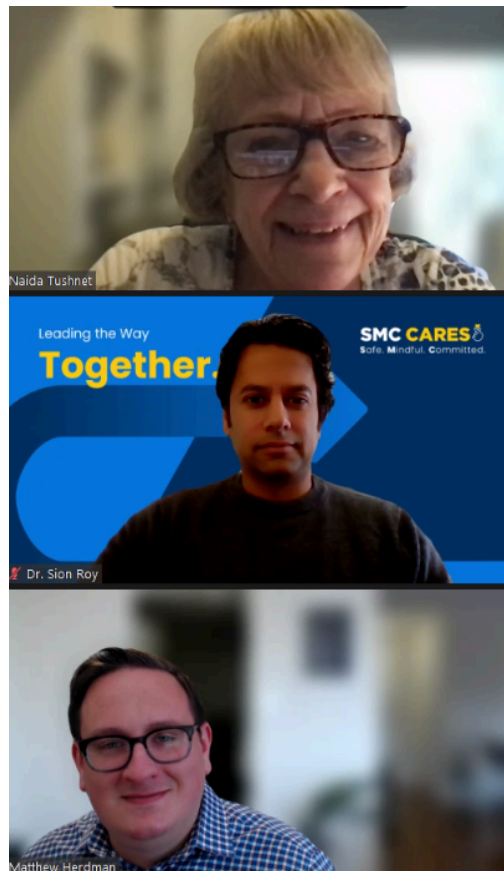


# PROTECT OUR CARE

## Ahead of Debate, Doctors and Patients Call Out MAGA Republican Efforts to Take Away Californians' Health Care



**\*Watch the event [here](#)\***

**Los Angeles, CA** – Today, Dr. Sion Roy and Naida Tushnet joined Protect Our Care CA, ahead of the first presidential debate of 2024, to call out Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans like Michelle Steel, Young Kim, and Mike Garcia for their [escalating attacks](#) on health care for Californians and people across America. As Donald Trump intensifies his threats to repeal the ACA, Republican lawmakers and their allies are attempting to dismantle reproductive care, hike premiums, slash Medicare and Medicaid, reverse recent coverage gains, and raise prescription drug costs for tens of millions of Americans. The first general election presidential debate will take place on June 27 in Atlanta, GA.

Thanks to the policies championed by President Biden and Congressional Democrats, this year a record [21.3 million](#) people nationwide signed up for coverage under the ACA marketplaces, seniors are saving on insulin and vaccine costs, and Medicare is negotiating lower prices for some of the costliest drugs on the market. While extremist Republicans work to rip away health care from Californians, President Biden and Congressional Democrats are committed to protecting and strengthening health care by making lower ACA premiums permanent to keep plans affordable for the 1.7 million enrolled, extending prescription drug savings to everyone, protecting people with pre-existing conditions, and expanding Medicaid.

“As a doctor in LA, I've seen first hand how important the ACA and the Inflation Reduction Act are at increasing access to health coverage and lowering prescription drug prices” said **Dr. Sion Roy**. “It's crucial for my patients and I hope every Californian watches this debate and see how critical this election is to continue to take the steps to improve access to quality healthcare for all Californians

"As a senior who will benefit from the prescription drug co-pay cap, I'm worried about the threat Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans pose to my health care” said **Naida Tushnet**. “I hope the debate makes clear the stakes for Californians' access to health care.”

"The insulin that millions of Americans like me rely on to survive costs too damn much” said **Kevin Wren**. “Thank god that Joe Biden capped the price of copayments at \$35/month for Medicare -- it's a game changer for millions of Americans with diabetes, and will quite literally save lives for those who can't afford it.”

You can watch the full event [here](#), and learn more about Republican attacks on affordable health care [here](#).

If you'd like to get in touch with one of our speakers, or another patient affected by a health care policy discussed at the debate, please email Protect Our Care CA State Director Matt Herdman at [matthew@50p1.com](mailto:matthew@50p1.com)

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