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The Honorable Members of the Texas Congressional Delegation  
United States Congress  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Texas Congressional Delegation,

On behalf of the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services (TACFS) and Texas Partnership for Mental Health Services (TPMHS), we are writing to express our concern regarding proposed reductions in Medicaid funding currently under consideration. Such cuts could significantly impact the delivery of essential health services to children within Texas's child welfare system.

Medicaid serves as the primary health coverage for children in Texas's foster care system. Texas's specialized managed care model provides comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health services tailored to the unique needs of foster youth. For these children, Medicaid-funded services are essential for their health and development.

The implications of Medicaid cuts are profound. Reduced access to healthcare services can lead to worsening health outcomes, increased hospitalizations, and, in some cases, the unnecessary entry or continued stay of children into the foster care system due to unmet medical needs. Protecting Medicaid funding is not only a matter of health policy but also a critical component of child welfare and family preservation.

We respectfully urge you to oppose any legislative efforts that would reduce Medicaid funding for children in foster care and the broader child welfare system. Instead, we would ask you to support policies and funding that will strengthen and expand access to essential healthcare services for these vulnerable populations.

Your leadership is crucial in ensuring that Texas's children receive the care and support they need to thrive. We stand ready to work with you to develop solutions that protect and enhance the well-being of our state's most vulnerable children.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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