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AN OPEN MEMORANDUM TO CONGRESS URGING A "NO" VOTE ON ANY OF ITS
CURRENT VERSIONS OF THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT (AHCA)
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NMA)

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT, WHICH IS UNDER
CONSIDERATION FOR PASSAGE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PLEASE
BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. This measure in its current form is unacceptable as a replacement for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and should be voted against if brought up for a vote.
- B. This measure if passed will cause considerable harm to the American people by making health insurance unaffordable and unattainable for middle- and low-income citizens.
- C. This measure if passed will remove subsidies that have made it easier for people to purchase insurance.
- D. This measure if passed will remove the essential health benefits provision of the ACA which will jeopardize the health and well being of the American people.
- E. This measure if passed will result in the loss of health insurance coverage for 14 million people in the next year and 24 million people in the next decade.
- F. This measure if passed will result in elimination of Medicaid expansion in most states thus jeopardizing the lives and health of additional millions of current enrollees.
- G. This measure if passed will result in a massive increase in healthcare costs.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECOMMENDS A "NO" VOTE ON THE AMERICAN HEALTH
CARE ACT IN ANY OF ITS CURRENT VERSIONS.

FOR THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,

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