

CALL TO ACTION: SENATE VOTE AHEAD - STOP TRUMPCARE

I'm going to let Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) explain what's going on in his eight-tweet thread from last evening – and then we are getting down to business.



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1/ 48 hours away from a vote on a health care reform bill no one has seen. Let us count thy things that are still totally unknown.

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2/ For starters, uh...how much does the bill cost? Versions of bill floating around are hundreds of billions different on deficit impact.

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3/ Is Cruz Amendment in there or not? That kind of matters to billions of Americans who are, or have ever been, sick. They would be screwed.

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4/ Is the mysterious \$200b "transitional" slush fund in the bill? Brand new idea invented out of thin air last week to buy off a few votes.

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5/ Are we voting first on the House bill? The first Senate bill? The second Senate bill? A brand new bill? Asking for 99 friends.

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6/ Parliamentarian says you can't buy off Senators with state-specific funding. Are those sections (like for AK and LA) still in? Out?

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7/ Are there new provisions written or promises made over the weekend that we haven't seen? If so, will we see them before we vote on them?

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8/ Finally, will there be a new CBO score, as required by Senate rules, on whatever Frankenstein monster bill emerges from the arm twisting?

Here's HuffPo on status of this latest iteration of Repeal-and-Replace-ACA. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) said, "It appears we'll have a vote on Tuesday but we don't know whether we'll be voting on the House bill, the first version of the Senate bill, the second version of the Senate bill," sounding very unhappy about being kept in the dark.

Agreed – this is not how a democracy is run.

Two more things you need to know:

– Trump's administration is trying to crash the ACA; it terminated contractors in 18 cities to help with signups. Think of this as the equivalent of voter disenfranchisement by eliminating polls, only in this case, it could have deadly affects on citizens.

– Trump "asked" Navy service members to call their senators to vote to repeal ACA. This is an abuse of power; an "ask" by the commander-in-chief is an order, and in this case it's an order to U.S. military to take action against their own interests and against their fellow citizens. This may already have had a negative effect on counts based on reports last night on Twitter.

What's next?

CALL YOUR SENATOR NOW before the vote and ask them to vote NO on the Motion to Proceed, and NO on any subsequent vote to repeal and/or replace ACA.

Tools you can use:

Here's calling scripts prepared by the ever-helpful @Celeste_Pewter, one each for GOP and Democratic senators. (Celeste has an updated status on the impending vote, too.)

CALL YOUR GOP SENATORS RE: the latest incarnation of the BCRA (7/20)

You: Hello, my name is [name]. I am calling from [zip code].

You: I am calling [SENATOR] to voice my continued opposition to the GOP's attempts to revive the BCRA.

You: The latest CBO numbers - without the Cruz Amendment, and current as of 7/20 - states that 22 million would be uninsured by 2026. The CBO also projects that someone making \$26,500 in 2026, would end up having to pay a deductible of \$13,000, a 1525% increase from the \$800 the individual would pay under the ACA. Having 50% of a person's annual pay deducted for healthcare, would force financial instability on a number of constituents, and bring us back to pre-ACA times.

You: Please stop trying to force a partisan fight on our nation's health and well-being. Please follow Senator McCain's call, and either work with your Democratic colleagues on a bipartisan bill or work to save the ACA.

You: I will continue monitoring how your office chooses to respond to this ongoing debate. Please represent your constituents accurately.

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CALL YOUR DEM SENATORS RE: the latest incarnation of the BCRA (7/20)

You: Hello, my name is [name]. I am calling from [zip code].

You: I am calling [SENATOR] to voice my continued opposition to the GOP's attempts to revive the BCRA, and to thank [Senator] for holding the line.

You: I understand that the Senate Democrats are doing whatever they can to stop the bill, and I appreciate their efforts to continue to encourage that the Senate focus on fixing the ACA instead.

You: I am supportive of these efforts, particularly because healthcare impacts me for these reasons [insert explanation]. Please continue supporting efforts to protect the ACA.

You: I would like to also express my concerns at the latest CBO numbers: the fact that 22 million would be uninsured by 2026, and the skyrocketing deductibles are unacceptable.

You: Thank you and have a good day.

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Help keep track of responses at:
<https://5calls.org/> (not for use on mobile)

For more information on BRCA vote:

Follow @benwikler – MoveOn's Washington DC director, who is all over this legislation.

Follow @make5calls

Follow @icalledmyreps

If you have any more resources to follow on the

health care vote(s) this week, please share them in comments.

Lastly, if you live in Alaska, West Virginia, Ohio, Maine, you are a Most Valuable Player right now because your senators are on the bubble. Please make calls to your senators – thanks!

IMPORTANT: *This is NOT an open thread.* Health care comments here only; all other comments may be posted in the last open thread. Thank you.