Our schools and students are at risk. Congress is moving toward cutting Medicaid, which plays an essential role in supporting K-12 schools, students, and school-based health providers in most school districts across the country. Wealthy districts, poorly resourced districts, urban, and particularly rural school districts — students everywhere rely on Medicaid.

The program is the fourth largest federal funding source for schools. Medicaid helps to fund mental health services for all students and ensures that students with disabilities get the support they need to achieve their academic potential.

Medicaid also provides more than half of federal funding to states. If we don't take action to protect this program, states will have to make cuts: K-12 education, libraries, and other public services will be slashed. Regardless of whether you have kids in school or are caring for someone with special needs, cutting Medicaid will impact you.

I urge our Congressional delegation to speak up for Medicaid and vote against any bill or budget resolution that cuts this life-saving program.