

March 24, 2005.

Dear Senator:

The undersigned organizations are writing to thank you for your vote for the Smith-Bingaman amendment to strike Medicaid cuts from the fiscal year 2006 Senate Budget Resolution. This Medicaid vote will almost certainly be one of the most important health policy votes of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Your vote helps preserve a program on which more than 51 million vulnerable Americans rely.

We look forward to working with you in the weeks ahead to ensure that the final Budget Resolution does not contain Medicaid cuts.

Thank you again for your courageous vote on behalf of health care for the most vulnerable in our society.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO

African American Health Alliance

AIDS Action Council

AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families

AIDS Treatment Activist Coalition

Alliance for Children and Families

Alliance for Retired Americans

Alzheimer's Association

American Academy of Family Physicians

American Academy of HIV Medicine

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

American Association on Mental Retardation

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American Congress of Community Supports and Employment Services

American Counseling Association

American Dental Hygienists' Association

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

American Federation of Teachers

American Group Psychotherapy Association

American Medical Student Association

American Network of Community Options and Resources

American Nurses Association

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Physical Therapy Association

American Psychiatric Association

American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Social Health Association  
American Society of Transplant Surgeons  
Americans for Democratic Action  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Community Affiliated Plans  
Association of Academic Physiatrists  
Association of Jewish Aging Services of North America  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Catholic Charities USA  
Catholic Health Association of the United States  
Center for Adolescent Health & the Law  
Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE)  
Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)  
Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc.  
Child Welfare League of America  
Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)  
Children's Dental Health Project  
Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy  
Children's Defense Fund  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation  
Council of Women's and Infants' Specialty Hospitals  
Disability Service Providers of America  
Easter Seals  
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Families USA  
Family Voices  
Gay Men's Health Crisis  
Generations United  
HIV Medicine Association  
Housing Works, Inc.  
Human Rights Campaign  
International AIDS Empowerment  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
Joint Public Affairs Committee for Older Adults  
Lutheran Services in America  
March of Dimes  
Medicare Rights Center  
NAMI - National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

NARAL Pro-Choice New York  
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys  
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors  
National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium  
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
National Association for Home Care & Hospice  
National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics  
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability  
Directors  
National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA-US)  
National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform  
National Coalition for LGBT Health  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare  
National Council of La Raza  
National Council on Independent Living  
National Council on the Aging  
National Education Association  
National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association  
National Head Start Association  
National Health Council  
National Health Law Program  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Indian Health Board  
National Medical Association  
National Mental Health Association  
National Minority AIDS Council  
National MS Society  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Puerto Rican Coalition  
National Respite Coalition  
National Senior Citizens Law Center  
National Women's Law Center  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Parents' Action for Children  
Pediatrix Medical Group  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Washington Office  
Project Inform  
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition  
Reproductive Health Technologies Project  
RESULTS

Service Employees International Union  
Society for Adolescent Medicine  
Special Care Dentistry  
TII CANN-Title II Community AIDS National Network  
The AIDS Institute  
The Alan Guttmacher Institute  
The Arc of the United States  
The Children's Health Fund  
The Institute for Reproductive Health Access  
The Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
The Well Project  
Tourette Syndrome Association  
Treatment Access Expansion Project (TAEP)  
U.S. PIRG  
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations  
United Auto Workers, International Union  
United Cerebral Palsy  
United Jewish Communities  
United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association  
USAction  
Voice of the Retarded  
Voices for Americas Children  
Volunteers of America  
Welfare Law Center  
Women of Reform Judaism