

Your bill also allows UnitedHealthcare to charge five times more for older Americans, and imposes a 30 percent unemployment tax on the unemployed, all going to more profits for them and less health care for America.

STANDING AGAINST TRUMPCARE

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, during the last few weeks, my office has heard from literally hundreds of concerned Illinoisans about TrumpCare.

I have heard from a heart attack survivor, whose prescription medication would go from affordable to \$1,000 a day under this plan.

I have heard from Americans ages 50 to 64—I happen to be in that group—who are worried about paying an age tax of five times more than others.

Just in the last 24 hours, I have heard from two more groups that are standing against TrumpCare. And, no, they are not partisan political groups.

The first is the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, which represents more than 200 hospitals in the State of Illinois. They oppose TrumpCare because it means taking health coverage away from hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans, while killing the jobs of another 60,000 hardworking people in my State.

The second group is the National Farmers Union. They understand that TrumpCare's drastic cuts could force hundreds of rural hospitals to close their doors.

So I am left wondering, who exactly supports TrumpCare? Instead of throwing 24 million Americans off their coverage, let's work across the aisle to improve health care for all, not just the richest among us.

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AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT IS BAD FOR NEW YORK HOSPITALS

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the GOP's awful, irresponsible healthcare bill will impose an age tax on older Americans, it will raise your premiums, and it will be absolutely disastrous to our Nation's hospitals.

In my district in New York, our hospitals serve millions of people every day, and their budgets are already stretched. The GOP healthcare bill will rip away health insurance for over 24 million Americans, forcing more people to get care in high-cost emergency rooms while, at the same time, cutting billions in Federal funding hospitals need to survive.

New York's hospitals will lose over \$1 billion in 2018 alone. With uncompensated care already skyrocketing, the 27

New York hospitals that are already on a financial distress watch list tell me they may not even be able to survive. That is why the Greater New York Hospital Association, the Healthcare Association of New York State, and other New York health groups are urging all of us to vote "no" on this terrible GOP bill.

OPPOSING THE GOP AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT REPEAL BILL

(Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I know that I am new to the House, but I was elected by my constituents to reach across the aisle and get things done.

Sadly, instead of reaching across the aisle to work on commonsense fixes to the Affordable Care Act, some of my Republican colleagues have decided to push through a healthcare bill that, instead of increasing health coverage, actually takes it away from more than 24 million people and imposes an age tax.

In my State alone, this bill will cut Medicaid coverage for 60,000 individuals and result in a \$170 million loss of Federal funds at a time when my State is facing a major budget shortfall. Additionally, almost 22,000 individuals in my State will lose access to employer-sponsored insurance, and more than 6,000 individuals who are currently receiving coverage through our healthcare exchange will lose coverage as a result of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, given its impact on our Nation's working families and our most vulnerable citizens, I believe passage of this bill would be an act of medical malpractice—pun intended. So I urge all of my colleagues to vote "no" on H.R. 1628.

WILL THOSE CHAMPIONING TRUMPCARE TRADE PLACES WITH THOSE WHOM IT HARMS

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, since the Republicans in Washington have not held a single public hearing on TrumpCare, I asked my constituents directly for feedback at a Maine healthcare townhall. Not one of the hundreds of constituents spoke in support of the legislation. Instead, many said they will be among the millions of Americans who will lose their coverage under this bill.

One of those voices was Ed Saxby of Cape Elizabeth, pictured on the board next to me. Ed stood beside his wife and granddaughter as he bravely spoke about his own battle with cancer. He said that the odds of survival are against him because TrumpCare will take away the tax credits he needs to afford healthcare coverage as a retiree living on a fixed income.

Ed's wife, Jill, asked me if those who are championing TrumpCare would be willing to trade places with those whom it will harm.

I pose that question today to my Republican colleagues. If you can't answer in the affirmative, you should not be voting for this terrible bill.

TRUMPCARE BENEFITS THE SUPERRICH

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, the GOP's disastrous healthcare proposal is really just the largest transfer of wealth to the superrich in this Nation's entire history. In fact, it gives the top 1 percent of earners a windfall of tax breaks and subsidies.

The superrich are going to be able to buy a lot of things with this new money. It has been estimated they could buy: one Lamborghini, 26 Rolex watches, or 44 sets of Super Bowl tickets.

Thanks to this tax cut, in effect, you are shifting wealth from Main Street to Mar-a-Lago, from middle America to Mar-a-Lago, from my district to Mar-a-Lago. Forty-four thousand people in my district in southern Nevada will lose their health insurance according to the Center for American Progress.

Our President said, well, he didn't know—not our President. He is not my President. Anyway, he said he didn't know health care could be so complicated. Well, if you look at this bill, it is really not very complicated. It is quite simple:

Premiums go up, benefits go down; deductibles go up, coverage goes down; prices go up, healthcare for women goes down.

