

Social Action Committee Letter to Senator on the Affordable Care Act

Possible Opening:

Dear Senator Roy Blunt:

I am a Missouri resident and a concerned voter. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter, I am dedicated to social action and justice. Justice requires that all Americans have equal access to adequate and affordable health care. It is necessary and important that you vote to uphold the Affordable Health Care Act, as its repeal will have a detrimental impact on your constituents. There are many reasons why we rely on you to represent us, your constituents, in Congress and providing affordable and adequate health care is pertinent and important.

Affordable Care Act Facts:

- 1) **Lifetime Limits On Coverage:** Prior to the ACA, many insurance companies would put caps on how much they would pay for your healthcare costs for your entire life. Without the Affordable Care Act, people with a pre-existing condition will likely have a hard time finding another plan to cover them. The ACA banned lifetime coverage limits for kids in 2010 and for adults in 2014.
- 2) **Lose Health Care Coverage:** According to Forbes, approximately 19-20 million people will lose health care coverage.
- 3) **Uninsured Rate with ACA Has Dropped:** Because of the ACA, the uninsured rate has dropped from 17% to 11%.
- 4) **Pre-existing Conditions Not Covered:** According to The Kaiser Foundation, 52 million people younger than 65 would lose coverage due to pre-existing conditions.
- 5) **Children at Age 26 will be Dropped From Their Parents' Health Insurance:** With the Affordable Care Act, children up to age 26 may remain on their parent's insurance policy.
- 6) **Many Not able to Use Federal Qualified Health Centers:** If the Affordable Care Act is repealed, many people who use local Federal Qualified Health Centers will not have the insurance needed to be treated.
- 7) **Financial Burdens on Emergency Rooms:** If the Affordable Care Act is repealed, those without adequate insurance will over use the emergency rooms likely causing extra financial burdens on hospitals.
- 8) **Overall Population in America Will Be Less Healthy:** If the Affordable Care Act is repealed, many people in America will not have access to preventative health care, which will likely increase more serious health issues nationwide.
- 9) **Possibility of High Health Care Premiums:** If the Affordable Care Act is repealed the health care insurance premiums will likely be very high, which most people will not be able to afford.
- 10) **Personal Reasons:** Your personal reasons on why the Affordable Care Act is needed for you, your family, your friends and the nation.

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For these reasons, it is my sincere concern that you vote to uphold the Affordable Care Act.

Your Constituent,

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