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The leadership of the Grand Traverse Democrats believe that affordable health care is essential for all citizens of Michigan. We support our senators, Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin, in opposing a federal budget that makes health insurance unaffordable for many Michiganders. We support the following statements by our Senators and the statement by the Michigan Democratic Party Chair:

“ I have repeatedly said I can't get behind a deal that doesn't take immediate action to prevent Michiganders' health care costs from skyrocketing more than they already have. But Republicans have made it clear they won't even lift a finger to address rising health care costs in this country.

I proposed a commonsense one-year extension of these essential health care tax credits that would provide some immediate financial relief while we work to address the health care affordability crisis more comprehensively. But ultimately, compromise is impossible when President Trump doesn't care about Americans getting priced out of their health insurance and when Congressional Republicans either won't come to the table to negotiate - or worse - House Republicans refuse to show up to work at all for six weeks.

I'm frustrated that this deal doesn't take action on health care. But I'm relieved that it will not only protect but increase resources for desperately needed food assistance, especially now that President Trump has shown he is comfortable both denying people affordable health care and letting children go hungry in order to get what he wants.”

Senator Gary Peters

"Tonight, I am voting no on a procedural vote on an appropriations deal that would reopen the government.

Since July, I have been clear: to earn my vote, Republicans would have to do something to bring down the cost of health care for working and middle-class Michiganders. The promise of a vote in over a month does not meet that threshold.”

Senator Elissa Slotkin

“Michigan Democrats are proud of Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin for voting no on a deal that does nothing to lower the cost of health care for working families across Michigan.”

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