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All Our Kin Decries Senate Advancement of Anti-Family Legislation: Megabill is 'Not Only Cruel and Dangerous, but Short-Sighted'

(New Haven, CT) — Today, Senate Republicans advanced the megabill that will leave millions of families without healthcare and food assistance. Jessica Sager, CEO of national nonprofit organization <u>All Our Kin</u>, released the following statement in response:

"Today, the Senate advanced a megabill that demonstrates a disregard for humanity, and is not only cruel and dangerous, but short-sighted. Leaving millions of families without health care or food assistance – at a time when so many are already struggling – is unconscionable. Make no mistake: these cuts to essential programs will not leave our country in a stronger position fiscally or economically. They will only create space for billionaires to enjoy massive tax breaks.

"This bill sends a strong message: The party that is purportedly about family values is making a clear and intentional choice to turn its back on them. It is a choice that will hurt our children and destabilize local economies. It will deepen a child-care crisis that has plagued parents for years, as the cost of care forces them to make life-altering decisions about whether to work or feed their families.

"The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that <u>17 million</u> Americans would lose health care due to this bill, including <u>11.8 million</u> with Medicaid. The bill also includes the <u>largest cut</u> to SNAP benefits in history. The consequences will be devastating for early childhood educators, who are already subsisting on razor-thin margins, and often <u>need one or more public safety nets</u>, such as Medicaid or SNAP, to make ends meet.

"The House can still do the right thing. Now is the time for Democrats and Republicans alike to put people over profits, and demonstrate that the U.S. government has a conscience. We urge lawmakers to reject the megabill before countless human beings, along with our economy, pay the price."

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All Our Kin is a national nonprofit organization that trains, supports and sustains family child care educators. Through All Our Kin's programming, educators build sustainable child care businesses, parents have access to stable, high-quality childcare, and children gain the educational foundation that lays the groundwork for success in school and life.