



## **House Democrats Pressure a Vote on the Affordable Care Act**



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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Now that the government has reopened, House Democrats are working to convince House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) to hold a vote on extending the Affordable Care Act's ("ACA") enhanced tax credits. Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) has promised to hold a vote in the second week of December to ensure the end of the shutdown. Although there is no guarantee of the extension passing, it is still significant that a vote will be held.

It is currently unknown whether the House will also vote on the issue. This uncertainty prompted Congresswoman Sharice Davids (D-KS) to publish a letter signed by 58 Democrats asking Speaker Johnson to hold a vote on ACA's enhanced tax credit. Without these tax credits, families across the country will be seeing higher costs on their insurance premiums, as the enhanced tax credits were meant to help people afford expensive premiums. The cost increase is projected to be on average 26 percent total, but with a monthly increase of possibly as high as 114 percent.

While Republicans are looking towards the possibility of a health reform, or to replace the tax credit with another subsidy, Democrats insist that time for reform will come later, and that the extension is needed to protect up to 24 million ACA enrollees. There is currently no agreement on how to move forward.