Date

Senator Name

Address

Dear Senator Name:

 I write to urge you to vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill is being rushed to a vote without any opportunity for thoughtful deliberation. The CBO may not even have a chance to score the bill before a vote. However from what we know, the bill will:

* Eliminate the individual mandate thereby ruining the individual marketplace,
* Undermine, if not effectively eliminate, protection for people with pre-existing condition,
* Slash funding for subsidies and Medicaid,
* Likely cause 32 million Americans to lose health insurance,
* Result in significantly higher premiums and deductibles with reduced coverage for those “lucky” enough to keep their insurance,
* Cause Arizona to lose significant healthcare funding over the next 10 years.

The most vulnerable among us – the poor, elderly and chronically ill – will be the hardest hit.

Congressional Republicans have been chanting a mantra of “repeal and replace” for almost 8 years now. Yet they have only demonstrated several ways to repeal but no good way to replace.

I have often heard you speak of the problems with the ACA. They are real and call out for fixes. But I have to ask if you think any of the Republican plans you have considered would help even a single one of us, your fellow Arizonans and constituents. No party connected to health care – from doctors to nurses to hospitals to patient advocates to even health insurance companies – think this effort is anything short of a recipe for disaster. Listen to us!

It is long past time to get serious about a subject that is literally a matter of life and death to millions of Americans. Senator McCain had exactly the right prescription. The correct way to fix the flaws in the ACA is through the time-tested Senate committee approach with public hearings and bi-partisan participation. The Graham-Cassidy bill fails all these tests. You should vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy bill and end this incredibly irresponsible legislative circus.

I am a registered and committed voter and I fully intend to hold you accountable for your actions.

Sincerely,

Your name and address