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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

**Re: On Behalf of Members of the Repeal Coalition**

Passage of the first serious tax reform in 30 years through both houses of Congress is a landmark achievement. We recognize that it is but the first step in an ongoing agenda of progress, but it was critically important. We applaud you for your leadership and the hard work of leaders and members in Congress in taking action to lower taxes for workers, stimulate job creation, and enhance the international competitiveness of American businesses.

The fact that the tax penalty imposed by the individual mandate was expunged in the final version of the tax bill also is a great benefit to the American people. The mandate is a massively regressive tax: Four out of five people paying the penalty for not having insurance earn less than \$50,000 a year.

The failures of the Affordable Care Act, and the gulf between the law's rhetoric and reality, were nowhere more evident than in seeing millions of people choosing to go uninsured even though billions of dollars are being spent to subsidize coverage. If you can't pay someone to take something and if people find policies so expensive and deductibles so high they might as well be uninsured, then it's clear the "Affordable" Care Act isn't affordable at all. It is right to repeal this despised mandate.

Now that tax reform legislation is signed into law, it is time to deliver on the rest of the promises made to the American people to free them from the shackles of ObamaCare.

A recent [Politico poll](#) shows that, given a list of 15 policy issues, Republicans and Democrats both put health care as their top priority. We saw this play out recently in the Virginia elections where health reform was a key concern of voters. Even if conservative candidates don't focus on health reform, the other side will. If we allow false narratives to go unanswered, it confuses voters because they know from their own experience the damage this law is doing. We must actively gain trust that conservatives have ideas and plans to repair the damage ObamaCare has done.

We encourage you to move quickly to fulfill your and Congress's promises to the American people. Health reform must be the focus of the 2019 budget reconciliation instructions. And your

administration's leadership can help the Senate and the House design a bill that can muster the votes needed for passage of true health reform to give Americans more choices of more affordable health coverage and care that meet their needs.

Former President Obama, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader Reid did not rest until the ACA was passed in 2010. The American people are counting on an equal effort, with equally unflagging determination, to give them relief and provide the choices they were promised. We are ready to help you in achieving these crucial goals.

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