

health care plan, you can keep your health care plan; but for tens of thousands of Montanans, his words are nothing more than a broken promise that has resulted in canceled insurance plans and rising health care costs.

I have already heard from hundreds of Montanans who are looking for relief from ObamaCare; and, unfortunately, the President's recent announcement isn't a long-term fix; nor does it address the core problems with this failed law.

Mr. Speaker, this is called the people's House, and I want to share the story of the people of Montana tonight in this body.

Dean and Summer, from Flathead County, who have an autistic son and a daughter with muscular dystrophy, were just notified, as I spoke with the mom last week on the phone, that their rates are going up \$4,500 a year because of ObamaCare.

Or take, for example, Jim, a business owner in Troy, Montana, who will need to cut employee hours to avoid paying the ObamaCare fine and keep his business afloat.

Or Anne Marie in Miles City, Montana, whose family is facing an additional \$3,000 per year in health care costs due to increased premiums and deductibles.

Or Paula, a health care provider in Kalispell, who is questioning the viability of her private practice and her ability to continue providing care to many of her patients.

Montanans deserve a permanent solution, not a short-term, politically driven patch. I will continue fighting to fully repeal ObamaCare and working toward real solutions that protect Montanans' access to their doctors and the health care plans they want.

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#### LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KEEP THEIR HEALTH CARE PLAN

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, President Obama misled the American people about ObamaCare, and now he has admitted it.

And here is a letter to me from a small business owner in my district:

My husband and I have a small medical education business, and ever since ObamaCare passed, our business has been cut in half. Doctors are not spending money on education, so for the last 4 years, our business has really suffered.

Then we were told we could keep our insurance. We had good insurance, not junk. We currently paid \$514 a month with a \$2,000 deductible. We were canceled as of 12/31/13. To get anything near what we had, we will have to pay \$1,900 a month, which we cannot afford. So much for affordable health care.

This is the first time in 30 years that we might not be able to have health insurance. We have always run our life not depending on the government for handouts, and now we are losing our insurance. I ask you, what are

we to do? Americans are suffering. This is just wrong. Yes, I believe that something needed to be done, but not this.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to keep the promise to the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of New York). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President, such as alleging that he misled the public.

#### OBAMACARE'S IMPACT IN ARKANSAS

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the realities of ObamaCare in my district, the Third District of Arkansas. Health insurance enrollment through [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) can be described as dismal, at best. Only an embarrassing 250 Arkansans have managed to enroll.

Shawn Kispert, one of my constituents from Fort Smith, and her husband are self-employed and have spent over 64 hours on [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) attempting to sign up for the insurance. ObamaCare requires them to purchase. She then tried to sign up via telephone. That was also fruitless.

The very few Arkansans that have successfully logged on have found, in over 60 percent of the State, only one or two provider options offering plans that increase their premiums by as much as 600 percent.

Rod Rogers of Sulphur Springs will see his family's insurance premiums go from \$248 to \$876 a month. Jeff Asher of Russellville is facing budget-busting monthly premiums of over \$900.

In October, my fellow Arkansas Republicans and I wrote to Secretary Sebelius to ask for more information on ObamaCare's effect on Arkansans. Much like the pleas from hardworking taxpayers asking for relief from the law's suffocating regulations and overbearing mandates, our request was ignored.

But we don't need a response from the administration to tell us what I am hearing from my constituents: ObamaCare is raising the cost of health care, creating uncertainty in Arkansas, and hurting Americans. We need to replace it with real reforms and focus on the patient, not the government.

#### OBAMACARE POLICY CANCELATIONS

(Mr. CRAWFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, the Mershon family of Gassville, Arkansas, is yet another tragic example of the terrible toll the ObamaCare law is taking on the American people. Small business owners and young parents, this couple has never asked their government for anything more than just

to let them make a good life for their kids. Here are their words:

We regret to inform you that we have lost our health care coverage. It was not ObamaCare compliant. Granted, it wasn't Cadillac-style insurance, but it was all we needed. So we go to the Web site. "Sticker shock" does not begin to cover how we felt. This is an absolute outrage. We counted on what was assured to us, promised to us—that our insurance would stay intact, period. Our shoestring budget has now turned to floss. Seriously, it is beans and cornbread time.

Mr. Speaker, a politically motivated administrative fix does nothing to solve the underlying issues with this disastrous law. Sadly, it looks like it may be beans and cornbread time for millions of families across our country. Is this really the affordable care we were promised?

#### OBAMACARE

(Mr. FLEISCHMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the 3.5 million people who have, to date, lost their health care coverage thanks to ObamaCare and in support of the reported 10 million Americans who could lose their coverage between now and the end of the year.

Mr. Speaker, President Obama promised again and again that Americans who liked their health care plans would be able to keep them. Well, we know now that is simply not the case.

In my hometown of Ooltewah, Tennessee, Lynn Davis, who moved to Tennessee to care for her elderly parents, had health care coverage she liked and could afford. Now her plan is going away, and she is likely to be paying as much as \$300 more per month. That is an additional \$3,600 per year for something she doesn't want and doesn't need.

Mr. Speaker, this isn't right. Our economy is struggling enough as it is. The last thing the American people need is an additional financial burden thrust on them by the Federal Government. ObamaCare needs to go. But at the very least, the President needs to accept the Keep Your Health Plan Act and uphold his promise to the American people.

#### OBAMACARE

(Mr. PITTENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Martha Staley, a constituent from Cornelius, North Carolina. Ms. Staley is a retired registered nurse and a retired insurance agent. She understands health insurance better than most.

