

## April Recess: Reject Repeal and #ProtectOurCare

The next congressional recess is right around the corner. Between Friday, April 7 and Sunday, April 23, members of the Senate and House will leave Washington and return home for two weeks. We cannot let up the fight to protect our health care - Speaker Paul Ryan is promising to bring forward another bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act. And just days before recess is set to begin they have promised to make their already bad bill worse. Their latest repeal effort would allow states to eliminate protections for those with pre-existing conditions.

**We need to send a strong message over the next few weeks to #ProtectOurCare: Do not take away our care. Stop trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act.**

Here's where things stand right now: (1) The House had to pull their health care repeal bill after at least 30 Republicans refused to vote for it. (2) At that time, Paul Ryan admitted, "Obamacare is the law of the land. [...] We are going to be with it for the foreseeable future." (3) Flash forward and Paul Ryan and other House Republican leaders are back at it, talking about bringing their even worse repeal back after recess. President Trump and Republican operatives are urging him on and there will be tremendous pressure on House members to go along, even those who publicly opposed the Ryan bill before.

So what does that mean: **The Affordable Care Act is still under threat and we need to intensify pressure to make sure Republicans get the message that repeal has been rejected and it's time to give up on repeal.**

Here is what is included in this email to help guide you and your organization in keeping the pressure up during recess:

1. **How you can help:** A list of the top activities and strategies to plan for recess.
2. **Key Members:** Check out key targets below; including those who voted yes or said they would support the law, those that said no and those that refused to say one way or the other.
3. **Talking Points:** This includes topline points, key questions to ask members of congress, basic facts and more.
4. **[ResistanceRecess.com](#):** It's back - and here is a guide on how best to use this website in your planning.

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## Here's What You Can Do To Help

1. **Turn out to town halls or other events:** You'll be able to find all public events that focus on members of congress - including town halls with members as well as empty chair events or protests at an office - [ResistanceRecess.com](#). We need to make sure that health care breaks through and that people share their health care stories. MoveOn provided details on how to best use the site and share materials (more information at the bottom of this note).
2. **Keep up the calls:** Republicans need to keep hearing from folks over the next couple of weeks to #RejectRepeal. Feel free to share SEIU's call-in numbers with your members to get calls going into the House and Senate: English: [866-426-2631](tel:866-426-2631); Spanish: [877-736-7831](tel:877-736-7831)
3. **Get members on the record:** We need Republicans to recommit that they will not repeal the health care law and will not cut coverage, increase costs or eliminate basic services - like cancer screenings and prescriptions drugs.
4. **Hold members accountable:** Nearly one hundred Republican members voted or came out publicly in support of ripping apart people's health care. They need to hear directly from their constituents about what that means at public events and through LTEs, calls, and social media.

**ASK: Don't repeal the health law. We can't afford higher costs and cuts in coverage just to give the rich another tax break.** Additional messaging is below but it's important to keep it simple - we've got to make sure repeal is off the table.

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## **Demand that Congress Protect Our Health Care And #RejectRepeal**

Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act failed because people loudly rejected their plan to rip away health coverage from 24 million people and raise health care costs for millions more. Instead of working to improve our care and fix the law, House Republicans have said that in the next few weeks they'll once again try to repeal the law - putting partisan politics before the health and financial security of tens of millions of people in America.

### **Ask**

Keep it simple and demand Republicans reject repeal and #ProtectOurCare: **Do not take away our care. Stop trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act.**

### **Key Questions to Ask Members of Congress**

*Members need to keep hearing from their constituents so they understand that it's time to give up on repealing the health care law. Remember: Keep it personal. The best and most impactful questions are ones where someone shares their story about what the Affordable Care Act has meant to them or their family.*

1. Do you agree with Speaker of the House [Paul Ryan](#) that you should not work with Democrats to fix the Affordable Care Act and work together to bring costs down?
2. Will you give up on repealing and replacing the law with anything that results in people losing their health coverage and increasing costs?
3. *Choose your own issue:* It's clear that people are against the American Health Care Act - will you pledge to never vote for legislation that:
  - a. Creates an age tax that makes health care more expensive for people between the ages of 55-64?
  - b. Guts Medicaid by shifting costs to states through a block grant or per-capita cap and rationing the care of seniors, kids and people with disabilities?
  - c. Allows insurance companies to stop covering basic services such as prescription drugs, maternity care and cancer screenings?
  - d. Stops women from getting their health care from a Planned Parenthood?
4. Do you agree with the latest repeal efforts that include weakening protections for people with pre-existing conditions by allowing insurance companies to charge them as much as they want?
5. Do you think the Trump Administration should be working to strengthen the individual market versus trying to sabotage it?

