

Time for Health Care for All

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Our core values sustain us. Americans are called to promote the general welfare, life, liberty and justice for all. We cannot achieve these without health care for all. While we spend more on the military than the next 12 countries combined, politicians ask for more. And they seek to replace ACA Obamacare with deep cutbacks the CBO Congressional Budget Office states would throw over 24 million off their insurance, cut benefits and increase premiums two-to-three times for most of us.

Unacceptable! The ACA isn't perfect, but the proposed House AHCA American Health Care Act is far worse, deeply slashing Medicaid, reducing funding and improvements to Medicare, cutting reimbursements for hospitals while repealing ACA taxes and revenues, giving them to Insurers and the rich. This is Wealth Care, not Health Care!

We spend two-to-three times as much as other advanced nations on health care without covering everyone. Countries from Europe to Australia have universal coverage for half or less what we pay. Single Payer plans like Medicare for all provide universal coverage, save on prices and administration. No more bankruptcies or deaths due to lack of coverage, nor having to pay for costly emergency room visits, or risking losing our hospitals and doctors.

Tell Congress we won't tolerate their cruel cuts or putting profits over people. We'll have better prices and health outcomes under Single Payer health insurance. It's time to put all Americans first!