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**Congresswoman Doris Matsui Releases 10 Reasons Repealing the Health Care Law Will Hurt Americans**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, in anticipation of this week’s House vote to repeal the health care law, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05), released the following reasons that repeal would harm Americans.

10 Reasons Repealing the Health Care Law Will Hurt Americans

Repealing the health care law will:

1. End coverage for millions of Americans – 32 million Americans will lose their health coverage if the health care law is repealed.<sup>1</sup>
2. Eliminate millions of American jobs – An estimated 4 million jobs expected to be created over the next decade by the health care law will be drastically reduced if it is repealed.<sup>2</sup>
3. Add billions to the deficit – The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has reported that repeal of the health care law would increase the deficit by an estimated \$230 billion.<sup>3</sup>

4. Allow health insurance companies to rescind coverage – Insurance companies will once again be able to drop people when they get sick, exactly when they need their insurance most. <sup>4</sup>
  
5. Allow health insurance companies to deny coverage – Insurance companies will once again be able to deny coverage to children with pre-existing conditions, pregnant women and breast cancer survivors. <sup>5</sup>
  
6. Increase costs for seniors and take away new benefits – Seniors will face an increase in their prescription drug costs and be deprived of the 50% discount on prescription drugs that the law will provide. <sup>6</sup>
  
7. Reduce health insurance options for young adults – Young people will not be able to stay on their parents' plans until age 26. <sup>7</sup>
  
8. Raise health care premiums – Health care premiums for Americans getting coverage through large employers will go up, and the lack of exchanges will mean less competition and higher prices. <sup>8</sup>
  
9. Harm the middle class and raise taxes – Tax breaks and premium assistance that helps millions of families and small businesses pay for coverage will be eliminated. <sup>9</sup>
  
10. Allow health insurance companies to impose devastating annual and lifetime caps – People who have chronic conditions or serious illnesses will once again have to worry about insurance companies only paying a limited amount of their medical bills. <sup>10</sup>

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