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RESULTS U.S. Poverty National Webinar – July 2017

Protecting Medicaid and SNAP from Congressional Attacks

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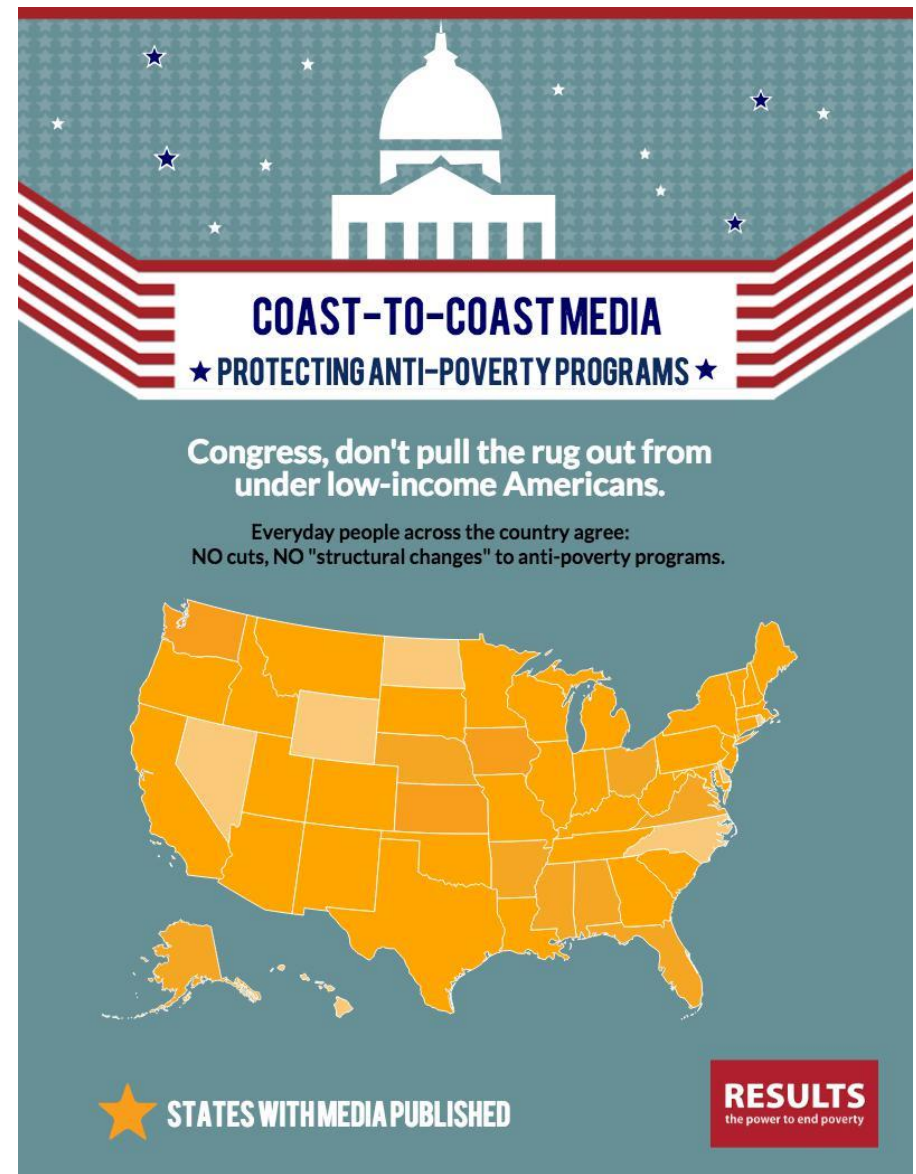
Welcome from Jos Linn

Grassroots Manager for U.S. Poverty Campaigns



RESULTS RECORD BREAKERS!

