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Dear Senator Gardner:

We write to you as concerned Coloradans – working people, children, people living with disabilities and seniors – the people who stand to lose critical access to health care and whose lives will be most impacted by the decisions you will make in the coming days and weeks as the Senate concludes its negotiations over their health care bill. We urge you to act on behalf of Colorado and your constituents like the Papadopoulos family, rather than partisan politics.

Lecia Papadopoulos' daughter is on Medicaid. She has a genetic disease called cystic fibrosis, requiring lots of expensive medicines, doctors, and hospital visits. She even had to learn to eat, due to complications in infancy and as a young child. She is also on the autism spectrum and needs Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy, which has been critical to allowing her to participate in many daily activities most of us take for granted. None of these therapies were affordable or accessible, even with high-priced insurance options. Today, Lecia obtains insurance through her employer; however, prior to the ACA Lecia was self-employed and couldn't purchase insurance for her family on the individual market because of preexisting condition exclusions and lifetime limits. With the ACA, Lecia has peace of mind that plans offered by groups such as employers and on state exchanges will meet essential medical, mental and pharmaceutical standards regardless of where she works or where she lives.

Yet the current version of the Senate health reform bill would jeopardize health and financial security for families like Lecia's. In Colorado, 471,000 people would lose their health care coverage by 2022, including 104,000 of children. The BCRA would cut Colorado's Medicaid funding by \$15 billion by 2030, blowing a hole in our state budget and forcing our state to ration care and cut essential programs and services. And it would slash subsidies to lower premiums for low- and moderate-income families by more than \$400 billion, burdening these Coloradans with new costs they just can't afford. For example, under the BRCA, a senior making \$50,000 in Grand Junction, Colorado could see her premiums rise to over \$20,000 per year, compared to just over \$5,000 under the current law. All of this just to finance tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. This is not the reform Coloradans need.

The latest CBO analysis confirms the Senate healthcare bill is flawed and would have resulted in the loss of coverage for 22 millions of Americans and would have made coverage worse or less affordable for tens of millions more. We ask that by July 14th you publicly affirm that you will reject any bill that:

- results in millions losing coverage,
- ends Colorado's successful Medicaid Expansion program,
- shifts unsustainable costs to the state,
- caps and cuts Medicaid for the most vulnerable populations, and
- threatens access to healthcare for the many Coloradans who depend on rural hospitals.

This bill can't be fixed: Coloradans are depending on you to do what's right and commit to starting over with a different, bipartisan approach.

Colorado is counting on you to speak up for what's right and ask Republican leadership to start over with a different, bipartisan approach to strengthening our healthcare system that puts ordinary Coloradans first.

(The following individuals and organizations have signed on to this letter either in person, or electronically.)

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