

(Phoenix) - DJ Quinlan, spokesperson for the Arizona Alliance for Healthcare Security issued the following statement after Republicans in Congress released their healthcare repeal bill tonight. "President Trump and Republicans in Congress are ignoring the American people and rushing to rip apart our healthcare. While we're still analyzing the new Republican bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act, here is what we can say for sure:

"1. The Republican House bill to repeal ACA will **take health coverage away from millions of Americans**. First, it guts the funding for Medicaid--in Arizona we'll see **hundreds of thousands of people lose health coverage from AHCCCS**. Second, it guts funding for families who buy insurance on the individual market -- most of these folks will see their premiums go up a lot.

"2. The money the government saves by taking away all this healthcare coverage will be **given to millionaires & CEOs** in a **giant tax cut**. Insurance companies and drug companies also get giant tax cuts. Middle class and working people get no tax cut.

"3. If all that weren't bad enough, the healthcare repeal bill also includes the **Tough Times Tax**. If you lose your health coverage (because you lose your job, or just can't afford the increased premiums) insurance companies get to charge you 30% more to sign back up--making it impossible for many people to ever get the healthcare they need."