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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
H-232, United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The CBO's report has exposed the Republican Pay More For Less bill as an assault on working families. This bill is not an "act of mercy," it is a cruel plan to push 24 million Americans off their health coverage so that Republicans can hand a \$600 billion tax giveaway to the rich and big corporations.

Now, according to recent reports, Republicans are planning to make a Manager's amendment and other changes in the Rules Committee which could significantly worsen the already disastrous impact of their bill on working families – including a proposal to destroy millions of Americans' Medicaid coverage as soon as the end of this year.

If any changes are made at Rules, the American people and Members have a right to see an updated CBO score on the consequences of the final legislation before any vote by the House. You will remember that when Democrats amended the Senate-passed Affordable Care Act at Rules, we ensured that the American people had an updated CBO score for the final legislation before the House voted.

After Republicans forced the Ways & Means Committee and the Energy & Commerce Committee to vote blind on a bill with devastating consequences for Americans, I must reiterate my previous insistence that Republicans not force the House to vote before the CBO and the Joint Committee on Taxation have revealed the final bill's impacts on the coverage, quality and cost of Americans' health care.

Mr. Speaker, as a former Chair of both the Committee on Ways and Means and the Budget, you understand the importance of having the numbers as well as anyone. These are critical questions and I hope that Republicans will honor their responsibility to the American people before the final bill goes to the House floor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

best regards,

  
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