- This year, you've generated **264 U.S. Poverty media pieces** in **45 states** (and counting)! This breaks our all time record of 243 set in 2001.
- **Can we hit 300** by the RESULTS International Conference?
- **Who will help get us in all 50 states?** (need: DE, HI, NV, RI, VT,)
- Go to U.S. Poverty Actions & News page for **Medicaid and SNAP media actions**:
http://www.results.org/take_action/u_s_poverty_actions_and_news/



Meredith Dodson

Director of U.S. Poverty Campaigns



Guest Speaker:

Debbie Weinstein

Executive Director of the Coalition on Human Needs

- Became Executive Director of CHN in 2003 (www.chn.org)
- Brings over thirty years of advocacy experience to CHN on a wide range of issues at both the state and federal level.
- Prior to coming to CHN, served as Director of the Family Income division of the Children's Defense Fund, working on policy strategies to lift children and their families out of poverty.
- From 1983 to 1993, Debbie was Executive director of the Massachusetts Human Services Coalition
- Master of Social Work degree from San Diego State University



The Health Care Repeal and Budget Plans

Certain
similarities in
approach



Health Repeal in the Senate

If these provisions stay in, it's not fixed:

- ✖ Ending Medicaid expansion to low-income adults.
- ✖ Capping and cutting federal Medicaid funding.
- ✖ Increasing premiums and deductibles for millions through ACA marketplace insurance.
- ✖ Weakening key consumer protections for older people and people with pre-existing conditions and eliminating the ACA's individual mandate.
- ✖ Providing hundreds of billions of dollars in tax cuts for high-income households, drug companies, and other corporations.

What is the Program Under Greatest Attack?

Medicaid

- In Senate repeal bill, Medicaid would be cut \$772**B** through 2026; by 2036, would be cut 35%.
- Trump budget would cut Medicaid by \$1.6**T** over 10 years.
- House budget might fast-track mandatory spending cuts of \$200**B** (some part is Medicaid), on top of ACA repeal.

What can a budget resolution do?

- Sets separate totals for defense and non-defense appropriations.
- Set up process for filibuster-proof consideration of cuts to mandatory programs like Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, SSI, TANF, refundable tax credits...;
- Similarly, set up filibuster-proof action on tax cuts

**But must be
within statutory
caps**



**AKA
Reconciliation**



The House Budget Resolution – in trouble

- **Appropriations totals:**
 - \$621.5 billion for defense (\$72.5b above cap of \$549b)
 - \$511 billion for domestic/international (\$5b below cap of \$516b)
- **Reconciliation instructions:**
 - For tax cuts
 - For \$200b(?) over 10 years for mandatory program cuts

We can support reps who oppose cuts.

- Budget letter released today –
 - ✓ Tell reps you agree with the letter:
[insert your Senators' and Rep's twitter handle] I'm a constituent and join with 1500 groups: the budget should invest not cut:
<http://ow.ly/Mgis30doRu4> #HandsOff
 - ✓ **Thunderclap:** register for July 17 1:30 p.m.
 - ✓ Go to **chn.org Take Action page** to see details

Thanks!

For more information,

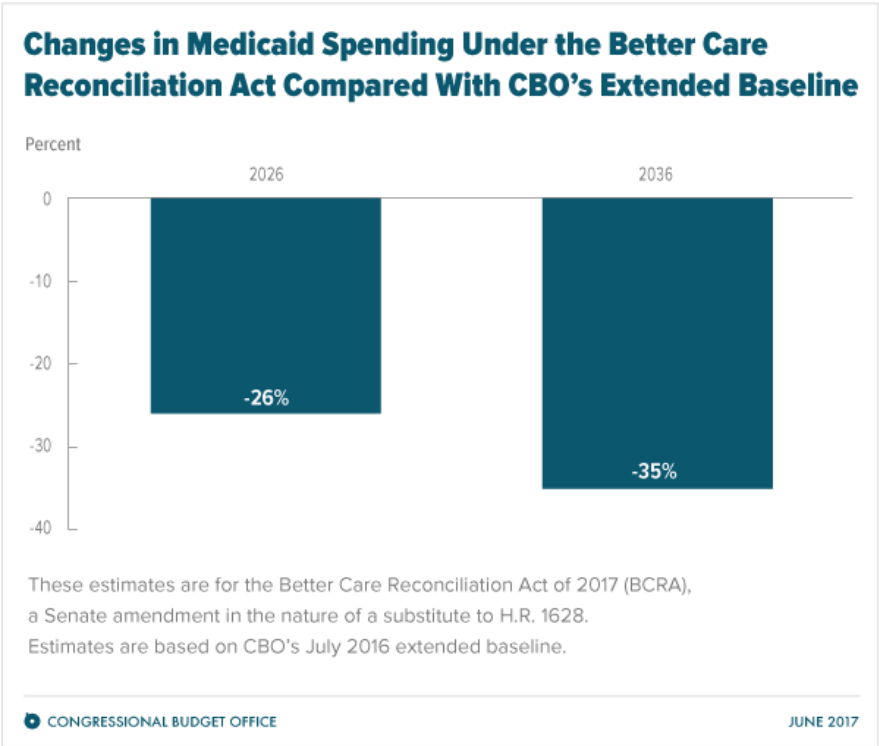
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House/Senate Health Bills End Medicaid as We Know It

