

Conservative Action Project

The Conservative Action Project (CAP), founded in 2008 by many conservative leaders with former **Attorney General Edwin Meese III** serving as the Founding Chairman. CAP is currently chaired by **The Honorable Becky Norton Dunlop** and is designed to facilitate conservative leaders working together on behalf of common goals. Participants include the CEOs of over 100 organizations representing all major elements of the conservative movement-economic, social and national security.

Memo for the Movement

Real Repeal and Real Reform for Obamacare

July 11, 2017

Signatures updated: 7/12/17

Washington, DC

As the Senate considers new options to replace Obamacare, it is critical that any bill include solutions that give consumers more choice, create real flexibility for Medicaid, bring more free market principles into the market, and rein in long-term growth of Medicaid.

- **Consumer Choice:** Obamacare's insurance mandates have caused premiums to skyrocket. To address this, the Senate should allow insurance companies that offer at least one exchange plan deemed compliant with Obamacare to also sell other plans as well. These plans would still be subject to state laws and states would have the flexibility to create options without worrying about Obamacare.
- **Medicaid Flexibility:** Congress must create permanent solutions giving states the flexibility to create new innovative programs to protect our society's most vulnerable. States are the natural incubators for these new ideas and cannot be dependent on the waivers from the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- **Market Reforms:** Any new program must embody new consensus free market reforms. Some of these include allowing consumers to purchase insurance across state lines, expanding association health plans, allowing consumers to pay premiums from their Health Savings Accounts, and encouraging states to enact caps on punitive damages in medical malpractice cases.
- **Reining in Long-Term Medicaid Growth:** Medicaid is one of several entitlement programs which continues to push annual federal deficits at an unsustainable pace. We must use this historic opportunity to reform Medicaid and ensure its long-term fiscal sustainability.

If Congress cannot get the replacement program right, it should simply repeal Obamacare effective December 31, 2018, and take the time needed to get the new solution right. It must be a full and complete repeal of all the tax increases, all the spending, and all the regulations. Don't

try a partial repeal in which Republicans keep some of the tax increases, or some of the spending, or some of the regulations.

Conservatives still believe that repealing Obamacare must be a priority. Repealing Obamacare has been central to Republicans' electoral success – both in Congress and the White House. As noted in a previous memo signed by more than 100 conservative leaders:

For the last six years, Americans have endured extraordinary hardship under Obamacare, a thousand-page law of broken promises and failed policies. Sadly, millions of families and individuals have had their insurance plans cancelled and access to their doctors and drugs limited. And they have lacked affordable insurance options. Those Americans who are stuck with Obamacare are facing skyrocketing premiums, soaring deductibles, and shrinking health care networks. Tragically, many of our most vulnerable citizens, who were participating in safety-net health programs long before implementation of Obamacare's Medicaid expansion, must now wait interminably to see overwhelmed health care providers — and some of those people die while they wait. It is true, of course, that some people have benefited from the President's law, but given the money spent, it would be extraordinary if there had been no benefit at all.

Either get the “replace” program right or fulfill the promise to repeal Obamacare now and take more time replacing it. It's more important we get it right than get it fast.

The Honorable Edwin Meese III

Former Attorney General
President Ronald Reagan

Michael A. Needham
Chief Executive Officer
Heritage Action for America

The Honorable Colin A. Hanna
President
Let Freedom Ring, Inc.

Alfred S. Regnery
Chairman
Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund

David Bozell
President
ForAmerica

Rebecca Hagelin
Board of Directors, FamilyTalk
Secretary, Council for National Policy

The Honorable Becky Norton Dunlop

Chairman, Conservative Action Project
Former White House Advisor, President
Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Bob McEwen
U.S. House of Representatives
Former Member, Ohio

The Honorable David McIntosh
U.S. House of Representatives
Former Member, Indiana

The Honorable T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr.
Former Counselor
US Attorney General

Diana Banister
President and Partner
Shirley & Banister Public Affairs

L. Brent Bozell, III
Founder and President
Media Research Center

The Honorable James C. Miller III
Former Director of OMB
President Ronald Reagan

James C. Dobson Ph.D.
Founder & President
Family Talk

Elaine Donnelly
President
Center for Military Readiness

Lt. Col. Allen B. West (US Army, Ret)
Member, 112th US Congress

Rod D. Martin
Founder & CEO
The Martin Organization, Inc.

Haley E. Martin
President
The Martin Foundation

Evelio Silvera
Campaign for the American Future

Barry Creamer
President
Criswell College

Jerry Melvin
President
Florida Republican Assembly

Richard H. Wright
Retired

Lisa Calvert
Christian speaker and educator
Rabon-Calvert Interests

Floyd Brown
Chairman
Western Center for Journalism

Lewis K. Uhler
Founder and President
National Tax Limitation Committee

Bob Adams
President
Revive America PAC

Gary L. Bauer
President
American Values

Jenny Beth Martin
Co-Founder & President
Tea Party Patriots

Joseph A. Morris
Morris & De La Rosa

Sherri R. Martin
Executive Vice President
The Martin Organization, Inc.

