

they liked it. Unfortunately, that is not true either. They were told it would cost less. Unfortunately, that is not true either. They were told it would not create a new tax. Unfortunately, that is not true either. They were told there would not be any rationing. Unfortunately, that is not true either.

It is not right; it is not fair; and it is not good for the United States of America.

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OBAMACARE

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

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for the Keep Your Health Plan Act. I have heard from many folks across my district that they are losing the health care they have and like because of ObamaCare.

Jeff from Columbus Grove wrote to alert me of the cancellation notice he received indicating his insurance policy is being dropped as of December 1 of this year. He has less than 1 month to find a new plan, which will cost more, have fewer benefits, and have higher deductibles. In addition, his choices for new health care insurance limit his options for the hospital and local doctor he can choose.

Dwight from Arlington wrote that he and his wife received a notice that due to the ACA, his wife's insurance policy would no longer be available. Coverage would double from \$189 per month to \$394, with increased deductibles.

Finally, I have heard from a local township trustee that the township has received notice that their health insurance plan has been canceled because of the ACA.

These are just several examples of the hundreds of stories we are hearing from across my district and the State of Ohio. I remain committed to enacting quality and affordable health care legislation and continuing to work toward ObamaCare's full repeal.

SUPPORTING THE KEEP YOUR HEALTH CARE PLAN ACT OF 2013

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, despite the President's promise that Americans could keep their health care plans, thousands of my constituents have learned that their health care plans will soon be terminated.

I recently received a letter from David Hager, the CFO of a technology company headquartered in my district. He was informed that the health care plan offered by his company is being canceled. This is a well-liked plan that pays 100 percent of employees' monthly health care premiums, but that is not

good enough for ObamaCare. This company will now be forced to pay 19 percent more for its health care next year, and its employees will have to shell out more money for a new plan that they don't like. This is in addition to the newly created "reinsurance fee" of \$510 a month for the company to pay that has no value at all to the workers. Mr. Hager wants to know why his employees are having their excellent health care plans canceled by ObamaCare.

We must allow Americans to keep the health care plans they like, not just for 1 year—as has been proposed by the President—but permanently.

OBAMACARE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it was a gamble for the President to promise the country "if you like your plan, you can keep it," given that his health care proposal amounted to a complete restructuring of our health care system and 16 percent of the American economy.

By now, every Member of this Chamber has received countless letters, phone calls, and emails from millions of Americans who have had their health insurance either canceled or turned unaffordable due to the Affordable Care Act.

This is the devastating reality for this family. Lisa and her husband, Bob, from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, are just one of many families in the Fifth District hurt by this law.

Lisa and Bob are self-employed. They are small business owners with five children and bills to pay. After receiving notice their affordable health plan is being canceled, they are now facing cost increases of more than \$20,000 a year for a plan that actually covers less.

Mr. Speaker, the only solution is a transition to health reforms that actually contain cost and expand access. The President's promise alone is certainly not enough.

The American people deserve better.

OBAMACARE

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the American public was sold a false bill of goods.

Rachel, my constituent from Decatur, Illinois, recently contacted my office to let me know that the health care plan she had for her and her daughter is being canceled due to ObamaCare. She was provided with a list of options to replace that plan, but the cheapest would double her monthly premium and increase her deductible to \$6,000 per person.

Mr. Speaker, Rachel and her daughter had a plan, and they liked it. Now, she cannot afford any of the alternatives given to her.

In her note to me, Rachel summed it up best:

We were told we could keep our plan if we liked our plan . . . we are at a loss for how we will continue our health care coverage.

Mr. Speaker, the last 45 days proved what many of us have been saying all along: this law is simply unacceptable, unworkable, and unaffordable. Period.

OBAMACARE

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

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. Speaker, the President seems to flippantly just talk about 5 percent of Americans have received a cancellation notice, as if they are just individuals that didn't have a policy that really met his standard for what he was looking for or what the administration is looking for.

That 5 percent equals about 5 million people across the country. They are not just a random statistic. They are families and individuals like the Evans family, and it is not just this one family, but everyone that works in their business received this same letter. Why is that? Because as the President continues to speak about these are just individuals or individual policies, that is not actually true either.

Here is a letter from Aetna that came to the Evans family and every employee in their business. It says:

As you have heard, the Affordable Care Act is bringing many changes to health insurance. One of these changes is that the association groups, which are comprised of small employers, cannot provide coverage as a large group entity. Consequently, Aetna is discontinuing the current plans and has notified your employer.

The plans they have and they have been able to find are a 25 percent increase over last year. Their firm cannot hire additional people next year because of the additional cost.

This is the United States of America. What are we doing telling people what health insurance they can purchase?

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT

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

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I am a cosponsor of the Keep Your Health Plan Act.

We had promises to folks that they could keep their health plan and keep their doctors. Obviously, those promises are not being kept. A lot of Americans are finding out this hard news. One of them is Elizabeth Hoffman, this pretty young lady, and her son, from Hutto, Texas, a small town in my district.

Elizabeth is a single mother with a young son. She does not get insurance

through her employer. She got her insurance through Humana at \$167 a month, with a \$2,000 deductible. It was the plan she liked.

