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On the 16th Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi Joined Protect Our Care CA to Call on Congress to Reverse GOP Health Care Cuts

Protect Our Care's March Madness Campaign is Amplifying How the ACA is Under Attack



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Los Angeles, CA – Today, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, and physician Dr. Jerry Abraham joined Protect Our Care CA to mark the 16th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act and hold Republicans accountable for waging an all-out assault on working families' access to affordable, quality health care. The ACA has saved lives and survived countless attempts at repeal, but Republicans still want to destroy it. This year, Republicans caused premiums to more than double by eliminating the enhanced premium tax credits, and as a direct result, 50,000 Californians dropped their ACA coverage during the 2026 open enrollment period. Speakers discussed the devastating consequences of forcing California families to choose between health care and other essential expenses, and call upon their elected officials to reinstate the tax credits.

The ACA has helped over 5 million Californians enroll in health insurance since it was established and kept them healthy by expanding coverage for Californians with pre-existing conditions, and essential benefits like preventative care and prescription drugs. Last year, more people relied on the ACA than ever before, but Republicans still want to make health care unaffordable in order to fund tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy. Without the tax credits, too many will forgo routine doctor's visits, public health outcomes will worsen, and more families will go into medical debt, sending the country years back in progress to keep people insured and healthy. The ACA also expanded Medicaid, which has been shown to [decrease](#) income inequality, [increase](#) access to preventative care, and [save lives](#). However, the Republicans' big, ugly bill includes the largest cuts to the program in history. These cuts could cause nearly 20 million Americans to lose health coverage that they gained through Medicaid expansion.

"Republicans Members of Congress have brazenly voted against the interest of their districts where two thirds of their constituents are on Medicaid...In California large numbers of Republican voters support Medicaid..." **said Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi**. "Remember this: in the Republican bill they took a trillion dollars out of Medicaid and half a trillion dollars out of Medicare."

"It's estimated that California hospitals are expected to lose nearly \$4 billion annually because of the cuts in the GOP-Trump bill. Those hospitals are facing closure, and if hospitals close, they close for *everyone*, not just the people who rely on Medicaid and the ACA...As people lose coverage – and many many people in California have already lost coverage because the Republicans refuse to extend the ACA tax credits – they will become uninsured and that places an additional burden on public hospitals to meet their needs because they'll still get sick." **said Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren**. "Republicans just rolled a little grenade into the health care system and blew it up and they're not taking responsibility. They did this to give tax cuts to corporations and billionaires instead of paying for the health care that Americans rely on."

"Two thirds of American seniors in nursing homes have Medicaid. Half of America's children have Medicaid or CHIP. Medicaid cuts are robbing our children of their futures." **said Dr. Jerry Abraham**. "40% of new child deliveries are financed by Medicaid. They're cutting funds for pregnant women, new borns, children, and seniors in nursing homes. I see why so many folks are upset and frustrated."

You can watch the full event [here](#), and learn more about Trump's all-out assault on health care [here](#).