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Senator/Representative Name

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Dear Senator/Representative Name:

Republicans are well past year 7 of threatening to repeal the Affordable Care Act.  For 7 years you could fulminate about the ACA with no repercussions. However, now you bear the heavy responsibility to actually govern and early results are not encouraging. Your first and second attempts at an ACA replacement bill failed badly.  They failed because your constituents and people all across the country stood up and demanded to be heard. They did not want this bill.  Democracy in action!  The ACA is currently polling stronger than either the Republican Party or the President.

Most Americans would agree that the ACA would certainly benefit from an honest bipartisan review with an eye toward fixing the flaws that have become apparent. Yet most Americans have not lost sight of the fact that the ACA has provided health insurance coverage to millions of Americans who were never covered before. Can Republicans in Washington say the same?

Most Americans understand that the legislative process starts by Congress doing the hard work to create the best bill it can.  Once a bill is enacted and functions in the real world, the strengths and flaws become apparent.  However Congress then has a framework and needs only tinker with that framework to improve the existing law for the benefit of all of us.  To simply junk the framework rather than to negotiate, confer and improve it is nonsensical at best.  At worst, the current Republican approach of repeal and replace risks substantial disruption and damage to the economy and far more importantly the loss of healthcare for many millions of our fellow citizens.

Health care is now widely viewed as a human and civil right.  A founding principle of our system of government is that it is “of, by, and for the people."  Some in Washington seem to have lost sight of the "for the people" part. Don’t be one of those people.  Republicans have done a terrific job of looking out for the interests of the very wealthy.  It's well past time to look out for the interests of the rest of us – the "we the people" who hired you. I am a registered and committed voter and I assure you I will hold you responsible for your votes on this issue.

Sincerely,

Your name and address