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The Honorable Mark Warner United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tim Kaine United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr. United States House of Representatives
1119 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Honorable Senator Warner, Senator Kaine, and Congressman Beyer:

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 485 of our community's most vulnerable children. Eliminating this funding would directly limit access to the academic and social supports children need to thrive.

Please oppose reductions to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)

The House-passed Reconciliation Bill includes significant Medicaid changes that can disrupt health care access and delivery for many Alexandrians. If enacted, beginning in 2026, roughly 6,802 residents ages 19–64 would be required to meet 80 hours per month of work or community engagement to maintain coverage. While some may qualify for the exemptions, the burden of proving eligibility will fall on individuals, like seniors who struggle to find employment or parents already juggling multiple jobs, meaning more time away from kids and critical caregiving responsibilities. Local agencies will also face the costly and complex task of tracking compliance, diverting staff and resources away from actually helping people. Combined with reduced federal support (FMAP) and delays in coverage during citizenship or immigration verification, these changes risk leaving our most vulnerable neighbors without care when they need it most.

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.



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Please oppose the proposed SNAP changes that will have dramatic negative impacts in Alexandria

The proposed bill would slash federal SNAP funding by over \$290 billion over ten years, while shifting significant administrative and program costs to states and localities. Starting in FY2028, the local share of SNAP administrative costs could rise from 50% to 75%, depending on federally determined error rates. These changes would severely weaken our ability to operate SNAP effectively, strip away tools for modernization, and threaten the program's financial sustainability.

In Alexandria, 14,234 residents currently rely on SNAP, including 8,076 children and 1,795 seniors. Yet even with this support, food insecurity is rising. Capital Area Food Bank's 2024 Hunger Report shows that 36% of Alexandria residents are food insecure, up from 31% last year. Local food providers like ALIVE! feed more than 20,000 people each month, and roughly 20–30% of their clients also receive SNAP. However, the SNAP benefits many receive fall short of meeting their basic food needs, leaving local nonprofits to fill growing gaps. These proposed cuts would make that gap even wider, while asking local governments to carry an unsustainable share of the cost.

Please oppose the rollbacks on clean energy and infrastructure that would result in a less sustainable and economically vibrant future

H.R. 1 would repeal or limit key tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act, including those for clean vehicles, energy-efficient home upgrades, and renewable energy. These credits support Alexandria's sustainability goals, offering up to \$1,200 annually for improvements like insulation and windows, and an additional \$2,000 for HVAC upgrades to air-source heat pumps, helping residents save on utilities and improve home performance.

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,

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