- American Health Care Act (AHCA) passed by the House in May
 - 23 million people would lose coverage, 14 million from Medicaid alone (CBO)
- Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) released in the Senate in late June
 - 22 millions would lose coverage, including 15 million from Medicaid (CBO)
 - Cuts Medicaid deeper than the House by reducing payments in second decade = 35 percent cut by 2036
- Both bills shifts costs and risks to states
- Both ends Medicaid expansion, though the Senate version makes it a slower death
- These bills **CANNOT BE FIXED**

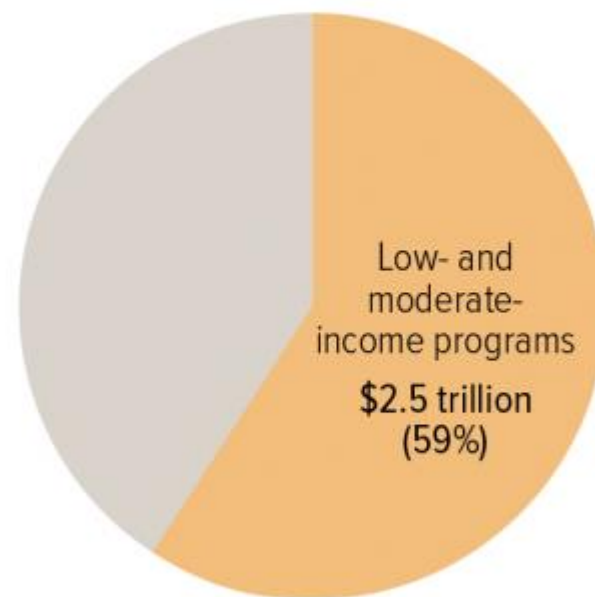


Budget Fight Puts Anti-Poverty Programs at Risk

- President Trump has proposed deep cuts to anti-poverty programs
- Now, House budget leaders want to include fast-track cuts (reconciliation instructions) to entitlement programs in 2018 budget
- Targets would be SNAP and Medicaid (on top of cuts in health bills)

Three-Fifths of Cuts in Trump Budget Come From Low- and Moderate-Income Programs

Total cuts, 2018-2027



Source: CBPP based on Office of Management and Budget and Congressional Budget Office

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July Action

http://www.results.org/take_action/july_2017_u.s._poverty_action

Generate Letters to Hand-Deliver at the RESULTS Conference in DC

- 1. Create a list.** Make a list of 10 or more people in your local action network, friends and colleagues at work, online contacts through Facebook and Twitter, and others you know who might be willing to take action.
- 2. Make it easy.** Host a letter-writing party and go to events in your community and invite people to write letters. Use our SNAP Outreach Action to with talking points for letters ([PDF](#) or [Word](#) version).
- 3. Share why you care about this issue.** Tell a personal story about witnessing poverty or the importance of advocacy in your life. Inspire!
- 4. Tell people they're making a difference.** Explain that you'll hand-deliver their letters to members of Congress (at the Conference or local lobby meeting). Afterwards, share a picture of you in the Congressional office so they can see the impact!

