

Dear Editor:

As a family member of a person with developmental disabilities, I feel energized by the strong opposition to the proposed cuts to Medicaid. So far, citizens across the country have successfully thwarted attempts by Congress and the White House to gut a program that is critical to people with disabilities. But the fight is not over.

Medicaid could still lose hundreds of millions of dollars, if not billions, in funding. The proposals we have seen would rip health care coverage from tens of millions of people. Even the smallest cut would harm too many.

That is especially true for people with developmental disabilities. My family member has relied on Medicaid for health care and many other things we often take for granted. That includes education, transportation, workplace, social and housing supports.

If Medicaid were to be so brutally slashed, it would devastate the 352,000 people with disabilities in New Jersey who depend on it to live meaningful lives. Such a move would be catastrophic to my loved one and my entire family.

That is why it is crucial to continue fighting for Medicaid and the good it does for society.

As Congress and the president devise new plans to upend Medicaid, we must combat their every effort. We must tell our elected representatives that we will not tolerate any cut to Medicaid.