



Patient Coalition Condemns House-Passed H.R. 1 for Stripping Coverage from Millions

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Washington, D.C. — Today, 36 non-partisan, non-profit patient advocacy organizations issued the following response to new Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R.1) combined with the failure to reauthorize the ACA's tax credits would cause 16 million people to lose their health coverage by implementing deep cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces.

"This bill is a direct attack on patients. Millions of Americans—including those with preexisting conditions—rely on Medicaid and the ACA marketplaces for high-quality, affordable healthcare. Instead of building on that progress, this bill would unravel it—mirroring the same devastating impact we fought to prevent during the 2017 repeal-and-replace efforts. The consequences for patients would be just as dire now as they would have been then.

"It is especially irresponsible to consider this legislation while the future of the enhanced ACA premium tax credits remains uncertain. These credits have been instrumental in keeping coverage affordable for low- and middle-income families, and CBO agrees that their expiration would only compound the drastic coverage losses caused by H.R. 1.

"Policy changes to the ACA or Medicaid must be guided by a commitment to expanding access to high-quality, affordable health insurance—not driven by fiscal offsets or arbitrary cost-cutting measures. Despite many claims to the contrary, this bill threatens to deepen inequities, drive up out-of-pocket costs, and eliminate coverage for millions of people who simply cannot afford to go without care.

"At a time when household and healthcare costs are already straining the budgets of working families, Congress must reject this reckless legislation and instead pursue policies that move our healthcare system forward—not backward."

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American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American Kidney Fund

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Chronic Disease Coalition

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Epilepsy Foundation of America

EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases

Foundations for Sarcoidosis Research

Hemophilia Federation of America

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Muscular Dystrophy Association

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Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.

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The AIDS Institute

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease