# PROTECT OUR CARE

**To:**     **Interested Parties**
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**Re:**     **One Year Ago the Republicans Voted to Repeal Our Health Care, Raise Our Costs & Gut Protections**

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One year ago this Friday, Republicans in the House of Representatives voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which would have ripped health coverage away from millions, raised health costs for working families by double digits, imposed an age tax on older Americans, slashed Medicaid, and gutted protections for people with pre-existing conditions - all while giving big insurance and pharmaceutical companies hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks. Under last year's Republican repeal bill, the rich got a break and people who work for a living paid the price.

The American people loudly and resoundingly rejected this inexcusable bill, flooding Congress with calls, showing up to protests and rallies, and ultimately defeating repeal in the Senate. Since then, we have seen [poll](#) [after](#) [poll](#) show that health care is the number one issue across the country. People have not forgotten that just a year ago most Republicans in Congress voted against our care. And though Republicans in Congress might be desperate to change the subject, we won't forget what they tried to do to us.

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have ripped coverage away from [23 million](#) people, including [14 million](#) people with Medicaid coverage and [441,300](#) veterans.

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have raised premiums [by nearly $2,000.](#)

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have imposed an "[age tax](#)" by allowing insurers to charge five times more for older adults over 50, who would have had to pay up to [$12,000](#) more.

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have discriminated against people with pre-existing conditions, letting insurance companies charge them as much as [six figures](#) more.

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have put women's health in jeopardy by [blocking millions](#) from accessing basic health care at Planned Parenthood health centers, [eliminating the guarantee](#) of maternity and newborn care, and allowing insurers to discriminate against women.

- We won't forget that how their health care repeal bill would let insurers once again impose [lifetime and annual limits](#) on care.

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have slashed Medicaid funding by [$839 billion](#), and ending [33 states](#)' Medicaid expansions.

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have put the health of 77 million people, or the one in five Americans who count on Medicaid, in danger - most of them seniors, children, and people with disabilities.

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have taken away a critical lifeline for [rural hospitals](#).

- We won't forget how their health care repeal bill would have given their friends at big insurance and pharmaceutical companies almost [$600 billion in tax breaks](#), including a tax break for every dollar an insurance company CEO makes over $500,000.

And ultimately, we won't forget that Republicans in Congress went to celebrate doing all this in the [White House Rose Garden](#) with President Trump. Celebrated it even though they knew full well how many people their plan would hurt.

We won't forget what the House GOP did a year ago, and we, the American people, will hold them accountable.