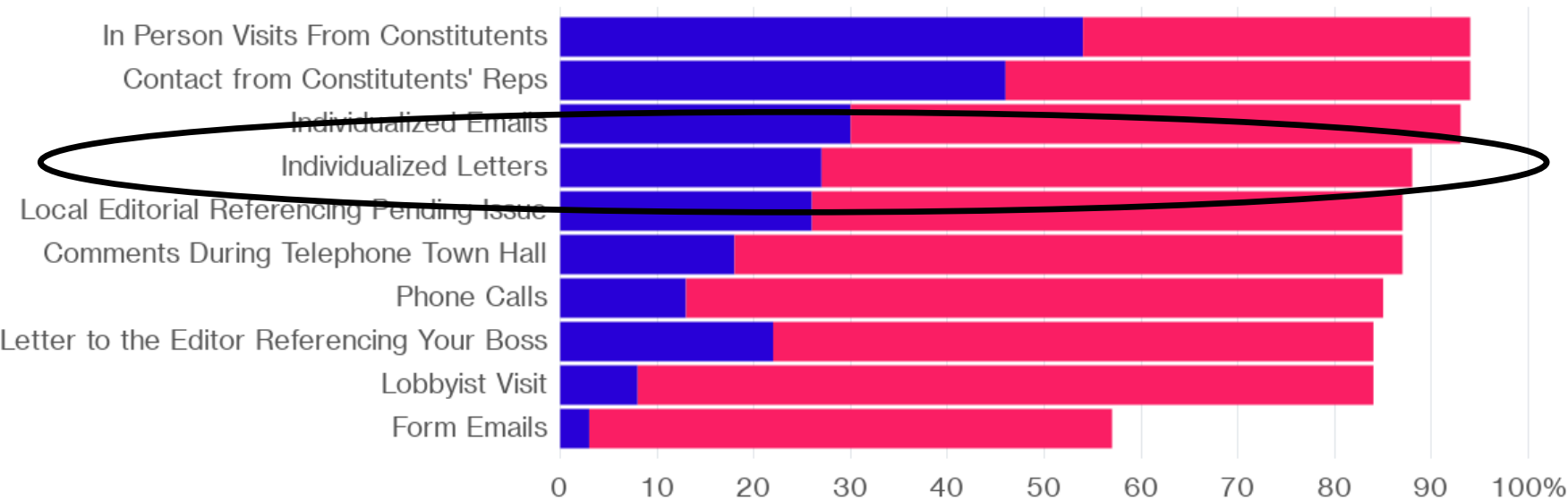
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Want To Be Heard? Show Up!

Influence on Washington D.C.-based congressional staffers by communication type.

■ A Lot of Positive Influence ■ Some Positive Influence



Source: Congressional Management Foundation

*Bars do not add up to 100 because not all surveyed categories are displayed

Bloomberg

July Action Resources

- **July Action:** http://www.results.org/take_action/july_2017_u.s._poverty_action/
- **SNAP Letter Outreach Action:**
 - PDF: [http://www.results.org/uploads/files/2017_Outreach_Action_\(SNAP\).pdf](http://www.results.org/uploads/files/2017_Outreach_Action_(SNAP).pdf)
 - Word: [http://www.results.org/uploads/files/2017_Outreach_Action_\(SNAP\).doc](http://www.results.org/uploads/files/2017_Outreach_Action_(SNAP).doc)
- **SNAP and Medicaid LTE Action:**
http://capwiz.com/results/issues/alert/?alertid=64248626&MC_plugin=2201
- **June Action:** http://www.results.org/take_action/june_2017_u.s._poverty_action
 - Medicaid Fact Sheets from CBPP: <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/house-republican-health-plan-would-shift-medicaid-costs-to-states>
 - CAP Coverage Losses by State:
<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/healthcare/news/2017/06/27/435112/coverage-losses-state-senate-health-care-repeal-bill/>
- **Senate Medicaid Call in Flyer:**
 - http://www.results.org/uploads/files/2017-06_Medicaid_Call-in_Alert.pdf (PDF)
 - http://www.results.org/uploads/files/2017-06_Medicaid_Call-in_Alert.doc (Word)

July Training

SNAP Laser Talk

Engage: *Nearly 1 in 5 children in the U.S. live in households that are struggling against hunger.*

Problem: *Yet leaders in the new Congress want to cut basic food assistance, particularly the Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program.*

Inform: *SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) is the first line of defense against hunger in America. The U.S. Census reports that SNAP lifted 4.6 million people out of poverty in 2015. But Congress and the President want to undo SNAP's success by slashing its funding by at least \$10 billion, making it harder for many of us to put food on the table.*

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Your Grassroots Board Nominees

