



March 20, 2003

The Honorable  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative -----:

On behalf of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), representing 45,000 women's health physicians, I am writing to urge you to oppose any cuts to the Medicaid program as part of the fiscal year 2004 budget resolution. The budget resolution reported by the House Budget Committee calls for an estimated \$92 billion to be cut from Medicaid over the next 10 years. These cuts would have a devastating effect for those Americans receiving critical health care coverage through the program.

Medicaid is one of the major funding sources for prenatal care and delivery services, and pays for approximately one-third of all births. It is essential that we ensure the availability of this care. Access to these valuable services has reduced the incidence of complications and helps to reduce costs to states.

We urge you to oppose any Medicaid cuts as part of the fiscal year 2004 budget and in the final budget resolution conference report adopted by Congress.

Sincerely,

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