**RESOLUTION CALLING ON CONGRESS TO REJECT THE HARMFUL MEDICAID AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE CUTS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL**

**WHEREAS,** the recently passed [House Budget, H.R.1](https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1/text), dramatically cuts federal funding for Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, and supplemental nutrition assistance (SNAP) in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, these cuts amount to over $15 billion dollars annually to New York State, which would devastate county governments, healthcare providers, hospitals, food assistance recipients, and vulnerable residents throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, these cuts include over $7.5 billion annually to New York’s Essential Plan and $2.5 billion to Medicaid, and the elimination of $3.1 billion in federal funding allocated for New York State Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget would add $3.3 billion in Medicaid costs to New York taxpayers, and $1.3 billion in added uncompensated care costs to hospitals; and

**WHEREAS,** over 1 million Medicaid enrollees, representing 15% of the entire program, would lose health insurance, and administrative costs would rise by over 20% due to new program requirements, and healthcare providers would close because of the cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, nutrition program (SNAP) cuts would represent an additional $2.1 billion in state impact beyond Medicaid cuts; and

**WHEREAS,** the SNAP program changes would change the funding ratio from 50/50 federal/state-county to 25/75 federal/state-county cost share, and new program requirements would create significant new administrative costs for counties; and

**WHEREAS,** county governments will be forced to choose between raising property taxes and cutting vital services to fill the resulting budget shortfalls; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed federal cost-shifting will lead to the closure of hospitals, community health centers, and the elimination of healthcare jobs, creating healthcare deserts, particularly in rural counties, and destabilizing local economies; and

**WHEREAS,** county Departments of Social Services are already operating with limited staff and resources, and the increased administrative demands resulting from the proposed eligibility and work requirements would be unmanageable without significant new investments; and

**WHEREAS,** the 57 counties of New York State and New York City do not have the capacity to assume any more cost shifts, which would certainly place a significant financial burden on already overtaxed New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS,** the bill now heads to the U.S. Senate to be amended and returned to the House of Representatives for final passage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, [COUNTY]** hereby calls upon the New York Congressional Delegation in the U.S House and Senate to reject these spending cuts that disproportionately target New York State, and would decimate the state’s county budgets; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** NYSAC calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to enact program reform, ensuring that potential program changes would not jeopardize the ability of New York’s counties to offer these essential services without reductions, raised taxes, or both; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the counties of New York State; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** a copy of this resolution shall be submitted to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.