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The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Thune and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the [American Parents Coalition](#), we write to respectfully urge you to **include meaningful healthcare price transparency provisions in any markup** of healthcare legislation this session. This issue is not abstract, but rather a daily challenge for families across America who struggle to keep their children healthy while managing household budgets.

For too long, parents have been expected to hand over a blank check for medical care without the ability to know what a service will cost until *after* care is delivered. Families are often left in the dark with unexpected bills, with almost no ability to compare prices, and little ability to plan financially or medically for the needs of their children. This dynamic forces mothers and fathers to make impossible decisions, leading them to delay or forego necessary care, scramble to pay bills, or cut back on essentials like food, childcare, education, and activities that are important for their children's early development.

American parents want **clear, accurate, and actionable pricing information before care is provided** so they can make informed decisions in the best interests of their families.

Having real prices *upfront and before care* would empower families to:

- **Budget effectively** and avoid crippling medical debt that currently burdens millions of families.
- **Shop and compare options** for quality care in a way that fosters competition rather than monopolistic pricing.
- **Plan for emergencies**, routine care, and preventive services without fear of hidden costs and the ability to hold hospitals accountable.

This is about the well-being of children and families everywhere. When parents are forced to guess at healthcare costs or face surprise billing, stress and uncertainty follow, and that impacts family stability, mental health, and long-term economic security.

Price transparency doesn't just help with planning, it can also restore trust. Recent polling has shown that healthcare costs remain at the **top of voters' priorities**, particularly for parents who juggle competing household expenses. Parents want Congress to take real action now. There is bipartisan recognition in Washington that transparency and knowing the price tag before treatment will help lower prices over time and restore choice for families immediately.

We strongly encourage you to ensure that any healthcare markup:

1. Requires **standardized, upfront disclosure** of real prices (*not estimates*) for services and out-of-pocket costs *before* care is delivered.
2. Strengthens compliance and enforcement to ensure providers and insurers deliver prices parents can actually use.
3. Expands transparency requirements to include shoppable services such as imaging, labs, delivery, and outpatient care.

Mothers and fathers across America are paying attention, and they *will hold Congress accountable* for lack of action on policies that can help families take control of their health and financial futures. Passing robust transparency reforms will not only build trust in our healthcare system but will also demonstrate that Congress is listening to the real needs of families.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership on behalf of American parents.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Bernie Sanders, Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions