



July 1, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

On behalf of the Catholic Charities network, I am writing to you today, fully aware of the significant responsibilities you have on behalf of the American people. As you consider the Reconciliation Bill before you, I appeal to your conscience and ask you to prioritize the essential safety net programs, including SNAP and Medicaid, that support our most vulnerable neighbors.

Our network of 168 independent Catholic Charities agencies operates over 3,500 service locations across every state and five U.S. territories. Every day, we witness firsthand the struggles of individuals and families in our communities who rely on federal food and health programs to make ends meet. Last year alone, Catholic Charities agencies served over 16 million people, including providing 28 million meals to hungry men, women, and children. These are not just statistics. They represent real people, created in the image of God, who deserve our compassion and care.

The proposed deep cuts to SNAP and Medicaid would inflict real suffering on these families. Such cuts would exacerbate the already dire situation for working families struggling to put food on the table despite their best efforts or for the elderly on fixed incomes who may need to choose between medication and groceries. SNAP and Medicaid are not luxuries; they are lifelines for millions of children across our country.

I implore you and members of your caucus to consider the moral implications of your decisions. I ask that you prioritize the common good over partisan interests. We remain grateful for your service. May God grant you wisdom in your discussions and the courage to act justly and rightly.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Members of the House of Representatives