

Kathleen,

I wish I was sending a different email, but you need to know what just happened.

Moments ago, Congress voted to make the biggest cuts to Medicaid in history.

Lawmakers voted to strip away affordable health insurance from millions of people and increase health care costs.

This vote will impact the fight against cancer for years to come. Cancer patients could be kicked off their health insurance and left without access to the treatment they need. Others could have to go without the cancer screenings and preventive care that could save their lives.

ACS CAN advocates like you fought *hard* to oppose these cuts. Even though the result is painful and it might not feel like it right now, I want you to know your efforts mattered. While these cuts are deep and the harm will be significant, we fought off deeper cuts and additional damaging policies that would have put affordable health care even further out of reach. Please hang on to that knowledge: **what you did made a difference.**

As we work to assess the impact of the bill and what it means for the fight against cancer, remember that you aren't alone.

Here are three things you can do as we move forward:

1. **Join us on July 10th for the virtual event “Health Care in Crisis: What Coverage Losses Mean for Cancer Patients and the Road Ahead.”** At 8:00 PM Eastern / 5:00 PM Pacific, you can hear from ACS CAN's President and other experts to learn more about the bill that was passed, the impact you made, and what happens next. [RSVP to join us virtually on July 10th.](#)
2. **Your story can help.** If you might lose your health coverage because of this bill, please consider sharing your story. No one will lose their insurance right away, but if you're worried you may lose coverage or know someone who is, stories can help us keep fighting. [Share your story by completing this form.](#)
3. **We have important work ahead of us.** Congress still needs to renew enhanced tax credits to prevent health insurance costs from skyrocketing for millions. [You can help by signing this petition to Congress today.](#)

I'm feeling heartbroken by what just happened, but a little bit hopeful, too, because of you. While the outcome is certainly not what we wanted, ACS CAN advocates worked hard and left no stone unturned, and **I'm so proud of the work we did together.**

We're not giving up that hope, and you shouldn't, either.

As lawmakers move forward and the bill that passed starts to be implemented, we'll keep working on behalf of cancer patients, survivors, and their families.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for everything you do in the fight against cancer.

Onward,

Greta Johnson, Associate Director, Grassroots Campaigns

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