She has now lost her plan. Humana has canceled that plan. The plan most similar to the one she has now costs \$404 a month, with a \$2,500 deductible. Needless to say, she is not happy. She is not happy with the Obama plan, and she is not happy with the exchange and is worried about the pharmacy she is going to go to. She is not likely to have insurance next year.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT

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

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of North Carolinians.

I would like to share the story of Marian and Donald from Asheboro, North Carolina. They are among the 160,000 North Carolinians whose policies have been canceled and whose premiums are going up.

She says:

Donald and I both had a \$5,000 deductible individual HSA policy—and both were canceled. Our premiums are more than doubling under the replacement policies. I contacted BlueCross/BlueShield and learned they are required by law to roll us into the “suggested” policy if we do not sign up for something else. They also told me they need no additional authority to remove this premium from our bank account in January.

Because the premium increase will consume our gas and grocery money for the month, I cannot let this happen. My plan is to cancel our health insurance altogether so that there is no policy to “roll over” and face paying the penalty. As of the end of this month, we will be both be uninsured.

Mr. Speaker, there are Marians and Donalds across this country facing the same fate. That is why we will continue to fight for this issue.

OBAMACARE CONSTITUENT STORIES

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, last week, President Obama apologized for not being “clear enough” when he promised to the public that if you like your current health care plan, you can keep it. Now, 3.5 million Americans have already received letters from their insurance companies informing them their current plan will no longer be offered. That number is expected to reach 10 million.

Let me share with you just two stories from the 25th District of Texas.

Robert from Austin, Texas, started a new business this year and has private insurance for his family that costs \$450 a month. His insurer called him this week to let him know his premiums will now be \$1,200 a month—more than his mortgage. What is affordable about that?

Dianne from Driftwood, Texas, is a cancer survivor with an adopted special needs child and believed the President when he said she could keep her and her child’s doctors, but her doctors will no longer accept her insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I have a growing pile of similar letters and emails on my desk, and what I see is a tragedy in America.

Let’s let those who like their health care keep their health care, let’s make positive reforms for those currently uninsured, and let’s restore the financial stability and relief that ObamaCare has robbed from many of us. Americans are hurting.

In God we trust.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN

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

Mr. OLSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce the American people to Scott and Daniza Wiseman from Missouri City, Texas. These Texans are pictured at the Alamo. They are about to receive God’s greatest gift—their first child, a daughter, with the beautiful name of Mia Isabella.

Daniza is due on December 31, 2013, but instead of being filled only with joy, Scott and Daniza are now full of worry because they have been told they will lose their family health care on January 1, 2014, thanks to ObamaCare.

Neither Scott and Daniza, nor any American, should have to face this ordeal. If my colleagues vote for the Upton bill tomorrow, families like the Wisemans can love the new gift, Mia Isabella, without worry.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3350. Let’s reassure all Americans that if they like their health plan, they can truly keep it.

MR. PRESIDENT, KEEP YOUR PROMISE

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, “If you like your health plan, you can keep it” was President Obama’s promise to the people since 2009, but just last week, he attempted to apologize to those losing health insurance because of the law. While I am glad the President is starting to see the truth, the people need more than just apologies for broken promises.

In my Michigan district, a 29-year-old woman named Rosann has been battling sarcoma cancer for over a year. Because of her disease and treatments, she can’t work full time, but through part-time work she has managed to pay all her own bills—that is, until she received a notice that she will lose her current health care coverage because of ObamaCare and have to pay \$225 more a month for a government-approved plan.

Rosann doesn’t need an apology. She just wants to keep her insurance, along

with nearly 5 million other Americans who have lost their coverage in the last 6 weeks alone.

House Republicans remain committed to fighting for Americans and providing fairness for all. The President needs to join our efforts, Mr. Speaker, and keep his promise to the American people.

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OBAMACARE

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

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, last month in Missouri, only 751 individuals signed up for the Federal exchanges as thousands of other individuals lost their health care. These numbers and the need to institute a fix that allows Americans to keep their current coverage further highlight that the President’s health care law is a failure.

One of my many constituents who has been affected by the law is Stephanie Botkin of Barnhart, Missouri. Stephanie, her husband, and her two teenage youngsters are hardworking, healthy, and they do not use a great deal of health services. She told me that they have been extremely pleased with their current plan because it works for them in terms of cost and coverage. Now, thanks to the President’s health care law, Stephanie has been told that her family cannot keep its current plan, and will be forced to buy a different plan with a premium that costs 66 percent more per month and that has a higher deductible and an exorbitant co-pay, in other words, a plan that costs more and covers less.

Today, the President announced yet another fix to the law, which he technically does not have the authority to do. The fix is for him to sign legislation the House will pass tomorrow that will protect Americans from this damaging law. For Stephanie and her family’s sake and for the good of the American public, it is time the President does the right thing and works with Congress.

OBAMACARE

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

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3350, the Keep Your Health Plan Act.

While a full repeal of the President’s health care law is in the best interest of the American people, tomorrow’s vote is yet another effort to restore fairness at a time when the administration refuses to acknowledge its broken promises.

The President promised the American people that, if you like your health insurance plan, you can keep it. He promised that, if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. Unfortunately, that hasn’t worked out.