Maxine Thomas
RESULTS GR Board Member



Steven McGee, RESULTS Baton Rouge



Willie Dickerson, RESULTS Snohomish, WA



Simona Combi, RESULTS DC



Gerry Fairbrother, RESULTS Santa Fe

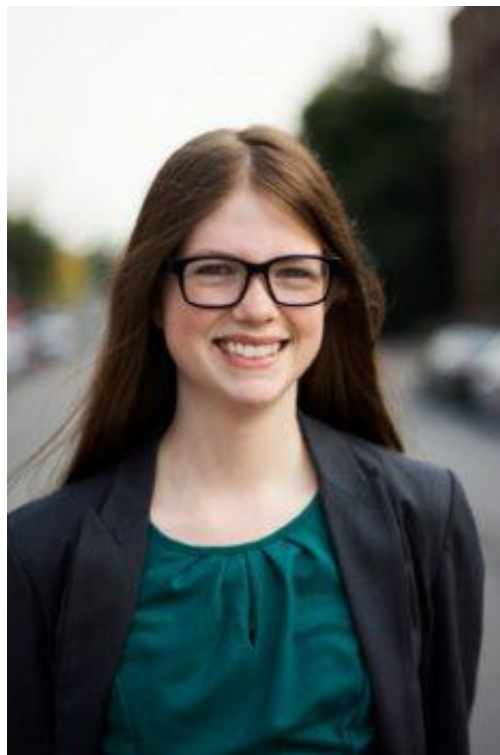
Vote for Your Grassroots Board Nominees

- Must vote by **midnight on August 9**
- May vote for up to **TWO** candidates
- Vote online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRBM2017> or in person at the RESULTS International Conference
- Only **active RESULTS volunteers are eligible** to vote
- Learn more about the positions and candidates at: http://www.results.org/blog/results_grassroots_board_nominations/

Announcements

- **Use the RESULTS *New York Times* Story to Get Local Coverage.** Use columnist David Bornstein's *New York Times* [op-ed piece](#) as a hook to for letters to the editor or stories in your local media.
- **Next RESULTS Introductory Calls, Wednesday, July 12 at 9pm ET and Friday, July 28 at 1:00 pm ET.** Register for an upcoming Intro Call on the [RESULTS website](#).
- **U.S. Poverty Free Agents Calls, Tuesday, July 18 at 1pm and 8pm ET.** Login at <http://fuze.me/32256018> or dial in by phone at (201) 479-4595, Meeting ID: 32256018#.
- Remember to **request face-to-face lobby meetings for the August recess.**
- Find these and other events on the [RESULTS Events Calendar](#).

Ashley Burnside
2017 Congressional Hunger Fellow



**Thank you for all your wonderful work
at RESULTS this year!**



RESULTS International Conference

- It's not too late to register: Go to www.resultsconference.org to register today. If this is your first Conference, you can get \$50 off your registration; use discount code **FIRSTIC17**.
- **Please schedule a call to get ready for your lobby meetings in DC** if you have not done so already. Contact Jos Linn (jlinn@results.org) immediately with times you are available over the next week.
- You can download the **RESULTS U.S. Poverty Background Packet** and all other IC resources on the [Conference Resources Page](#).
- Be sure to **schedule your lobby meetings for Advocacy Day** on July 25. You can find a sample meeting request on the [Conference Resources Page](#).
- As you get lobby meetings scheduled at the Conference or in August, **please enter each meeting** here: www.tinyurl.com/RESULTSLobbyMtgs.

Thank you for being on tonight's
webinar!

**Our next National Grassroots Webinar is
Tuesday, August 15 at 8:00pm ET.**

*Due to staff vacations in August, this webinar is a
week later than our normal day. We'll return to the
second Tuesday in September.*

Take Action Today!

E-mail Senators about Protecting Medicaid

E-mail your Senate offices now and tell them to ***oppose any health bill that cuts or restructures Medicaid, ends the ACA's Medicaid expansion, or causes millions of Americans to lose their health insurance.***

Use our online alert:

[http://capwiz.com/results/issues/alert/?alertid=12788156
&MC_plugin=2201#sthash.bkQ4vhRM.dpbs](http://capwiz.com/results/issues/alert/?alertid=12788156&MC_plugin=2201#sthash.bkQ4vhRM.dpbs)

Urge others you know to e-mail too.