Recently, she received this letter, explaining that her current insurance was canceled due to ObamaCare and

that her new plan would be twice as expensive. Quoting Ms. Staley:

There was nothing in the world wrong with my plan. What they are giving me is worse. I was told by the President that, if I liked my health care plan—which I do—I could keep it. I was told by the President that the ACA would help lower my costs.

President Obama made a simple direct promise to Ms. Staley. Tomorrow, I urge you to join me in voting for H.R. 3350, the Keep Your Health Plan Act. The American people don't need more apologies from the President. They need results.

#### OBAMACARE

(Mr. MEADOWS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3350, the Keep Your Health Plan Act. President Obama's promise, if you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan, is ringing hollow with some 473,000 North Carolinians whose policies have been canceled.

One of those families is Leon and Liz Russell, small business owners in Waynesville, North Carolina. The Russells were notified that their \$653-a-month insurance premium was going to go to \$1,322 in 2014. This is a yearly increase of over \$8,000. They said to me:

We cannot afford to pay that. Period. What are we expected to do?

For families like the Russells, the House will vote tomorrow on the Keep Your Health Plan Act which will allow millions of Americans to keep their policies without penalty.

Today President Obama announced his intentions to allow insurers to keep offering canceled plans, but a 1-year delay does not make good on his promise. The President needs to be working with Congress to fix his flawed law. Mr. Speaker, we still have a broken Web site, and we still have broken promises.

#### OBAMACARE IMPACT

(Mr. SOUTHERLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOUTHERLAND. Mr. Speaker, the problems with this health care law won't be cured with political fixes because this isn't about politics. This is about real people. People like Paul and Victoria Morson of Panama City, Florida, my hometown.

The Morsons are health care providers themselves. By day, they provide care to infants and toddlers struggling with catastrophic injuries, blindness, autism, and other developmental delays. At night, they run a medical courier service, delivering cancer treatments and medications.

Paul and Victoria each received this letter from Florida Blue, informing them that their coverage was being

canceled at the end of this year. Their plans failed to meet the law's requirements for maternity and newborn care and pediatric dental care, despite the fact that the Morsons are in their sixties and have no children.

They were informed their new plans would increase their combined premiums from \$520 to \$1,260 per month. Now Paul and Victoria are trying to figure out how to keep alive a medical practice that has already been reduced from a 10-county area to just one.

That is a real-world impact and a real-world example on this misguided law, and that is why, if you like your plan and you were promised that you could keep your plan, you should be able to keep your plan.

#### BROKEN PROMISES

(Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, when President Obama sold the Affordable Care Act to the American people, he told them they could keep their health insurance if they liked it. Sadly, this promise has not been kept.

Jerry, an independent contractor from Westfield, Indiana, recently informed me that his policy will be terminated because of ObamaCare. Jerry has never written a Member of Congress before, but losing his coverage and seeing his premium double has caused him to speak up. For Jerry, ObamaCare is a broken promise.

Victoria, a part-time teacher from the Indianapolis area, reached out on Facebook, explaining that a policy she purchased less than 1 year ago was being canceled. She has tried to get on [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) to see what alternatives are available to her, but the site couldn't even confirm her identity. For Victoria, ObamaCare is a broken promise.

Dwight, a business owner from Indianapolis, received a cancellation notice from his insurer—the one that I am holding here in my hands. Dwight's insurer is one of several insurers that have left the State of Indiana. For Dwight, ObamaCare is a broken promise.

Mr. Speaker, Americans deserve better. They deserve to keep their current insurance. ObamaCare is nothing more than a broken promise.

#### KEEP YOUR OWN HEALTH CARE

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans are losing their health care plans, their doctors, and their confidence in the President's new health care law. The simple truth is the facts show the law is hurting more people than it is helping. Although the President committed many times that no

one would lose their original health care coverage, millions have.

One of my constituents, Ron from Champlin, has had his health care plan for 21 years. He likes his health plan. It works for him. But Ron, like thousands of other Minnesotans, received a cancellation notice. Another constituent emailed me this morning, saying that his family health care plan was renewed, but the costs were going up \$5,400 this year. And unfortunately, I have heard stories like these from many others in my community.

Mr. Speaker, if you like your health insurance plan, you ought to be able to keep it, and no one should be forced to buy health insurance that isn't right for them or for their families' needs. I will continue to work with all of those that are willing to sit down at the table to have a responsible solution and a real solution to our health care challenges.

#### OBAMACARE

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I asked my constituents in Florida's 17th District how ObamaCare is affecting them. One said they were upset that their coverage was going to go up by more than \$300. Another said that their insurance plan went from \$204 per month to \$720 per month and that they couldn't afford that. Others reported increases of 100, 200, even 400 percent.

Most devastating were those that are on Medicare Advantage who are set to lose their doctors. One woman lost her primary care doctor of over 20 years. Another whose husband lost five doctors, including a cardiologist that has cared for him since his heart transplant, said that they are not able to keep their doctors or their insurance plans.

Worst of all is the impact on Florida families. One gentleman in my district said:

I have looked at quotes for my family of three. It looks like it will cost us about \$5,000 more a year. I may have to get a divorce so my wife and son can afford the insurance. If I do, they will qualify for discounts we don't get if we are married.

Mr. Speaker, there are stories like this all across Florida and the country. So much for, if you like your plan, you can keep it. Now all of our constituents are suffering.

#### OBAMACARE

(Mr. POSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, the President promised Mr. GRIFFIN in my district and millions of other Americans that, if they wanted to, they could keep their own doctor. Unfortunately, he found out already that is not true.

Americans were told that they could keep their own insurance company if