



CALL TO ACTION – June 18

(IF YOU ONLY HAVE TIME TO DO 1 THING - DO THIS)

SAVE THE ACA

Stop TrumpCare in the Senate! Take action on the Senate's secret consideration of the health care legislation.

Summary

The Senate is trying to do what the House of Representatives did in May: jam through its TrumpCare bill **in secrecy, without public hearings, without a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) score, and with NO knowledge of its full impact on American families.** The Senate vote appears imminent before the end of June.

13 Republican men (half of our population is female) are picking and choosing what they want in the TrumpCare bill without regard to any voter information, or even other Republicans receiving the information. Mitch McConnell does not deserve an affirmative vote on any bill that all Senators, and Senators from both parties, have been given the opportunity to read and verify that bill.

Talking Points

There has never been legislation of this magnitude passed without committee hearings and without an opportunity for public review and input. With voter education and knowledge, oversight of our government is easier and better. We can only conclude voter education and knowledge are the opposite of the Republicans' game plan.

The House TrumpCare bill (American Health Care Act, or AHCA) would strip coverage from at least 23 million people and cut Medicaid by \$880 billion, solely to give hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks to the wealthy and corporations. It would also undermine critical protections for people with pre-existing conditions, defund Planned Parenthood, and raise premiums for American families. It will severely impact seniors and especially those between 55-65 who have retired.

While no one outside a few Republican senators and staff has seen the Senate version, it is rumored the emerging Senate repeal bill closely follows the House version and would allow states to waive Essential Health Benefits (EHB) requirements and replace them with a narrower set of benefits. In waiver states, many insurers would drop coverage for more expensive conditions that were no longer required. The funding proposed will be woefully insufficient to cover individuals with pre-existing conditions, chronic conditions and more expensive conditions. EHB waivers would substantially weaken the ACA's ban on annual and lifetime dollar limits on coverage, since this ban only applies to essential health benefits.

The cuts to Medicaid, while occurring over a longer period of time, will certainly decimate the program and will result in children, disabled, and elderly people losing coverage and needed benefits, including nursing home care, which is largely funded now.

ACTION: Call Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636 and Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281.

Urge them to:

1. Stand against every vote on any topic until the public/Senators receive information on the secret Senate TrumpCare Bill;
2. Speak on the floor of the Senate against the secrecy surrounding GOP Senate TrumpCare Bill;

3. Prepare a storm of amendments to attach to the GOP Senate TrumpCare Bill upon its arrival. All these will slow this bad train down.

Script: Please tell Senator _____ thank you for opposing the bill. I encourage her speak out in the media and on the Senate floor against repeal of the Affordable Care Act. She needs to make it clear that she wants to protect people with pre-existing conditions, those on Medicaid, and everyone else who depends on the Affordable Care Act for health and wellbeing. She needs to oppose all legislation until this bill is brought out of secret. When it comes out she needs to attach as many amendments as possible to slow the whole process down. This is extremely important to me and I will be watching closely for her public statements in opposition. Thank you for your time.

Action: Call: Senator Orrin Hatch, Senate Finance Committee (SFC) office (202) 224-4515, FAX (202) 224-6331, Salt Lake City UT office phone (801) 524-4380, FAX (801) 524-4379;
Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader office phone (202) 224-2541, FAX (202) 224-2499, Bowling Green KY office phone Ph (270) 781-1673;
and several Republicans who have been on the fence about their vote for the bill. These include:

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SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Russian Sanctions

Background: The Senate passed legislation (98-2) that would impose additional sanctions against Russia and limit the President's power to lift sanctions in the future. The measure now goes to the House of Representatives.

Action: Call Congressman Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Script: Hi, my name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to urge Congressman Heck to support the additional Russian sanctions passed by the Senate. This legislation will also limit the President's power to lift sanctions.

Russian Investigation

Background: Both of our Senators called for a special prosecutor to be appointed, and they praised the appointment of Robert Mueller to that post. Congressman Heck has called for an independent commission for some months, and he signed a discharge petition to move HR356 (which would establish a commission) to the House floor.

Action: Encourage Congressman Denny Heck to keep up the pressure by calling for an independent commission to investigate Russian interference in our election.

Call Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Script: Hi, my name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to urge Congressman Heck to continue to demand a vote on HR356 to establish an independent commission to investigate Russian interference in our election. Thank you for your efforts to protect our democracy.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Watch how you can support Manka Dhingra in State District 45:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKoYOCJ_tcY

Dillon Gilbert Outreach Director for Manka Dhingra Democratic Candidate for Washington State Senate District 45
June 14, 2017 at Indivisible Tacoma weekly meeting

If you want to participate in canvassing for Manka Dhingra contact Lanie Ferguson, Field Organizer, 360-431-9355
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June 23 Friday (6 - 8 pm)

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It is always great to learn more about your fellow resisters!

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