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The Honorable Jim Jordan
The Republican Study Committee
1524 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Jordan,

As a medical practitioner I wanted to thank the Republican Study Committee for their work on H.R. 4160, the State Health Flexibility Act. Representatives Rokita, Huelskamp, Broun and Jordan have taken the first steps in fixing the bankrupting entitlement system which includes fixing Medicaid, by creating a bill that fades Washington DC out of the equation.

Block grants are a step in the right direction, a very difficult first step in the unraveling of entitlements that ultimately must happen on a state level. The government that governs best governs closest to home. Montana's Medicaid challenges are probably different than those in Louisiana. Why not let these states deal with their own indigent care issues rather than have Washington DC bureaucrats create a one-size-fits-all solution.

LBJ's vision of "The Great Society" has turned in to looming bankruptcy. The entitlement class in this country has formed over the last 50 years and will not end overnight especially when the great middle class of bureaucracy is rewarded for adding to the rolls instead of caring for people. The beginning of the end of this insanity can start with block grants.

Well done.

Cordially,


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