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Dear Congressional Representatives:

The Arc New York is the largest not-for-profit provider of services for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (IDD) in New York state. We support more than 60,000 individuals with disabilities, comprising more than one-third of New York's most vulnerable citizens, and provide services in every single county of the state, including those you represent. Medicaid provides nearly all the funding for these vital services. Attached to this correspondence is additional information explaining the importance of Medicaid to New Yorkers with disabilities and their families.

In addition to individuals with IDD, our organization employs approximately 30,000 people, which includes thousands of constituents who work and/in or live in your districts. These employees are the backbone of our system. In fact, more than 70% of the Medicaid funding for our system goes directly to staff wages and benefits. Because the funding that supports these vital roles is already limited, many of our frontline staff make only slightly more than minimum wage. This means that many of our employees are also likely to receive some benefits from Medicaid.

Your vote in favor of the House Budget Resolution of February 25, 2025, raises significant concerns for our organization about your support for New Yorkers who receive Medicaid, particularly New Yorkers with disabilities. Cuts to federal

A family-based organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Medicaid funding of the scope proposed will jeopardize New York's ability to sustain these vital programs.

We look forward to hearing that your commitment is to vote against any measures that could result in reduced services to individuals with IDD or to the workers who support them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Geizer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Erik Geizer
CEO