

# Protect Our Care!

## Publicly Oppose a Repeal of the Affordable Care Act Without an Adequate Replacement Plan!

### ACA Repeal Would Devastate Illinois' Budget and Kill 114,000 Jobs!

- Medicaid Expansion brought in \$3.4 billion into our state budget in less than two years.
- Jobs loss would be felt across the economy and especially in rural areas, with 39,000 lost jobs in health care and 75,000 in other sectors during the first year of repeal.
- Huge loss of economic activity, including a \$2 billion reduction in IL's state and local tax revenue from 2019-2023.

### The ACA "Replacements" and "Repairs" Don't Add Up

- Congressional Republican proposals don't offer tax credits based on income, only on age. So a 50-yr. old millionaire would receive the same tax credit as a 50-yr. old low-wage worker.
- Health savings accounts won't help low-income people afford coverage – they just allow people to shelter more of their income from taxation which benefits the wealthy.
- High risk pools won't help much. Grouping sick people together is too expensive for the government to subsidize or for consumers to afford. High risk pools were widespread before the ACA, including in IL, but few signed up due to high cost and barebones health coverage.
- Every ACA "replacement" or "repair" proposal so far covers fewer services, for less people, at higher costs to the consumer.

### The ACA has Helped Illinoisans!

- The uninsured rate is at an all-time low and over one million Illinoisans now have health coverage who could not afford it without the help of the ACA.
- Everyone with insurance, including employer-insurance, is now protected against denials of coverage due to pre-existing conditions. They can't be charged more because they are old or sick and can't lose coverage due to annual or lifetime limits.
- Plans now must cover essential benefits like maternity and newborn care, prescription drugs, and mental health and substance use disorder services.

*"I was denied for a preexisting condition. I think I still may have my denial letters. I was able to finally obtain insurance when the ACA went into effect. At the time, I was starting a small business and trying to get myself insured in the individual market. I would NOT have been able to start my business without ACA."*

*– Illinois resident*

**The Protect Our Care Illinois Coalition includes:**  
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ACLU of IL  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
Champaign County Health Care Consumers  
Champaign-Urbana Public Health District  
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless  
Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network  
Citizen Action/Illinois  
EverThrive Illinois  
Family Counseling Center, Inc.  
Family Service and Mental Health Center of Cicero  
Greater Chicago Food Depository  
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group  
Health and Disability Advocates  
Healthcare Rights Coalition  
Healthy Illinois Campaign  
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights  
Housing Action Illinois  
Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans  
Illinois Association for Behavioral Health  
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Illinois Partners for Human Service  
Infant Welfare Society of Chicago  
League of Women Voters of Illinois  
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