Anthony Allen
President
Hannibal LaGrange University

Nicholas Stehle
Campaign for the American Future

Shawn A. Mitchell
National Chaplain, National Federation of
Republican Assemblies

Lee A. Beaman
Chief Executive Officer
Beaman Automotive

Robert K. Fischer
Meeting Coordinator
Conservatives of Faith

Francis X. De Luca
President
Civitas Institute

Ginni Thomas
President
Liberty Consulting

Becky Gerritson
President
Wetumpka TEA Party, (AL)

Anne Schlafly Cori
Chairman
Eagle Forum

Stella Morabito
Senior Contributor
The Federalist

Judson Phillips
Founder
Tea Party Nation

The Honorable Mike Spence
Founding President
Conservative Republicans of California

Willes K. Lee
President
National Federation of Republican
Assemblies

Darrel Johnson
Owner
Attic Corp

C. Preston Noell III
President
Tradition, Family, Property, Inc.

The Honorable Mike Hill
State House of Representatives
Former Member, Florida

Christopher Malagisi
Editor in Chief
Conservative Book Club

Martha Boneta
Executive Vice President
Citizens for the Republic

Theodore Baehr
Chairman
MOVIEGUIDE®

Ed Corrigan
Former Executive Director
Senate Steering Committee

Kevin Freeman
Founder
NSIC Institute

E.C. Sykes
Managing Partner
Aslan Capital

Benjamin R. Case
President
Case Consulting Services, Inc.

Khadine Ritter
President
Eagle Forum of Ohio

Melvin Adams
Past President
RENEWANATION

Charlie Cato
Chairman
Leading The Way PAC

Belden Bell
Co-Chair
Heritage Legacy Society

Randy M. Long
CEO
Long Business Advisors, LLC

The Honorable Donald Devine
Former Director U.S Office of Personnel Management
Senior Scholar Fund for American Studies

Sean Noble
President
American Encore

Marcia G. Taylor
CEO & President
Bennett International Group, Inc.

William Pascoe
Managing Partner
Antietam Communications

Neil Siefring
Vice President
Hilltop Advocacy, LLC

John McCardell
President
America's Liberty Committee

Michael R. Long
State Chairman
New York State Conservative Party

Gerrye Johnston
CEO, Men and Women for a Representative Democracy in America

Joe Calvert
President
Rabon-Calvert Interests

Terrence M. Scanlon
Retired President/Chairman
Capital Research Center

George Rasley
Managing Editor
ConservativeHQ.com

Kay R. Daly
President
Coalition for a Fair Judiciary

Frank J. Gaffney
President
Center for Security Policy

Jerome R. Corsi, Ph.D.
Washington Bureau Chief
Infowars.com

Tricia Erickson
President
Angel Pictures & Publicity, Inc.

Nick Logan
CEO
Cornerstone Payment Systems

Tim Wildmon
President
American Family Association

John F. Tate
President
America's Liberty PAC

Dee Hodges
President
Maryland Taxpayers Association

Allen Hébert
Chairman
American-Chinese Fellowship of Houston

Taylor Budowich
Executive Director
Tea Party Express

Ralph A. Rebandt, II
Senior Pastor
Oakland Hills Community Church

Samuel B. Casey
Treasurer & General Counsel
Liberty T

Anthony Saliba
Director
Saliba Venture Management

Adam Brandon
President
FreedomWorks

Kimberly Bellissimo
Founder & CEO
ForthRight Strategy

Martha Boneta
Executive Vice President
Citizens for the Republic

Susan A. Carleson
Chairman/CEO
American Civil Rights Union

The Honorable Seth Morgan
Former Member
Ohio House of Representatives

Gene Mills
President
Louisiana Family Forum

Richard S. Slayton
Retired

Rebekah Gantner
Executive Director
Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund

Peter J. Thomas
Chairman
Americans for Constitutional Liberty

Rick Scarborough
Founder
Vision America Action

The Honorable Morton C. Blackwell
Chairman
The Weyrich Lunch

Terry Lynch
Past President
Park Cities Republican Women

Bob Thompson
Former Administrator
The Weyrich Lunch

Belden Bell
Legacy Society Co-Chair
Heritage Foundation

William H. Shaker
President
American Council for Health Care Reform

Cindy Honcoop
State Director
Washington Eagle Forum

Ed Martin
President
Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund

James O'Hickey
Health and Nutrition
Self employed

Bob Carlstrom
President
The Carlstrom Group, LLC

James. L. Martin
Founder and Chairman
60 Plus Association

(All organizations listed for IDENTIFICATION purposes only)