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Date: 2017-09-22 09:21:39
To: My Senator
From: Roland Kerner
State: Missouri
Email: [REDACTED]



My name is Roland Kerner and I work with the St. Louis Arc. I have been a staff member of our Community Integration Program for 7 years. Our folks are able BECAUSE of Medicaid funding go into the community to build life skills through volunteer and leisure site activities through out the week, month, and year. The self growth and self awareness our folks gain from these experiences is priceless. Without Medicaid funding our folks would not have the opportunities for these experiences. THIS IS ALL ABOUT QUALITY OF LIFE. People with disabilities of any kind ARE people and OUR fellow CITIZENS.

Please imagine if you no longer could regularly leave your home. Please imagine what that would like to you. Please imagine all the lost relationships, the lost experiences, and the lost of self worth. Please imagine that no one even knew you existed! That is the REALITY for our folks IF the bill to cut Medicaid passes!

VOTE NO!

-Sincerely,

Roland Kerner, MO Voter.

Nicole Jorwic

From: Corine Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Mississippi

My family transplanted to Mississippi in 1975. Although they loved the sun and fun of the Gulf Coast and the poor man's paradise offered there, they had no idea the hardships which they would face after leaving the safety of our Massachusetts home where we have been as a family since 1680.

~~My father is a disabled WW11 vet, who endured countless surgeries to maintain the use of his arm which was~~ crushed in a transport accident. He luckily received somewhat adequate care all the rest of his life, he died in 2015.

My brother was born in 1960 and it became clear very early on that he had developmental delays, he was not diagnosed as intellectually disabled (not the term used in 1965) and was told he could not go to school. My mother joined several other parents to find a school with a non-Downs child. There was nothing. As a result my brother had a sporadic school life till he was 12. He was given full disability at 21 and Medicaid. He has many issues and needed counseling and assistance all of this was paid by medicare. My parents who had three older daughters all of college age could not afford my brothers care. I can not imagine a life for him without Medicare.

My brother lives in Mississippi, he is now 56, he was recently told he is fit for work, even though he can not walk, read or drive. Both my parents are now gone, and he is alone. We can not find any help for him in Mississippi. The plight of the handicapped there is cruel. He does not want to move to Massachusetts. We have found him a place to live, however, he needs constant medical care for several health issues. If they cut him off, he will die of congestive heart failure in months. He needs wound care weekly for leg sores that never heal. Thinking of him suffering in Mississippi, is heart breaking. But it is a poor state run by very Republican interests. We can say, oh well too bad for the handicapped in poor states, while in Massachusetts we care, but there my brother sits, and if another Katrina hits, he will not evacuate.

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Nicole Jorwic

From: Debbie Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Mississippi Medicaid cuts

Please, please don't turn your backs on this special group of folks that need this Medicaid funding in order to receive the proper care essential to their well being.

It looks like there could be additional taxes put on things of leisure (hotel rooms, cigarettes, casino winnings, alcohol products, etc.) to help fill in some of these gaps. Please consider some of these measures!

While there are definitely folks that abuse any program, there are definitely ones that don't, and that depend on them.

I had a special needs son that has passed away, but I still have a grandson fighting a terrible genetic disease that is terminal. His medication is over \$35,000 per month. His mother and father work and pay medical insurance premiums in order for him to receive his medication. They don't just sit at home and let Medicaid foot his entire bill.

Please fund Medicaid in order to help those that are trying to help themselves, as well as those that can't help themselves.

Thank you for your time in reading his letter.

May the Lord guide your decision!!

Debbie Taylor
Columbus, MS