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To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

From: Chris Carson, President

Re: Repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

The League of Women Voters urges you not to support the health care legislation being developed by Speaker Ryan and the House leadership. This legislation will deeply disrupt our health care and revoke coverage for millions of Americans while raising costs for millions more.

Moreover, 56 percent of the American people oppose repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

The House leadership's bill is bad for women, bad for families and bad for seniors. It would take away health coverage for 24 million people and increase out-of-pocket costs for others, especially moderate-income families. It significantly cuts coverage for women and no longer assures that women cannot be charged for more than men for healthcare. It will increase costs for those with pre-existing conditions and seniors while undermining Medicaid.

The legislation fails to reflect the American values of fairness, community, and concern for all.

The only real winners under this new legislation are special interests and the wealthiest Americans. Hundreds of billions in tax breaks are included for the wealthy and the pharmaceutical and insurance industries.

While the Affordable Care Act is not perfect, it has provided health-care coverage to tens of millions of Americans who previously went without. This new legislation is a huge step in the wrong direction. It would leave millions of Americans uninsured, in poor health and one emergency away from financial ruin.

The League of Women Voters urges you to oppose the House leadership's health care legislation.

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