



THE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

Just when we thought we would be safe from disastrous repeal legislation, the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal bill has really picked up steam in the Senate. It is the [most radical repeal bill yet](#).

Senators Alexander and Corker's votes are very important. It's vital that we keep calling them for the next week, as the vote must happen by 9/30.

In this newsletter, we're focusing on the Graham-Cassidy bill because it is such a serious threat. Once we kill this bill, we hope to return to our usual content, including powerful stories and shareable facts, in the next edition.

**Please call Senators Alexander and
Corker and tell them to reject the
Graham-Cassidy bill:
202-224-3121**

Tell them to vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill because:

- It is a last-ditch bill that has had no hearings and no testimony from stakeholders on how it would affect health care for all

Americans.

- This bill eliminates protections for people with pre-existing conditions. Pricing out people with pre-existing conditions will return in full force, and people will again experience annual and lifetime caps on insurance coverage.
- Without federal safeguards, we'll be stuck with skimpy insurance that doesn't cover the care that we need, if we can even get it at all.
- It eliminates the individual mandate without any replacement. Healthy people would have no incentive to buy insurance, and sick people will be charged much higher premiums that many won't be able to afford.

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LOOKING FORWARD

Federal level:

- The Senate Finance Committee made great progress on CHIP last week, with a [bipartisan agreement](#) for a 5-year extension of CHIP with a gradual phase out of the enhanced federal match rate or "CHIP bump". However, this process has been derailed due to Graham-Cassidy, which is [particularly harmful for children and families](#).
- If you represent an organization, please sign on to our CHIP letter in support of clean CHIP reauthorization. [You can view the letter and sign on here](#).
- [Senator Alexander called off the HELP hearings on market stabilization](#) to clear the way for Graham-Cassidy.

State level:

- [SNAP work requirements are back](#). Listen to our webinar with Center on Budget and Policy Priorities tomorrow (information below) to learn more.

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Upcoming projects and events:

- **St. Thomas Medical Mission at Home is September 30 8 AM-3 PM** where they provide free medical services. The flyer is [here](#).
- **NALS presents a free Silent Auction and Cocktail Hour October 16 from 5:30-8:00 PM**. TJC will be the beneficiary of proceeds. Everyone is welcome! For more information, view the invitation [here](#).
- **TJC is presenting a "Navigating TennCare" two-day training October 16 and 17 at St. Thomas West Hospital**. Webinar

registration for October 16 is [here](#). Webinar registration for October 17 is [here](#). In-person registration for October 16 is [here](#). In-person registration for October 17 is [here](#).

If there is any information you would like us to share on your behalf, including events and resources, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,

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