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**Community Advocates Public Policy Institute  
Statement on Obamacare Repeal Efforts**

Milwaukee—Republican Senators have struggled to find the 50 votes necessary to pass the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson health reform bill and have decided not to vote on it this week. The bill attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by replacing Medicaid with block grants to the states and disrupting the private insurance market, the combination of which could potentially cause millions of Americans to lose their insurance coverage.

The following is a statement by the Public Policy Institute’s Research and Program Coordinator, Mike Bare, about the state of play in Congress:

“The ACA is once again proving its resilience. It’s good policy that positively affects every American. The politics of fear and scapegoating have been unsuccessful because people have risen to challenge false narratives and terrible policy responses from Congress and the President. We need to keep that pressure on.

“There is a better way than the current bill. The President and his Administration should reconsider decisions intended to sabotage the ACA, including cutting funding for enrollment assisters. Congress should continue to seek bipartisan improvements to our health coverage and health care systems. And policymakers in Wisconsin should convene stakeholders to examine how best to implement the ACA to maximize the benefits available to patients, plans, providers, and taxpayers.”

Feel free to reach out to Mike Bare for further comment as you report on health care reform at 920-242-1639 or [MBare@communityadvocates.net](mailto:MBare@communityadvocates.net).

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