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Representative Todd Rokita Introduces the State Health Flexibility Act

Washington, DC – Representative Todd Rokita will introduce the State Health Flexibility Act today. This bill will combine federal funding to the states for the Medicaid and CHIP (the Children’s Health Insurance Program) programs in to a single block grant that allows states to design their programs according to the needs and priorities of their own citizens.

Representative Rokita released the following statement regarding the bill:

“It is clear that Medicaid does not work. The millions of struggling families who depend upon Medicaid are faced with lengthening wait times and sometimes no doctor at all to treat themselves and their loved ones. It is unthinkable that we would continue to pile debt on our children and grandchildren to fund Medicaid that we all recognize is not working. That is why I have introduced the State Health Flexibility Act.”

The State Health Flexibility Act will fundamentally reform Medicaid and provide a vastly better service for Americans who depend on it, without cutting a single penny from current funding. We must take this opportunity to make Medicaid more affordable, more accountable, and provide better care to the people who need it most.”

The bill addresses rampant waste in the Medicaid system, reduces financial burdens to states by reducing excessive federal regulations, and encourages cost-savings at the state level.

Representative Todd Rokita is a Member of the House Budget Committee and represents Indiana’s 4th District.

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