Vote "no" on this bill.

RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on a recent eight-alarm fire in my district and to thank the firefighters and other first responders for making sure that no one was seriously hurt.

The fire on Monday destroyed an apartment complex and 22 neighboring homes. Amazingly though, no one was killed or seriously injured. Three firefighters were treated for their injuries while fighting the fire, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

It is a reminder of the risks that our first responders take every day, not knowing when they will have to answer the call, placing their lives on the line to protect us and our community.

We pray for the families who are displaced right now, who came home from work on Monday to find their homes

gone. We also thank the Christ Lutheran Church and many other community organizations and partners that have come together to assist these families who have lost so much so unexpectedly.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, thank you to Overland Park Fire Department Chief Bryan Dehner and all of the fire-fighters in Kansas who came together to contain the largest fire in Overland Park history.

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT MAKES US INSECURE

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the American Health Care Act and the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act 7 years ago, in my district, the uninsured rate has dropped from 19 percent to 9 percent. In my district, there has been the creation and the funding of 6,500 jobs in local hospitals and rural healthcare clinics.

Yet, despite this progress in my community and across our country, the majority wants to replace the ACA with a quickly and carelessly crafted AHCA.

If the AHCA becomes law, in my district, 56,000 people will lose their healthcare coverage. In Salinas, hard-working families will pay more than \$3,000 for healthcare coverage; and in Santa Cruz, low-income senior citizens will be stripped of \$10,000 worth of subsidies.

Yes, the ACA does have its faults, but we should come together to thoughtfully fix it. But it is not just about money; it is about people. And it is not just about people; it is about the security that the ACA provides people to live their daily lives.

Mr. Speaker, the AHCA makes us insecure, and that is why I am voting against it.

ACA AND THE STRONGER GENERATION

(Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the President and I do agree on one thing: designing a healthcare system is complicated.

But the effects of TrumpCare are as simple as they are devastating: 24 million hardworking Americans will lose their coverage; your healthcare costs and premiums will go up, and your coverage will go down; and for those of us between the ages of 50 and 64, we are about to be hit with an age tax just when we need coverage the most, just when we are trying to help with college tuition and save for our retirement. As we face an opiate crisis in this country that takes 120 American lives a day,

TrumpCare will close the door on treatment for over 1 million Americans.

Our President tells us that he is a dealmaker. This is the ultimate bad deal for the American people, and we should reject this bill.

STAND AS PATRIOTS AGAINST TRUMPCARE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this morning I came in contact with two mothers of two young boys who are homebound with catastrophic illnesses. My heart broke as I listened to them say: The only way that I survive to see their happy face and I can work is because they have insurance through extensive Medicaid.

And so I come today to ask my friends on the other side of the aisle not to worry about threats about losing your office or your job. This is about patriotism and being an American. Vote against this horrible TrumpCare debacle that will create higher cost, less coverage, and an age tax that will hurt the old and devastate the young.

This is a time for the flag to be waved and for patriots to stand and to be heard across America. Vote down TrumpCare not for self and selfishness, but really to be able to stand with those who cannot help themselves.

I wanted to embrace those mothers as a mother, as a grandmother, because we are giving life to those beautiful children, now 9 and 10, living because they got health care under the Affordable Care Act. Stand as a patriot against TrumpCare.

WINNERS IN TRUMPCARE BILL

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I understand that major laws often have winners and losers. Unfortunately, I am struggling to figure out who wins under this healthcare plan.

We have seen who stands to lose: 24 million fewer people will have insurance; States will lose billions, forcing painful cuts to education and other services; California, alone, will lose \$6 billion in 2020 and much more in the years that follow; hospitals and clinics will have to cut back on services and investments.

So, who are the winners? It is hard to find any, except, of course, for insurance companies and millionaires who will get almost all of the tax relief included in this package.

Do Americans really think that we should pass a bill that cuts coverage in order to give millionaires an average tax cut of \$49,000?

We can do better. I hope we will.

BEWARE OF TRUMPCARE

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I stand here with this simple explanation about what TrumpCare really means for Americans: You pay more for less care.

Twenty-four million Americans will lose the access to health care by losing their insurance. It is an age tax on older Americans; and it guts Medicaid that not only goes to seniors now, it goes to young people as well, young families.

But it is also a huge tax cut for millionaires.

If you look at TrumpCare, you realize the great supposed negotiator actually has a great reputation of being the great bankrupter.

What this TrumpCare will do: It will affect tens of millions of Americans, and it will put them into misery, take away the dignity of health care and put them in a place that no one should ever have to be: lacking the dignity of being able to see a doctor. This is going to send us back to the Dark Ages.

You probably think I am exaggerating, but when you look at these facts, you realize that is just the truth. These are the facts.

Beware of what you are being sold. This is not going to help America.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 22, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 22, 2017, at 9:12 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 69.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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