

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties  
FR: Save My Care  
DT: March 14, 2017  
RE: New Poll Shows Arizona Voters Rejecting Repeal

New polling makes clear the danger this Republican repeal bill poses for Arizona's members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. Public Policy Polling surveyed 861 Arizona voters between March 10 and 12.

The survey finds Arizonans would prefer to fix and improve the Affordable Care Act instead of repealing it and starting over and they would be less likely to vote for someone who voted for repeal. In addition, the survey found high unfavorable ratings for the GOP repeal bill proposed by President Trump and Republican Leadership in Congress, and people are significantly less likely to vote for someone who supports it. This survey was conducted before the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office analysis of the proposal.

The polling makes clear that the GOP leadership's health care agenda has been rejected by Arizona voters, and those who support it will pay a political price. We know the bill will lead to fewer covered, less protection and higher costs for Arizona families.

### **GOP demand to repeal the Affordable Care Act lacks public support**

- 52% of people said they would be less likely - 43% much less likely - to vote for someone who voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Even 54% of Independents and 50% of white voters would be less likely.
- Only 37% (and only 35% among Independents) support the GOP position of repealing the ACA and starting "over with a new health law." An overwhelming 60% prefer fixing and improving the law instead.

### **People of Arizona oppose the GOP health care repeal bill**

- 55% of voters have an unfavorable opinion - 41% very unfavorable - of the bill from President Trump and Republicans in Congress known as the American Health Care Act (AHCA). 63% of Independents are unfavorable towards it.
- After hearing some key information about what AHCA would do, 57% of people would be less likely - 47% much less likely - to support Senator Flake or their Member of Congress if they supported this bill. 58% of Independents are less likely to vote for someone who this bill.

### **The key elements of the GOP bill get a strong negative reaction from Arizonans**

- A staggering 66% of people strongly oppose - and 83% oppose overall – the provision that lets insurance companies charge older Americans 5 times more than younger people for insurance. Opposition grows to 71% strongly opposing - 89% overall - among people over 65.
- An overwhelming 68% strongly oppose - and 81% oppose overall - the anticipated increases in premiums that are estimated to come from this bill.
- 55% strongly oppose - and 68% oppose overall - the Medicaid cuts that will slash mental health and substance use disorder services including those for tackling the opioid crisis.
- 35% strongly oppose - and 47% oppose overall - effectively ending the Medicaid expansion.
- 42% strongly oppose - and 66% oppose overall - the reduction in tax credits that leads to millions losing their coverage.

While the survey shows that Arizona voters have strong concerns with the way that middle class families lose out under AHCA, voters are also concerned by who “wins” under AHCA.

- 73% strongly oppose - and 82% oppose overall - the provisions of AHCA that provide tax breaks to insurance companies for their CEO salaries over \$500,000 and other tax cuts for the wealthy. Opposition grows to 84% among white voters.

One thing is clear – the people of Arizona want nothing to do with the GOP’s repeal agenda and their health care bill.

The question is whether Arizona’s Congressional delegation is listening?

You can read the full poll toplines and crosstabs [here](#).

### **Methodology**

Public Policy Polling surveyed 861 Arizona voters from March 10th-12th. The margin of error is +/-3.3%. 80% of participants, selected through a list based sample, responded via the phone, while 20% of respondents who did not have landlines conducted the survey over the internet through an opt-in internet panel. This poll was conducted for the Future of Health Care Fund.