### **Basic Points**

**The Republican health care repeal bill was really bad for people and now Republicans are talking about making it even worse. Instead of working together to make a better health care system, they're giving into the demands of the extreme-fringe.**

- At a time when Americans are concerned about health care being too expensive, the Republican repeal effort would raise premiums by 20 percent, even charging people over 50 five times more than younger people, increase out-of-pocket costs and deductibles, while leaving 24 million more people uninsured.

- Caving to extreme parts of their party, Republican leaders made the bill even worse - letting insurance companies stop covering basic services such as prescription drugs, doctor visits or maternity care.
- And now, Republicans are talking about destroying protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions, allowing insurance companies to charge them as much as they want.
- Medicaid cuts and changes to health insurance rules would have dramatically cut access to mental health and opioid use disorder treatment.

**It's time to move on.** Republicans were unable to repeal the law because the American people - along with a bipartisan majority in congress - want to keep the law's protections and key components.

**Republican Senators, Governors and even Republican Members of Congress joined a bipartisan majority to oppose repealing health care because of key provisions of the Affordable Care Act that they wanted to keep:** access to affordable care, Medicaid expansion, essential health benefits, protections for pre-existing conditions and much, much more. They all admitted that repeal of health care would increase costs, cut coverage and stop insurance companies from covering basic services.

**The Affordable Care Act is more popular than ever. Polls show voters don't want it repealed.** They want Democrats and Republicans to work together to bring down costs - for coverage and prescription drugs - to protect patients and to make sure even more people have access to affordable coverage.

- The Kaiser Health Tracking Poll shows the ACA has the highest favorability since it began polling—more than 60 tracking polls ago and Pew Research had support at an all-time high.
- The newly released Quinnipiac poll had only 1-in-5 supporting full repeal.

**The Administration has complete power to make the exchanges successful.** Now that efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act are over, the Trump Administration and Congress have a responsibility to make the law work and to do everything in their power to keep the Health Insurance Marketplaces healthy and stable. The Affordable Care Act is the law of the land. It is the government's responsibility to make sure it works for people and that competition is strong.

**If the Republicans break our health care system, they will be held responsible - if you break it, you own it.** [As the Wall Street Journal editorial board recently wrote.](#) "Republicans run the government and that means they are responsible for what happens in health care."

- President Trump regularly cheers for his plan is to sabotage the law, but the American people will not tolerate the Administration rooting for people to suffer in order to give them political gains.

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## Key Members

Check out how members planned to vote on the health care repeal bill below; including those who refused to say one way or the other how they would vote, those who voted yes in committee or said they would support the Republican effort or those that said no. Members listed as "swing" were considered to be swing votes for the health care repeal bill.

### Would Not Commit

*These members were considered swing votes for repeal and refused to say which way they would vote. It's important that they hear directly from their constituents about stopping efforts to repeal health care.*

District	First	Last	Position
CA-08	Paul	Cook	No stance
CA-10	Jeff	Denham	No stance
TX23	Will	Hurd	No stance
CA-25	Steve	Knight	No stance
ME-02	Bruce	Poliquin	No stance
CA-21	David	Valadao	No stance

### Members Who Leaned Yes

*These members did not come out in full support but were leaning yes.*

District	First	Last	Link
FL-26	Carlos	Curbelo	W&M yes but wavered at the end
FL-25	Mario	Diaz-Balart	Budget yes but later was undecided
CA-48	Darrell	Issa	Said he was "leaning yes"
NY-02	Peter	King	Suggested he was a 'yes'
WA-08	David	Reichert	W&M yes but later became undecided
IL-06	Peter	Roskam	W&M yes, but does not want to revive repeal bill
NY-22	Claudia	Tenney	Moved to uncommitted

