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Tennessee Justice Center Responds to Passage of Federal Budget Bill

Nashville, TN — With the House passing a federal budget bill and the President expected to sign it into law tomorrow, the Tennessee Justice Center (TJC) is urging the public to recognize the serious consequences it will bring for families across the country.

“This bill abandons millions of people who rely on programs like Medicaid and SNAP to care for their families and make ends meet,” said Michele Johnson, Executive Director of the Tennessee Justice Center.

The legislation includes sweeping cuts to health and nutrition programs that millions of Americans rely on to survive and stay well. Medicaid, SNAP, and other vital programs will see major funding reductions, stripping away support for children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families. The bill is estimated to remove \$1 trillion in federal investment from the nation’s health care system over the next decade. The impact will be felt in every state — from coverage losses and hospital closures to longer wait times, fewer providers, and deeper food insecurity in communities that are already underserved.

“Tennessee already struggles with high rates of medical debt, hospital closures, and child hunger,” said Johnson. “This bill will make those problems worse and push more families into crisis.”

Despite this setback, TJC remains focused on helping those affected and continuing the work to create long-term change. “We are preparing to meet this moment with resolve,” Johnson said.

“That means standing with families, supporting our partners, and continuing to fight for the dignity and care every person deserves.”

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For over 26 years, the Tennessee Justice Center has been standing with vulnerable Tennessee families and helping them access basic necessities of life. Since opening our doors in 1996, TJC has used lawsuits, legislation and coalition building to overcome injustice, winning \$2 billion in health care and hundreds of millions in financial and nutrition assistance for Tennesseans. Aside from lawsuits, TJC helps assist seniors and other individuals with TennCare, SNAP and other public benefit programs.