



March 7, 2017

The Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
Committee on Ways & Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Walden and Chairman Brady,

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, I am writing in support of the *American Health Care Act*, or the reconciliation recommendations to repeal and replace the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (Obamacare). The provisions embodied in this Act are a vital, first step in the legislative process to completely repeal and replace Obamacare.

Millions of seniors were promised time and again by the Obama Administration that they could keep their health plans and they could keep their doctors. The last six years have proved those promises false, and millions of seniors have been forced off their health plans and out of their doctors' offices. For years, AMAC has repeatedly called on Congress to repeal the Obama Administration's failed health care law, and to put the power of health care choices back into the hands of patients. As a starting point, this bill lays the necessary foundation for more robust and necessary changes to repeal Obamacare in its entirety.

AMAC stands behind several provisions within this bill—all of which cannot be enumerated in this short letter. First, this bill expands the capabilities and use of Health Savings Accounts (HSA) to meet the needs of a modernizing society and the needs of individuals and families. Second, the recommendations repeal both the individual and employer mandates which have unnecessarily cost Americans millions of dollars and stymied small businesses. Lastly, this bill does not "pull the rug out" from those currently on the Obamacare exchanges through its built-in protections for current beneficiaries. Given the constraints of the Reconciliation process, this bill seeks to offer versatility in health care funding mechanisms, relieve Americans from unnecessary taxation, and keep as many Americans insured as possible.

While changes will inevitably happen as markups and amendments are made, we strongly urge Republican law makers to keep their promise to fully repeal and replace Obamacare. We applaud House Leadership, Chairman Walden, Chairman Brady, and their respective staffs for keeping the American public as informed as possible about something so deeply personal to all of us. As an organization committed to representing the interests of mature Americans and seniors, AMAC is dedicated to ensuring senior citizens' interests are protected. While this bill is far from perfect, AMAC is heartened by Congress's

effort to improve access to health care, improve innovation, and give America's seniors peace of mind that their health care will be protected. For the foregoing reasons, AMAC is pleased to offer our support.

Sincerely,

Dan Weber
President and Founder of AMAC