### Members Who Voted Yes for AHCA in Committee or Said They Would Support

*These members voted in committee to rip apart health care for millions or made public statements indicating their intention to vote yes or that they were leaning yes. They need to hear from their constituents that their vote will not be forgotten and that it's time to stop efforts to repeal the law. Members are listed in alphabetical order by whether they were "swing votes", Freedom Caucus or blank if neither - swing votes, in particular, need to hear from their constituents.*

District	First	Last	Swing Vote or HFC	Notes
NE-02	Don	Bacon	Swing	
CO-06	Mike	Coffman	Swing	

NY-27	Chris	Collins	Swing	E&C - yes
PA-06	Ryan	Costello	Swing	E&C - yes
NY-19	John	Faso	Swing	Budget - yes
MN-02	Jason	Lewis	Swing	Budget - yes
NJ-03	Tom	MacArthur	Swing	
FL-18	Brian	Mast	Swing	
AZ-02	Martha	McSally	Swing	
PA-07	Pat	Meehan	Swing	W&M yes
MN-03	Erik	Paulsen	Swing	W&M - yes
TX-32	Pete	Sessions	Swing	
MI-07	Tim	Walberg	Swing	
CA-45	Mimi	Walters	Swing	E&C - yes
TX-19	Jodey	Arrington	-	Budget - yes
IN-03	Jim	Banks	-	
MI-01	Jack	Bergman	-	Budget - yes
FL-12	Gus	Bilirakis	-	E&C - yes
MI-08	Mike	Bishop	-	W&M - yes
TN-06	Diane	Black	-	W&M yes and Budget yes
TN-07	Marsha	Blackburn	-	E&C - yes
TX-08	Kevin	Brady	-	W&M - yes
IN-05	Susan	Brooks	-	E&C - yes
FL-16	Vern	Buchanan	-	W&M - yes
IN-08	Larry	Bucshon	-	E&C - yes
TX-26	Michael	Burgess	-	E&C - yes
GA-01	Buddy	Carter	-	E&C - yes
OK-04	Tom	Cole	-	Budget - yes
ND-AL	Kevin	Cramer	-	E&C - yes
WI-07	Sean	Duffy	-	
GA-03	Drew	Ferguson	-	Budget - yes
TX-17	Bill	Flores	-	E&C - yes
FL-01	Matt	Gaetz	-	Budget - yes
VA-09	Morgan	Griffith	-	E&C - yes

WI-06	Glenn	Grothman	-	Budget - yes
KY-02	Brett	Guthrie	-	E&C - yes
MS-03	Gregg	Harper	-	E&C - yes
NC-02	George	Holding	-	W&M - yes
NC-08	Richard	Hudson	-	E&C - yes
KS-02	Lynn	Jenkins	-	W&M - yes
OH-06	Bill	Johnson	-	E&C - yes
TX-03	Sam	Johnson	-	W&M - yes
PA-03	Mike	Kelly	-	W&M - yes
IL-16	Adam	Kinzinger	-	E&C - yes
OH-05	Robert	Latta	-	E&C - yes
MO-07	Billy	Long	-	E&C - yes
TX-24	Kenny	Marchant	-	W&M - yes
CA-04	Tom	McClintock	-	Budget - yes
WV-01	David	McKinley	-	E&C - yes
WA-05	Cathy	McMorris Rodgers	-	E&C - yes
OK-02	Markwayne	Mullin	-	E&C - yes
PA-18	Tim	Murphy	-	E&C - yes
SD-AL	Kristi	Noem	-	W&M - yes
CA-22	Devin	Nunes	-	W&M - yes
TX-22	Pete	Olson	-	E&C - yes
NY-23	Tom	Reed	-	W&M - yes
OH-15	Jim	Renacci	-	W&M yes; Budget yes
SC-07	Tom	Rice	-	W&M - yes
IN-04	Todd	Rokita	-	Budget - yes
LA-01	Steve	Scalise	-	E&C - yes
IL-15	John	Shimkus	-	E&C - yes
MO-08	Jason	Smith	-	W&M yes; budget yes
NE-03	Adrian	Smith	-	W&M - yes
PA-16	Lloyd	Smucker	-	Budget - yes
VA-02	Scott	Taylor	-	
NJ-02	Glenn	Thompson	-	

