

Capitol Hill Update

We continue to push back against the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill and are pleased to announce that state-specific fact sheets on the proposal are now available on our website: <http://www.bazelon.org/our-work/advocacy/#states>.

As you may have heard, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) has announced that he cannot support the bill. In addition, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) has indicated he will not support the bill and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) said that she is leaning no on the bill. Nothing is over until September 30th when the legislative tool being used to try and pass the bill with only 50 votes expires, but our efforts are starting to work again! PLEASE KEEP UP THE PRESSURE!

We have two other updates:

1) SUBMIT COMMENTS FOR SENATE HEARING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25!

Until 9am, Monday, submit comments to the Senate Finance Committee about the impact of Graham-Cassidy on your life or the lives of your friends and family! Our fact sheets detail how this proposal will impact your state and we also have prepared model comments, available here: <http://www.bazelon.org/our-work/advocacy/#states>.

FOR INDIVIDUALS:

If you wish to submit your personal story, please email it to: gchcomments@finance.senate.gov. If you submit your personal story to this email address, it will be entered into the Congressional record by Democratic offices. Unfortunately, there is not an easy way to submit comments to senators from both parties--this email will be received only by Democratic offices. But you can also submit your story to Republican senators. You can find the relevant staff email addresses here: <https://www.indivisibleguide.com/resource/senate-health-care-staffers/>.

FOR ORGANIZATIONS:

Please go through the regular formal process of submitting statements for the record, detailed below. In addition to mailing your organization's statement to the Committee, you can submit it electronically to the Ranking Member by emailing a copy to kevin_wright@finance.senate.gov.

Any individual or organization wanting to present their views for inclusion in the hearing record should submit a typewritten, single-spaced statement, not exceeding 10 pages in

length. Title and date of the hearing, and the full name and address of the individual or organization must appear on the first page of the statement. Statements must be received no later than two weeks following the conclusion of the hearing. Statements should be mailed (not faxed) to:

*Senate Committee on Finance
Attn. Editorial and Document Section
Rm. SD-219
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-6200*

2) We also want to make advocates aware of a few upcoming events:

FRIDAY: September 22

- 5:45-6:15pm – National Rally Call with Senator Bob Casey
 - Call in number: (866) 317-5076, no PIN or ID necessary
 - No RSVP necessary.

MONDAY: September 25

- ALL DAY: CCD National Call-in Day, Co-Sponsored by the Bazelon Center!
 - Call your senators and representatives and ask them to #SaveMedicaid and #VoteNo on #GrahamCassidy. We urge everyone to participate! Spread the word and share the Facebook event!
- 2 pm: Finance Committee Hearing on Graham-Cassidy
 - If you are in DC:
 - Please attend in person (215 Dirksen) if possible, and attend press events and demonstrations.
 - Please join Senator Schumer's nighttime vigil (Location and Time TBD)
 - If you are not in DC:
 - Call your members of Congress.
 - A script are available on our alert here: <http://www.bazelon.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/9-19-17-Alert.pdf>.
 - And you can refer to our fact sheets: <http://www.bazelon.org/our-work/advocacy/#states>.
 - Please share your story or statement submitted to the Finance Committee online, via Twitter or Facebook.

Tuesday, September 26

- 11:30 am: Press Conference on East Capitol Lawn
 - Please attend press conference sponsored by Senator Casey including Sens. Wyden and Hassan and many others advocates
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1396013520495212/>

Wednesday, September 27

- The vote may happen on this day. We will keep you updated.