



Script to Use When Talking to Senators or Their Staff about the Senate's "Better Care Reconciliation Act" (BCRA)

Key messages to convey

- The CBO score confirms that the Senate health care repeal bill will bring devastating harm to millions of people in America, all while giving an enormous tax break to the wealthy.
- The legislation destroys Medicaid protections for children, seniors and people with disabilities, strips coverage from millions of people, and drives up out-of-pocket health care costs for millions more.
- Make no mistake: this bill will make health care worse, not better.
- The bill cannot be fixed with added sweeteners and payoffs, try as Senate Republican leaders might. It needs to be scrapped completely.
- If Republicans in the Senate pass this bill, they will be responsible for the pain and suffering it causes and voters will remember come 2018.

SAMPLE CALL DIALOGUE

Caller: Good morning/afternoon! Can you let me know Senator _____'s position on the Better Care Reconciliation Act?

Option 1: If your Senator opposes the BCRA

Staffer: Thank you for calling. Senator _____ opposes this legislation.

Caller: That's great! Please tell Senator _____ thank you for opposing the bill. I'd like to hear him/her speak out in the media or on the Senate floor against repeal of the Affordable Care Act and cuts to Medicaid that will hurt seniors, children, and people with disabilities. She/he needs to make it clear that she/he wants to protect people on Medicaid and everyone else who depends on the Affordable Care Act for their health and wellbeing.

Staffer: I will certainly pass on your message to Senator _____.

Caller: Please do. This is extremely important to me and I will be watching closely for her/his public statements in opposition. Thank you for your time.

Option 2: If your Senator supports the BCRA

Staffer: Thank you for calling. Senator _____ supports BCRA.

Caller: I'm very disappointed to hear that. This bill would take away health care from millions of Americans, would cut the Medicaid program, and give billions in tax breaks to the wealthy.

This bill would make health care worse, not better. If it becomes law, the people Senator _____ represents will face higher out-of-pocket costs or lose their access to care altogether.

Staffer: I will certainly pass on your concerns to Senator _____

Caller: Please do. If Senator _____ votes for this bill, he/she will be responsible for the pain and suffering it causes and voters like me will remember.

Option 3: If your Senator dodges or has no opinion on BCRA

Staffer: Thank you for calling! I'm not sure if Senator _____ supports or opposes the Better Care Reconciliation Act at this time, but I'm happy to take down your concerns.

Caller: I'm disappointed to hear that and would ask Senator _____ to oppose this bill.

Here are my concerns. This bill would leave millions more uninsured and cut Medicaid for the most vulnerable— children, seniors, and people with disabilities. The bill cannot be fixed with added sweeteners, try as Senate Republican leaders might. It needs to be scrapped completely.

This bill would make health care worse, not better. If it becomes law, the people Senator _____ represents will face higher out-of-pocket costs or lose their access to care altogether.

My health depends on Senator _____ voting against the Better Care Reconciliation Act.

I expect Senator _____ to publicly pledge to vote no on this harmful bill.

Staffer: I will certainly pass on your concerns to Senator _____.

Caller: Please do, and please take down my contact information to let me know when Senator _____ has made up his/her mind. I'm eager to hear what he/she decides.