The Honorable Kelly Ayotte
Governor of New Hampshire
Office of the Governor
State House, 107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Date

RE: Protecting New Hampshire’s Economy by Preserving Medicaid

Dear Governor Ayotte,

Thank you for including $1 billion in Medicaid waiver funding in your proposed budget for the Developmental Disability waiver. We appreciate this recognition of how critical these services are to New Hampshire families and our economy.

I am writing to express serious concern about the proposed federal cuts to Medicaid’s Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver program, and the potential for reductions to standard Medicaid as well. These cuts will have devastating ripple effects: threatening the economic security of families, destabilizing New Hampshire’s healthcare system, and weakening our workforce. If family caregivers are forced to leave their jobs to provide care, employers and local businesses will feel the loss. And if community-based services collapse, the alternatives will increase the financial burden on the state.

New Hampshire’s long-standing commitment to supporting people with disabilities to live and work in their communities is not just the right thing to do—it’s fiscally responsible. Protecting Medicaid funding safeguards families, NH’s workforce, its healthcare system, and our state budget.

As you know, 1 in 4 children in NH are on standard Medicaid and 65% of adults on standard Medicaid are working. This means small low-income workers depend on Medicaid for healthcare. Rural hospitals will be crushed by uncompensated care costs if Medicaid funding is reduced.

I urge you to take a stand in defending both HCBS and standard Medicaid funding. Your leadership can prevent the downstream negative consequences to New Hampshire’s economy.

Respectfully please answer these questions:

* What is your plan to address the shortfall in federal Medicaid HCBS funding and ensure individuals with disabilities can continue receiving the support they need to live in their communities?
* Will you commit to relaying to the federal administration the devastating impact these cuts will have—not only on people with disabilities and their families, but also on New Hampshire’s workforce and economy? By what date will you contact them?
* Given that the House Energy & Commerce Committee’s proposed $880 billion in cuts likely targets Medicaid—resulting in an estimated 11% reduction in federal funding to NH and a 22% cut to HCBS provider budgets—what specific actions will you take to prevent the collapse of community-based care in our state?

The consequences of inaction are too great. We urge you to act now to protect New Hampshire’s families, economy, and future.

Sincerely,
[Your Name(s)]