



June 26, 2017

RE: Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA)

Dear Senator:

I write today on behalf of Peach Tree Health and the 31,000 patients we serve in the greater Sacramento region of Northern California. We ask that you remain in strong opposition to any attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), particularly the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) recently released by the Senate.

As you know, the ACA is working in California, bringing care and coverage to millions of Californians and building the quality of our health care delivery system. Community health centers such as Peach Tree Health play a central role in the success of the ACA, and have worked tirelessly to meet the needs of the newly insured. To take away that coverage is to devastate our most vulnerable populations and destabilize California's health care system.

Rolling back the Medicaid Expansion, capping Medicaid programs, reducing subsidies, and removing Essential Health Benefits will have the net impact of further isolating and hampering health, wellness and opportunity for our most vulnerable communities in addition to eliminating jobs, increasing financial instability among your constituents, and destabilizing the economy. Increasing the number of uninsured will have a negative financial impact on our health delivery system and on our health center.

Since the implementation of the ACA, Peach Tree Health has seen a 40 percent increase in Medicaid beneficiaries who for the first time in a long time had access to primary care as well as comprehensive insurance coverage. The ACA brought California's communities access to quality medical, dental, vision and behavioral health services, bringing peace of mind to your constituents, and stabilizing the health care delivery system and local economies that depend on a healthy, strong population.

The BCRA is not a replacement for the ACA, and would ultimately lead to millions of people losing coverage. ***We ask that you be in vocal opposition to this bill and other efforts to repeal the ACA without an adequate replacement.***

Sincerely,

Greg Stone

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