OH-12	Pat	Tiberi	-	W&M - yes
MI-06	Fred	Upton	-	E&C - yes
MI-07	Tim	Walberg	-	E&C - yes
OR-02	Greg	Walden	-	E&C - yes
IN-02	Jackie	Walorski	-	W&M - yes
AR-04	Bruce	Westerman	-	Budget - yes
AR-03	Steve	Womack	-	Budget - yes
GA-07	Rob	Woodall	-	Budget - yes
NY-01	Lee	Zeldin	-	
TX-06	Joe	Barton	HFC	E&C - yes
OK-01	Jim	Bridenstine	HFC	
AZ-08	Trent	Franks	HFC	Switched to yes after Trump called
AL-06	Gary	Palmer	HFC	Voted against in Budget Committee but was planning to vote yes on the floor
TX-02	Ted	Poe	Former HFC	Resigned from Freedom Caucus after measure was pulled
AZ-06	David	Schweikert	HFC	W&M - yes

### Members Who Said They Would Not Support

*These members came out publicly against the Americans for Health Care Act or were leaning against it. It's important that they hear directly from their constituents that it's time to move on from repeal and sabotage and work together to fix the law. We need to make sure that the swing votes, in particular, hear from their constituents that they must #ProtectOurCare.*

District	First	Last	Swing vote or HFC	Link
NV-02	Mark	Amodei	Swing	<a href="https://twitter.com/ericawerner/status/845301108100780032">https://twitter.com/ericawerner/status/845301108100780032</a>
VA-10	Barbara	Comstock	Swing	
PA-15	Charlie	Dent	Swing	<a href="https://twitter.com/RiegerReport/status/845073766648549382">https://twitter.com/RiegerReport/status/845073766648549382</a>
NY-11	Dan	Donovan	Swing	<a href="https://twitter.com/daveweigel/status/845068741314592769">https://twitter.com/daveweigel/status/845068741314592769</a>
PA-08	Brian	Fitzpatrick	Swing	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/RepBrianFitzpatrick/posts/1835306890068316">https://www.facebook.com/RepBrianFitzpatrick/posts/1835306890068316</a>

WA-03	Jaime	Herrera Beutler	Swing	<a href="http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2017/03/23/25038268/another-republican-against-trumpcare-washington-states-jaime-herrera-beutler">http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2017/03/23/25038268/another-republican-against-trumpcare-washington-states-jaime-herrera-beutler</a>
OH-11	Dave	Joyce	Swing	<a href="https://twitter.com/RepDaveJoyce/status/845325913696874496">https://twitter.com/RepDaveJoyce/status/845325913696874496</a>
NY-24	John	Katko	Swing	<a href="http://www.syracuse.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/03/on_verge_of_do-or-die_vote_on_obamacare_rep_john_katko_reamins_a_no.html#incart_river_home">http://www.syracuse.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/03/on_verge_of_do-or-die_vote_on_obamacare_rep_john_katko_reamins_a_no.html#incart_river_home</a>
NJ-07	Leonard	Lance	Swing	<a href="https://twitter.com/deirdrewalshcnn/status/845076946841153536">https://twitter.com/deirdrewalshcnn/status/845076946841153536</a>
NJ-02	Frank	LoBiondo	Swing	<a href="https://twitter.com/RepLoBiondo/status/845091234280587265">https://twitter.com/RepLoBiondo/status/845091234280587265</a>
FL-27	Ileana	Ros-Lehtinen	Swing	<a href="https://twitter.com/Taniel/status/844657853570994176">https://twitter.com/Taniel/status/844657853570994176</a>
NJ-04	Chris	Smith	Swing	<a href="https://twitter.com/mikedebonis/status/845078460179591168">https://twitter.com/mikedebonis/status/845078460179591168</a>
IA-03	David	Young	Swing	<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll189.xml">http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll189.xml</a>
AK-AL	Don	Young	Swing	<a href="https://www.adn.com/politics/2017/03/24/don-young-cancelling-the-health-care-vote-was-a-victory-for-alaska/">https://www.adn.com/politics/2017/03/24/don-young-cancelling-the-health-care-vote-was-a-victory-for-alaska/</a>
MI_03	Justin	Amash	HFC	<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll189.xml">http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll189.xml</a>
AZ-05	Andy	Biggs	HFC	<a href="https://biggs.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-andy-biggs-s-statement-upcoming-ahca-vote">https://biggs.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-andy-biggs-s-statement-upcoming-ahca-vote</a>
IA_01	Rod	Blum	HFC	<a href="https://twitter.com/dnewhauser/status/845247925588574209">https://twitter.com/dnewhauser/status/845247925588574209</a>
VA_07	Dave	Brat	HFC	<a href="https://twitter.com/andrewhtynes/status/845270512355954689">https://twitter.com/andrewhtynes/status/845270512355954689</a>
AL_05	Mo	Brooks	HFC	<a href="https://twitter.com/EamonJavers/status/845245537209212929">https://twitter.com/EamonJavers/status/845245537209212929</a>
NC-13	Ted	Budd	HFC	<a href="http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/columnists/rep-ted-budd-nothing-short-of-full-repeal-of-obamacare/article_8f92217a-5612-592c-be72-3abc543a1224.html">http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/columnists/rep-ted-budd-nothing-short-of-full-repeal-of-obamacare/article_8f92217a-5612-592c-be72-3abc543a1224.html</a>
TX_01	Louie	Gohmert	HFC	<a href="https://twitter.com/scottwongDC/status/845100735868096513">https://twitter.com/scottwongDC/status/845100735868096513</a>
AZ_04	Paul	Gosar	HFC	<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll192.xml">http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll192.xml</a>
MD-01	Andy	Harris	HFC	<a href="http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/blog/bal-rep-andy-harris-remains-a-no-on-gop-health-care-bill-20170323-story.html">http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/blog/bal-rep-andy-harris-remains-a-no-on-gop-health-care-bill-20170323-story.html</a>

