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On behalf of the City of Alexandria, I write to express deep concern about the provisions included in H.R. 1, the House Reconciliation Bill, particularly those affecting 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and clean energy investment. If enacted, these proposals would place significant financial and operational burdens on local and state governments, hinder our ability to serve residents, and undermine progress toward a more sustainable, healthy, and economically stable future.

Please oppose cuts to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

The bill puts funding for afterschool and summer programs at risk by eliminating the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grants, a critical resource that supports nearly 1.4 million young people nationwide. In Alexandria, five 21st CCLC grants fund the LINK Club programs, which provide vital academic enrichment, healthy meals, and safe, engaging spaces for our community's most vulnerable children and families for more than INSERT NUMBER OF KIDS. Eliminating this funding would directly limit access to the academic and social supports children need to thrive.

The City of Alexandria opposes reductions to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)

The House Reconciliation Bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, includes Medicaid provisions, mandatory work requirements for able-bodied adults, reductions to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), and restrictions on coverage during citizenship and immigration verification. If enacted, starting in 2026, , approximately 6,802 Alexandrians ages 19-64, would be required to meet an 80-hour monthly work or community engagement requirement. While exemptions are included for certain populations, the administrative complexity and cost of implementing and monitoring these requirements will fall heavily on local agencies—diverting resources from direct service provision.

Reducing the FMAP by 10% for expansion states that cover ineligible immigrants, along with prohibiting federal coverage during verification periods, not only creates gaps in care but also risks increasing uncompensated medical and behavioral health care costs at the local level.

Additionally, banning federal funding for providers that offer comprehensive reproductive services undermines our ability to meet the public health needs of our community.

Proposed SNAP changes will have dramatic negative impacts in Alexandria

The bill would reduce federal SNAP spending by more than \$290 billion over ten years, while simultaneously shifting substantial administrative and programmatic costs to states and localities. INSERT HOW MANY ALEXANDRIANS ARE ON SNAP. INSERT DATA ON NUMBER OF PEOPLE SEEN BY ALIVE EACH MONTH. Starting in FY2028, the local share of SNAP administrative costs could increase from 50% to 75%, depending on federally determined error rates. These changes would fundamentally weaken our ability to operate SNAP effectively, remove critical tools for modernization, and place the financial sustainability of the program in jeopardy.



Rollbacks on clean energy and infrastructure would result in a less sustainable and economically vibrant future

H.R. 1 would repeal or significantly limit multiple tax credits established under the Inflation Reduction Act, including incentives for clean vehicle purchases, residential energy efficiency improvements, and renewable energy production and manufacturing. These credits play a vital role in helping cities like Alexandria transition toward a more sustainable and economically vibrant future.

Taken together, the proposed changes to educational funding, Medicaid, SNAP, and energy policy reduce services, restricting access to health care, and stall progress on critical initiatives. We urge Congress to engage directly with local and state leaders in finding practical, people-centered solutions.

Thank you for your continued commitment to helping Alexandrians meet their basic needs. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and identify shared opportunities for innovation, equity, and resilience.

Sincerely,

Alyia Gaskins

Mayor, City of Alexandria