

Thank you for yielding. I am extremely concerned by the priorities reflected in this President's budget.

This proposal directly and negatively impacts hard-working families who depend on crucial services.

It guts Medicaid by \$1.4 trillion dollars. These cuts mean working single mothers in-between jobs families with a family member who suffers from addiction... and grandparents in long term care facilities... will have less access to care. And, the HHS budget once again declares war on the Affordable Care Act... restricting access to coverage. These are cruel inflictions from an administration who claims to be addressing the opioid crisis.

I am disappointed that HHS, which has a mission to enhance and protect the health and well-being of ALL Americans... has presented a budget that targets the most vulnerable in our communities: women, children, people with disabilities and mental illness, and the LGBT community. I sincerely hope that in our conversation today we can address the failings in HHS' budget vision and how the agency should, in fact, be working to protect all Americans. Thank you, I yield back.