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Dear Senator Harris, Senator Feinstein and the Senate Finance Committee:

I am very concerned about health care. The secrecy of the Senate process for the AHCA is deafening. This country has a large, well trained and growing health care sector. The system for choosing who gets care has lagged badly. There have been some remarkable successes such as medicaid, medicare, the veterans health system and the affordable care act. I am terrified by the prospect of destroying these systems. The bill recently passed by the House of Representatives would put health care out of reach of millions of people. This would kill many people: a friend of my mother have died from treatable conditions due to a lack of insurance before the ACA. It would increase public health crises. It would close hospitals and damage the most rapidly growing sector of the economy: health care. It would decrease worker mobility as people will feel more trapped by their employee insurance. The House took a very secretive approach. There were reports that the only draft was being kept in a locked room. The vote was so rushed that it could not await the CBO report. The result is appalling.

Please assure me that you will make these extremely important deliberations as public as possible.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our government by and for the people.

Sincerely, Eric Babson