

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties
FR: Save My Care
DT: July 27, 2017
RE: **Voters Reject GOP Senators Who Took First Repeal Vote**

Public Policy Polling conducted two polls to gauge voter opinion of the Republican health care repeal and of Senators who supported the Senate's first health care repeal vote - the motion to proceed vote on Tuesday - in [Nevada](#) and [Ohio](#). The polls show voters disapprove of their Senator's vote, and continue to reject the latest Republican health care repeal bill, are upset at the way the Senate is handling this issue and want Republican Senators to abandon repeal and move on to bipartisan solutions that improve health care, instead. Despite this, Senators continue to ignore the will of their constituents and seem intent to pass a Republican only repeal bill that will take insurance away from millions, raise costs, and threaten critical protections.

Voters in Nevada and Ohio overwhelmingly reject their Senator's decision to take a "first vote in favor of health care repeal." And by significant margins, voters say it will make them less likely to vote to reelect their Senator given that they supported this.

- **Nevada:** By 50% to 43%, voters think Senator Heller made the **wrong** decision by take this first vote for health care repeal, including 54% opposition among independents and only 40% support. In addition, his vote makes 48% of voters less likely to support Heller in the next election and only 35% more likely.
- **Ohio:** By 50% to 42%, voters think Senator Portman made the **wrong** decision by take this first vote for health care repeal, including 60% opposition among independents and only 34% support. In addition, his vote makes 43% of voters less likely to support Portman in the next election and only 35% more likely.

Beyond their opposition to the initial vote for repeal, voters in these states also disapprove of the "Senate Republicans' health care repeal plan that is currently being debated" by overwhelming margins.

- **Nevada:** By 18 points - 55% to 37%, Nevada voters disapprove of the Republican health care repeal plan. The margin grows to 24 points - 58% to 34% - among independents.
- **Ohio:** By 17 points - 53% to 36%- Ohio voters disapprove of the Republican health care repeal plan. The margin grows to 33 points - 62% to 29% - among independents.

Not only do voters disapprove of the vote and the underlying repeal plan but **they reject the way that Senate Republicans are getting it done** - they strongly disapprove of "the way the Senate is going about health care repeal." Voters disapprove of the Senate's process by 38 points (63% to 25%) in Nevada and by 48 points (68% to 20%) in Ohio.

What do voters want their elected representatives to do? We asked voters in both states what their Senators should do going forward and they want them to "fix and improve our current health care law known as the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010" rather than "continue trying to pass the Republican plan to repeal and replace.

- **Nevada:** By 54% to 39%, Nevada voters prefer Senator Heller work to “fix and improve” health care rather than continue the repeal effort. This extends to 51% to 38% among independents.
- **Ohio:** By 53% to 40%, Ohio voters prefer Senator Portman work to “fix and improve” health care rather than continue the repeal effort. This extends to 62% to 33% among independents.

The only question left is whether Republican Senators are going to listen to their constituents or not. It's clear what the people who sent them to Washington want - no more health care repeal.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 970 voters in Nevada and 909 voters in Ohio between July 26 and July 27.