



March 7, 2017

**The Honorable Paul Ryan**

Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Greg Walden**

Chairman  
House Energy and Commerce Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Kevin Brady**

Chairman  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Chairman Walden, and Chairman Brady:

Since Obamacare became law in 2010, Republicans have promised repeal. And, as the law's shortcomings and failures have become more evident, Americans have given Republican lawmakers larger majorities with which to repeal the law.

We have strongly supported these efforts in the past, helping to educate millions of Americans about Obamacare's failures and to give voice to the many individuals and families devastated by its impacts. We agree that repealing Obamacare and passing real reforms to create better health care for more people at a lower cost should be this Congress' top priority.

However, the bill currently under consideration in the House does not repeal the elements that made Obamacare so devastating to American families, and we cannot support it.

First, the bill fails to repeal all of Obamacare's regulations and mandates, which would continue to increase costs while denying Americans the ability to get the type of coverage that best meets their needs. The entire premise of repeal has been to offer Americans something better. Keeping even some of these regulations in place is Obamacare by another name.

Second, this bill repeats the mistakes of Obamacare by creating an entitlement program for health insurance. Furthermore, it keeps Obamacare's tax hikes to fund that new government program. These subsidies would only push prices artificially higher and undermine the real, structural changes to health care that Americans deserve. It would also keep Washington at the center of our health care system, and leave Obamacare's crumbling foundation largely intact.

As the bill stands today, it is Obamacare 2.0. Passing it would be making the same mistake that President Obama, Harry Reid, and Nancy Pelosi made in 2010. Millions of Americans would never see the improvements in care they were promised, just as Obamacare failed to deliver on its promises.

On behalf of the members of Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, Americans for Prosperity, as well as the millions of Americans who entrusted the future of health care policy to you, we urge you to keep your promise, reject the House bill, and pass the full Obamacare repeal that Americans deserve.

Sincerely,



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