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Members

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

The Local Health Plans of California (“LHPC”) represents 16, community-based, not-for-profit health plans that provide health coverage for nearly 8 million (over 70%) of California’s Medicaid (“Medi-Cal” in California) managed care beneficiaries, including 2.1 million of the 3.7 million who gained coverage through the ACA’s Medicaid Expansion. I write today on behalf of our members to express our strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson amendment (“GCHJ”) and urge you to vote against the legislation should it come to the floor of the House of Representatives.

Simply put, GCHJ would directly devastate both our Medicaid program as well as our Marketplace, where millions of Californians purchase insurance. It will most certainly destabilize health insurance markets and decrease access to affordable coverage and care. Passage of GCHJ will result in millions of Californians becoming uninsured. In addition, some analysts project California would face a cumulative cut of federal funding totaling \$78 billion between 2020-2026.

We urge you to vote no on this legislation if it comes to the floor.

Sincerely,

Brianna Lierman, Esq.  
Chief Executive Officer