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Re: **ACA Repeal and Replace Bill Stalls in the Senate**

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On Monday two more Republican Senators, Mike Lee (UT) and Jerry Moran (KS), came out against the ACA repeal and replace bill, the "Better Care Reconciliation Act" (BCRA). Since Senators Susan Collins (ME) and Rand Paul (KY) already said they would vote against the BCRA, this new opposition effectively "kills" the bill, leaving it at least two votes short of the 50 votes needed for Senate passage.

Thank you for all your efforts on the BCRA! It was due to your work that this harmful legislation has been stalled.

However, the saga over ACA repeal is not yet over. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has indicated he is switching legislative strategies, from repealing and replacing the ACA to just repealing the law, and the Senate will vote on such a bill next week. A "repeal only" bill would be even worse than either the BCRA or the House passed version, the American Health Care Act. Earlier this year, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that a repeal-only bill would cause 32 million people to lose health coverage within 10 years.

Please, [click here](#), to tell your Senators to vote "No" on this repeal only bill, and any bill that reduces coverage. Congress should work in a bi-partisan manner to improve the ACA, not dismantle it.

Thank you again for all the work you have done on health reform!

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