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Dear Congressman Frelinghuysen, Lance, Lobiondo, MacArthur and Smith,

We are writing out of deep concern over the Affordable Care Act (ACA) repeal efforts in Congress, a move that would take away health care coverage for nearly 800,000 New Jerseyans, and cause millions more to lose important protections guaranteed by the Act. Repeal poses a serious threat to the health and well being of your constituents who rely on the ACA (including those benefitting from the Medicaid expansion, the ACA funding for Medicare participants using their prescription drug benefit, and those who purchase private insurance on the exchanges). We have no doubt that a rollback of the ACA will make your constituents sicker and more financially insecure.

While we certainly know you are getting pressure from your leaders in Congress to support the ACA repeal, we are writing to strongly urge you to think of your constituents, and oppose this effort. Repealing the ACA would mean repealing many patient protections and coverage expansions.

As a coalition of organizations representing tens of thousands of your constituents, we ask that you communicate with us and your constituents whether you support and will vote for repealing the following ACA protections:

1. Requirement that insurers can no longer deny coverage or charge more for pre-existing conditions.
2. Provision that young adults be allowed to remain on their parent's health insurance up to age 26.
3. Requirement that all plans cover no-cost preventative care.
4. Requirement that all plans cover mental health and substance use treatment.
5. Requirement that all insurance plans cover maternity and newborn care.
6. Requirement that health care plans cover contraceptive services.
7. Requirement that insurance companies cannot charge more based on gender.
8. Ban on annual and lifetime caps.
9. The Medicaid expansion that extends health care coverage to 500,000 New Jerseyans with family incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level (\$16,242 for an individual and \$33,465 for a family of four).
10. Federal tax subsidies now available that reduce health care premiums and make health care more affordable for NJ consumers whose families earn less than 400% of the federal poverty level (\$97,200 for a family of four)
11. Reforms that grow stronger every year and will close the Medicare prescription "donut hole" by 2020.

On behalf of our members and the constituents we represented, we would like to request a meeting as soon as possible to discuss our concerns and your position on the various

components of the ACA listed above. Repeal efforts advanced by GOP leaders is being fast tracked so we ask that you schedule this meeting with us within the week if at all possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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