



San Antonio Alamo Area Local Legislative Updates



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I wanted to let you know of the outrageous tactics Republicans are, apparently, planning next week on healthcare. Below is a message I just sent to all of my Democratic colleagues. I will keep pushing back against these efforts to deny healthcare to millions.

Emergency Alert! Read the Bill!

Dear Democratic Colleague,

It now appears that House Republicans will jam through legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act next Wednesday, March 8, in both the House Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce Committees. This travesty will begin only a few hours after we next return to Washington for Tuesday's evening session.

What makes this particularly outrageous is that Republicans have this year refused to present a single witness to explain their legislation, and they apparently plan to consider it without any estimate of the cost (score) from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, nor any estimates of the tax consequences from the Joint Committee on Taxation. Moreover they have refused to produce any witness on behalf of the Trump Administration to explain how this legislation will comport with the President's many promises for a replacement plan that provides better and less expensive coverage for everyone.

To add further insult to this great injury, some news reports indicate that a draft of this repeal legislation is being stored here in a secure, undisclosed location where it is available solely to selected Republicans. During initial consideration of the ACA legislation, opponents repeatedly demanded that we "READ THE BILL." Now the tactics of these same forces is to deny us any bill to read.

As you plan next week, please be aware of this significant injustice, and alert other concerned Americans of this sneak attack to take away healthcare from millions. There is a demand signed by every Democratic Member of the House Ways and Means Committee requesting that Republicans immediately change course to correct this wrongdoing.

I understand that the Democrats on the House Energy and Commerce Committee will be issuing a similar letter.

Please contact our office if we can supply additional information.

Sincerely,
Lloyd Doggett