuts to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that effectively dismantle the program.

These catastrophic health care cuts will terminate coverage for working Americans, slash benefits like home care and mental health care and accelerate the closure of rural hospitals and nursing homes, among other health care providers. A thicket of red tape and new paperwork requirements are the centerpiece of Republicans' cruel cuts; the goal is to make it impossible for people to simply sign up for the health care they need. Meanwhile, the Republican bill—rife with tax handouts for the ultra-wealthy—does nothing to lower out-of-pocket health care costs for American families. Governors; state and local lawmakers; patients and their families; advocates

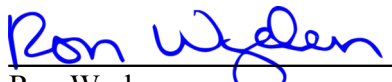
for seniors, children and people with disabilities; doctors of all specialties; insurance companies; and hospitals are sounding the alarm about these cuts.


New independent analyses estimate that more than 51,000 people will die per year as a direct result of the Republican reconciliation bill and their refusal to extend Affordable Care Act premium tax credits—all in service of funding handouts for the top. It is unthinkable that Senate Republicans would evade the committee process entirely to speed that legislation along. If there is no markup, the American people will have to assume Republicans either find their proposals impossible to defend under real scrutiny or lack the votes to report a bill out of the Committee.


The Senate Finance Committee is over 200 years old, and it has jurisdiction over the most substantial economic challenges faced by American families. All of your recent predecessors held markups in advance of reconciliation legislation, including Chairmen Roth, Grassley, Baucus, Hatch, and Wyden. It would be a black mark on this Committee's long history to rubber stamp such harmful policies sent over by the House without an opportunity for Finance Committee members to hear from non-partisan experts and the Administration, offer amendments, and have a vote in the Committee.


If Trump and Republicans in Congress are going to deprive millions of Americans of their health care so that millionaires and rich corporations can get massive tax cuts, it should not be done in secret backroom negotiations. It should be done in the light of day, including through a full markup in the Senate Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

  
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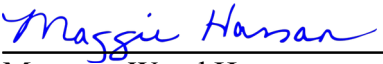
  
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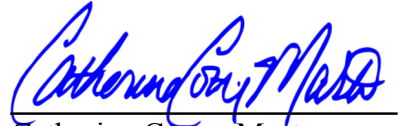
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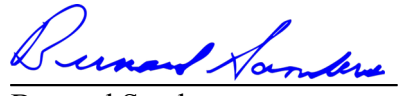
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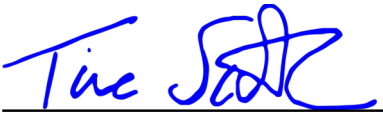
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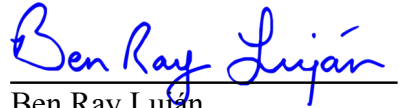
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