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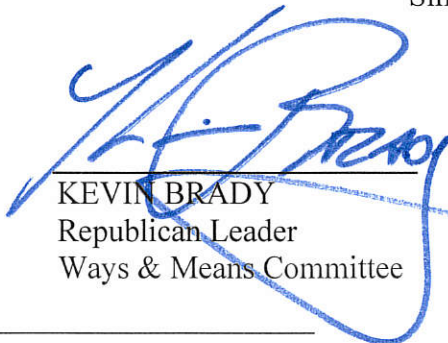
Dear Chairman Neal,

Today, the Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing on “Pathways to Universal Health Coverage.” It is our understanding we meet today to fulfill your two-month old commitment to hold a single-payer hearing. Medicare-for-All guts quality health care coverage in favor of delays and waiting lines, gives Washington politicians unlimited control over your care, cancels first-rate health care plans for millions of workers, children and the elderly, and will bankrupt America.

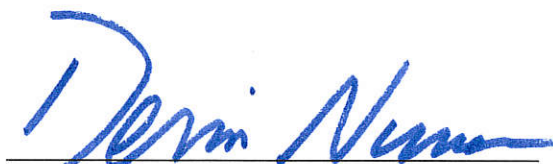
As we noted in our April letter¹, since you are not a co-sponsor of H.R. 1384— the leading “Medicare for All” legislation in the House— and have said “the idea that overnight you’re going to take 20 percent of the American economy and transform it is not realistic,”² we can only assume you were driven to call this hearing at our request and after feeling tremendous pressure from members of your party³. We are grateful for this public forum to alert the American people to the dangers of single-payer health care. With the Affordable Care Act, the big deceit was “If you like your health care plan you can keep it.” With Medicare for All, the big truth is “The federal government is coming for your health care plan, and you are powerless to keep it.” Medicare for All will bankrupt America and American workers, with a price tag so expensive that even doubling taxes on every worker and local business will not be enough to pay for it.

Republicans— the party of Medicare Advantage, the Medicare prescription drug benefit, the Children’s Health Insurance Program and the original law protecting coverage at work for people with pre-existing conditions— reject this approach. We stand ready to protect private, comprehensive health plans and are working to expand choice and lower costs for working families in communities across the country.

Sincerely,



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Republican Leader
Ways & Means Committee



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Republican Leader, Health Subcommittee
Ways & Means Committee

¹ https://republicans-waysandmeansforms.house.gov/uploadedfiles/brady_nunes_letter_re_medicare_for_all.pdf

² <https://www.gazettenet.com/Richard-Neal-visits-Gazette-editorial-board-19668270>

³ <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/441406-ways-and-means-committee-to-hold-hearing-on-medicare-for-all>