

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 17, 2017

President-Elect Donald J. Trump  
Trump Tower  
725 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear President-Elect Trump,

As fellow New Yorkers, we write to you today to convey the disastrous consequences repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would have on our home state. We implore you to consider both the economic and social impacts of repeal on the businesses and families of New York.

There is no doubt that repeal of the ACA would significantly impact working families in the state. Repeal would cause over 2.7 million New Yorkers to lose health insurance coverage, including more than 218,000 in your home borough of Manhattan alone. Beyond people directly covered through the New York state insurance exchange, repeal would have devastating consequences to our entire health care system. Repeal means that all families could once again be subject to annual and lifetime limits and could be denied care for a pre-existing condition. Because repeal would reopen the prescription drug donut hole, seniors across the state would face higher prescription drug costs of \$1,195 annually.


Additionally, repeal will cause a \$24 billion budget shortfall for hospitals across New York state. Rural hospitals, in particular, would be under enormous financial pressure and could have to close their doors, leaving many in these areas without access to care. From Manhattan to Massena, New Yorkers reject this starkly ideological plan to repeal the ACA that would throw our entire health care system into disarray and not solve the real problems that families face.

The people of New York look to their elected representatives to protect their wellbeing. As such, we ought to make every effort to strengthen the Affordable Care Act and the progress it has shepherded for the people of this great state. The Affordable Care Act has reduced the burden of health care costs for hard-working families across New York State, and we implore you to discontinue efforts to repeal this life-saving law.

Sincerely,



Rep. Paul Tonko



Rep. Louise Slaughter



Rep. José E. Serrano



Rep. Brian Higgins



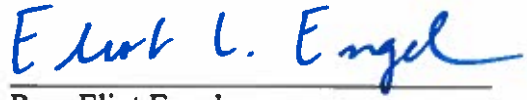
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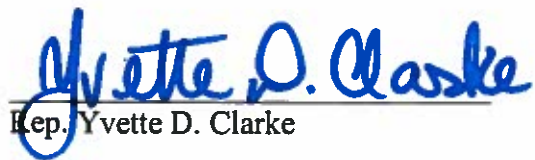
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