



State of New York
Executive Chamber
Albany 12224

Andrew M. Cuomo
GOVERNOR

Members of the New York State Congressional Delegation:

The Senate Republican's health care plan will be crippling for New York. They promised to improve the radical House health care bill and protect Americans, but they have delivered a crueler and more devastating plan. If President Trump called the House version of the bill "mean," this is just as mean or worse.

No one is fooled by the same old Washington games. The dangerous bill strips millions of New Yorkers of their health care in order to pay for tax cuts for the rich. It attacks the rights of women, and it endangers care for many of the most vulnerable among us. The bill will have a catastrophic impact on New Yorkers and our economy:

- Strips millions of New Yorkers of health care coverage.
- Cuts billions of dollars for New York's Medicaid program, leading to devastating cuts to New York's hospitals, nursing homes, and home care providers.
- Punishes New York for its support of women's reproductive rights by taking away access to tax credits that are intended to make health insurance more affordable.
- Defunds Planned Parenthood, which provides essential services for 2.4 million Americans every year.

Included in the bill is an amendment Faso, Collins and their colleagues are pushing that amounts to nothing more than a political Ponzi scheme, and New Yorkers aren't fooled. The Faso-Collins shell game cuts \$2.3 billion in federal funding to New York and will force every resident of this state to pay a "Faso-Collins Federal Tax" added onto local property taxes to make up the difference to avoid decimation of our healthcare system.

New York is already a "donor state," contributing \$48 billion more in taxes to the federal government than it receives in federal spending. And at a time when middle class families are already struggling to make ends meet, new taxes will hurt our residents and drag down our economy.

If this bill passes, Faso, Collins and other Republican members of New York's delegation who supported it will have to answer to the people of this state for it. For those in the delegation who supported this legislation, New Yorker's will remember that you were elected to serve them but instead fought to cut our funding and our vital healthcare services.

I applaud the vocal and determined opposition to this wrong and destructive legislation from other members of our delegation, and I urge those of you fighting for New York to continue to do everything within your means to protect this state.

It is up to you to stop this bill. At this pivotal moment in our nation's history, New Yorkers are depending on your leadership and your resolve.

As New Yorkers, we believe that health care is a human right, and we know that you will not yield in the fight to protect the rights and wellbeing of all New Yorkers.

Thank you for your committed service to this State and to its people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "C".

ANDREW M. CUOMO