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Talking Points

Republican Fast-Track Plan Take Healthcare and Food Assistance Away and Raises Costs While Giving Trillions in Tax Breaks to the Wealthy & Corporations

- Republicans in Congress are working on fast-track legislation that will take healthcare away from 13.8 million Americans, increase costs for millions more and slash basic needs programs like food assistance—all to give more tax breaks to the wealthy and corporations.
- After years of trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act and failing, Republicans have renewed their efforts with a plan to end ACA insurance coverage for 5 million people by making it unaffordable, limiting enrollment and increasing paperwork requirements that make coverage harder to access.
- But it gets worse: the Republicans plan to slash over \$700 billion in funding that pays for Medicaid coverage for low-income workers, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and children.
- The GOP Medicaid proposal strips coverage from over 8 million people while at the same time cutting other basic needs programs that poor households depend on like food assistance through SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), which puts food on the table for millions of struggling families in tough economic times.
- Rather than protect healthcare coverage, increase efficiency and simplify access, this bill increases red-tape requirements, introduces new costs on patients and multiplies burdens on hospitals, nursing homes and other health providers who are already struggling to provide services in many rural and underserved areas.
- In fact, the only people who benefit from this proposal are wealthy households and corporations will get more tax breaks paid for the cuts to Medicaid and SNAP.
- The same corporations that are price-gouging us on consumer goods, prescription drugs, gas and everything else will benefit from renewed corporate tax loopholes under this proposal, saving them billions of tax dollars a year while average families will face loss of coverage, higher healthcare costs and shrinking grocery budgets.
- Taking health care and food assistance from millions of Americans or shifting new costs to state and local budgets doesn't do anything to reduce waste, fraud and abuse—neither does giving corporations more tax breaks and loopholes.
- Rather than taking healthcare and food assistance from workers, seniors, kids, and people with disabilities who need it, politicians should stop corporations from price-gouging, curb excessive profits and make the wealthy and CEOs pay their fair share of taxes, like the rest of us.