



Rep. Karen Bass of California's 33rd District

Health Care Reform Town Hall

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AGENDA

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Representative Karen Bass

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HHS Regional Director Herb Schultz

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Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

**Access, Quality, & Protection
for all Americans**



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT in CD 33

- Increases number of people with health insurance by **126,000**, including **4,100** young adults
- Expands consumer protections for **304,000** individuals who have health insurance through their employer
- Provides tax credit to up to **15,100** small businesses and **173,000** families
- Decreases costs to hospitals providing uncompensated care by **\$16 million annually**



POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Republican Majority Attacks Health Care Reform



NEW REPUBLICAN MAJORITY

- Boehner 2010 campaign pledge & GOP top priority: repeal health care law
- H.R. 1: House Republicans vowed to slice \$100 billion from the 2011 budget
- “Cut-as-you-go” rule: every new dollar spent must be offset with a dollar cut
- H.R. 2: First major vote of 112th Congress on health care reform law repeal



5-POINT REPEAL STRATEGY

1. Full Repeal of Health Law

House passed; Senate Democrats rejected repeal
Faced Obama veto

2. Defund Individual Components

State Insurance Exchanges, Prevention & Public Health Fund,
School Based Health Clinics, Teaching Health Centers

3. States Blocking Implementation

4. Constitutional Challenges

5. Balanced Budget Amendment

Budget Control Act requires Congress to vote before Dec 31



GOP HEALTH REFORM BUDGET PLAN

- Ends Medicare as we know it
 - Replaces with voucher program
 - Reopens prescription drug “donut” hole
- Caps Medicaid funding
 - Shifts costs to cash strapped states
 - Seniors, disabled, children lose coverage
- Defunds health care reform
 - Increases number of uninsured by at least 34 million people



ATTACKS ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

- Republicans exploit abortion issue to defund health law
- FACT: Health care reform does not allow for federal funding of abortion (Obama Executive Order)
- H.R. 3: Unprecedented, radical assault on women's health care
 - Permanently prohibits federal funding for abortion
 - Ends individual/business tax deductions and credits for insurance plans that cover abortion
 - Eliminates privately funded insurance coverage for abortion in the exchanges



DEFEND HEALTH CARE REFORM

**Get Involved in the Fight to
Preserve Access to
Quality Health Care**



DEFEND HEALTH CARE REFORM

- Although destructive bills have passed in House, Senate and President blocked assaults
- House & Senate Democrats will continue to combat attacks by Republicans. President Obama will veto legislation
- Your input and advocacy is critical to make sure ACA is implemented the right way
- Make your voice heard! Call Congress!
- Learn about your personal benefits:

www.healthcare.gov



ACA SUPPORTS JOB CREATION

- Health care reform is a massive and immediate job creator
- Creates up to 400,000 U.S. jobs
- Jobs are high-paying, entry-level with specific career ladders
 - Medical Assistant earns on average \$30,000
 - Phlebotomist earns on average \$40,000



STAY INVOLVED!

- Join the CD 33 Congressional Council!
 - Fill out your interest card & survey!
- Stay Informed: www.healthcare.gov
- Support CA State Legislation to implement legislation – call Sacramento!
- Inform your friends & family. Encourage them to get involved & write to Congress!