The Honorable Dianne Feinstein

United States Senate

Hart Senate Office Building, Room 331

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

As the **[ENTER YOUR NAME HERE]** of **[ENTER YOUR SCHOOL/DISTRICT HERE]** I am writing to oppose the American Health Care Act’s (AHCA) proposed changes to Medicaid. These changes will jeopardize healthcare for the most vulnerable children in my (district/school), students with disabilities and students in poverty.

The AHCA proposes to change federal Medicaid financing by creating a per capita model, which will establish per enrollee limits on federal payments to States. This approach will have a devastating impact on the ability of California school districts to serve disabled and low-income students. Absent this essential federal support for our most vulnerable populations, schools will not only struggle to provide high quality services to students with disabilities, but will also have great difficulty in meeting the federal mandates associated with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Additionally, tens of thousands of California kids will lose access to school based Medicaid services that offer vitally important services such as immunizations, asthma and diabetes treatments, and vision and hearing screenings. Losing these and other Medicaid supported services will not only harm children eligible for the program, but also disrupt other students’ learning opportunities and create broader public health challenges.

Please vote “no” on the AHCA if it comes to the Senate floor in its present form and work hard to ensure that any Medicaid or other health reforms enacted by Congress do not negatively impact California’s students.

Sincerely,