Talking Points for Calls to Congress

Hello, my name is ___________________, I’m a pediatrician and constituent in your district. I am calling to share significant concerns about the proposed American Health Care Act and children in our state.

- Most individuals covered by Medicaid are children and yet children are not even mentioned in the proposed bill.
- Although children constitute 70% of individuals covered by Texas Medicaid, they account for only 30% of expenditures.
- In our state, 40% of children are insured by Medicaid, making Medicaid the single largest insurer of healthcare for children in Texas.
- Children covered by Medicaid miss fewer days of school, are more likely to graduate high school and attend college, earn higher wages, and pay more taxes compared to those who are uninsured.
- The American Health Care Act proposes drastic changes to Medicaid, including an $880 billion cut in funding over 10 years.
- We have reached historic levels of insurance coverage for children in our state, and we cannot afford to lose ground, which will surely happen if the AHCA is enacted in its current form.
- Children are 100% of the future of our state. Medicaid ensures Texas will have a healthy future ... without it, we won’t.
- Please insure kids.