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## **Draft Social Copy**

### **Medicaid Prompt 1:**

The House of Representatives have backed a plan to **slash up to \$880 billion from Medicaid**, a program many in our community rely on for **essential care, mobility devices, and surgeries**. Without it, our access to life-changing treatments could disappear **[Insert personal story]**.

We **must** take action! Contact your representatives and senators and tell them: **Our health is not up for debate!** 🏠🏥

### **Medicaid Prompt 2:**

Many in the **dwarfism community** rely on **Medicaid for essential care**, including surgeries, mobility devices, and specialist visits. Proposed cuts would put these services at risk, impacting the health and independence of people with disabilities nationwide.

No matter your politics, access to healthcare is **a human issue, not a partisan one**. Let's come together and urge lawmakers to **protect Medicaid and the people who depend on it!**

*These below letters can be used as a template to read when calling your representatives or mailed to your representatives. Feel free to personalize as you see appropriate*

## **Contacting Your Representatives**

Dear Congressman/woman [Last Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the potential cuts to Medicaid proposed in the recently passed budget resolution by the House of Representatives and the significant impact these cuts could have on people with disabilities, particularly members of the Little People of America (LPA) community like myself.

As someone living with dwarfism [or insert other examples- my child living with dwarfism, etc], Medicaid has been a lifeline in ensuring I have access to the necessary healthcare services, assistive devices, and support systems that allow me to live independently and fully contribute to society. The proposed reductions to Medicaid funding would undermine these essential services, leaving individuals with disabilities, like myself, vulnerable and without adequate support.

Some of the key areas where cuts to Medicaid would hurt people with disabilities, including those of us in the Little People of America community, are:

1. **Access to Specialized Healthcare:** Medicaid helps cover the costs of physical therapy, adaptive medical equipment, and surgeries that are critical for those of us living with disabilities. Without this coverage, many of us would face insurmountable financial barriers to necessary care.
2. **Home and Community-Based Services:** Medicaid enables access to personal care attendants, modifications to homes for accessibility, and other services that promote independence. Cuts to Medicaid would make it harder for individuals with disabilities to live independently, and we could face institutionalization or forced dependence on family members.
3. **Employment Support:** Medicaid provides crucial support that allow people with disabilities to remain employed or attend school. Without access to these resources, many people with disabilities would face discrimination or be forced to leave their jobs due to the lack of necessary accommodations.

I urge you to stand with the disability community and protect Medicaid funding. It is crucial that we safeguard access to healthcare and support services that enable people with disabilities, including Little People of America, to thrive in society and maintain their independence.

I ask that you carefully consider the severe consequences of cutting Medicaid and stand firm in your commitment to support policies that protect our civil rights, healthcare, and quality of life. We cannot afford to go backwards.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I would appreciate hearing your position on this issue and hope that you will stand with us in opposing these dangerous cuts. Thank you for your time.

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### **Social Media Graphic**

“The House of Representatives has passed a resolution that could cut \$881 billion from Medicaid over the next decade. Medicaid, which covers 83 million people, including those with disabilities, could face significant reductions, impacting healthcare services for millions. It’s time to speak up about the future of Medicaid and healthcare for all.”