NC_03	Walter	Jones	HFC	<a href="https://twitter.com/mikedebonis/status/845080445612167169">https://twitter.com/mikedebonis/status/845080445612167169</a>
OH_04	Jim	Jordan	HFC	<a href="http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/mar/27/jim-jordan-mishmash-health-care-bill-failed-delive/">http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/mar/27/jim-jordan-mishmash-health-care-bill-failed-delive/</a>
KY_04	Tomas	Massie	HFC	<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll189.xml">http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll189.xml</a>
NC_11	Mark	Meadows	HFC	<a href="https://twitter.com/MEPFuller/status/845074351904972801">https://twitter.com/MEPFuller/status/845074351904972801</a>
NJ_11	Rodney	Frelinghuysen		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/rfrelinghuysen/posts/816598255160874">https://www.facebook.com/rfrelinghuysen/posts/816598255160874</a>
NJ-02	Glenn	Thompson		<a href="http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2017/03/where_do_pas_republican_us_hou.html">http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2017/03/where_do_pas_republican_us_hou.html</a>

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## Ways to Engage with ResistanceRecess.com:

Email [emma.einhorn@moveon.org](mailto:emma.einhorn@moveon.org) for more details and to partner on events as described below.

- **Send your members to ResistanceRecess.com to sign up for events**

MoveOn is happy to provide referral-tracking URL codes to quantify your member engagement. We can send back the RSVPs periodically and a full list at the end of recess. RSVPs will receive a confirmation and reminder email from MoveOn, but can be suppressed from our mailing list if you choose. If you want to post the events on your own site, or need an export of the zip codes, we can provide that too.

- **Take the lead for on-the-ground bird dogging at an event**

MoveOn encourages groups with trained volunteers or staff on the ground to head up the bird dogging tactics. If you want to take point on events, please email Emma and you will be able to contact RSVPs through the MoveOn event tool to coordinate your efforts.

- **Submit your town halls and events by clicking “+ create new event”**

MoveOn welcomes allies to post your events at [ResistanceRecess.com](http://ResistanceRecess.com). We will send an email recruit to members in the area 1-2 days before the event to any events targeting a specific member of Congress. MoveOn does not support civil disobedience, so all events must meet our legal guidelines.

- **Tracking town hall data – submit individual events we are missing, or email us about bulk uploading events**

Right now, ResistanceRecess.com is partnering with TownHallProject.com and Democracy Partners data to populate information about public events with members of Congress. If you are also tracking events, please submit events on the site or contact Emma about bulk upload options.

- **Post Organizing guides or issue-specific resources**

Check out the [materials page here](#) to see talking points, sample questions, and organizing tools for local volunteers. These are publically available to anyone who visits the site. We are happy to host resources with full attribution to partner organizations.