

TALKING POINTS AND ACTION AGAINST ACA (Affordable Care Act) FOR Steuben COUNTY RESIDENTS

1. People will lose insurance: Thousands of Southern Tier residents at risk for losing health insurance coverage; 76,000 in the NY23rd Congressional District 10,039 in Steuben County.
2. Repeal of the ACA tax support blows a hole in the Federal Budget. Repeal will add a trillion dollars to the deficit.
3. County property taxes will skyrocket. The ACA transfers 600 million to local counties to support Medicaid. Steuben County might face a \$1,514,370 budget shortfall.
4. Seniors on Medicaid will suffer. The ACA extended Medicare solvency to at least 2029 because of a modest tax increases* on high earners and on **large net investment profits. ACA repeal wipes out these taxes. Seniors will pay more for drugs, since ACA repeal halts the gradual phase out of the drug donut hole. Repeal also eliminates Medicare wellness provisions such as free colonoscopies, mammograms, smoking cessation programs, annual exams and diabetes, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings. Southern Tier seniors on Medicare will pay more for less.
*.05% on singles over \$200,000 and couples over \$250,000 **3.8%
5. ACA repeal cancels real gains women have made in the past six years in health coverage, care and cost. The ACA bans higher rates private insurance companies once charged women. Contraceptive coverage, free mammograms and complete coverage for annual physicals will disappear. Repeal most likely will ban Planned Parenthood from receiving Medicaid reimbursements. Planned Parenthood is the health care provider for thousands of women throughout our region.

Sources of More Information:

<http://obamacarefacts.com/obamacare-facts/>

<http://blog.supplementalhealthcare.com/patient-care-forum/affordable-care-act-pros-and-cons-update-for-2016>

Goals: Our Mantra Should Be: Keep It! Fix any problems.

Actions:

1. Call Congressman Tom Reed once a week. Make two calls, one to a local office. One to Washington. Concentrate on one point and make it personal. Increase in property taxes. Assault on Medicare. Hardworking low income folks will lose insurance.
Corning Office: 607-654-7566
DC Office: 202-225-3161

Write a brief 200 word letter to the editor (200) or a longer OPED Guest editorial (500 words) to one of these papers. Do not be confused at similarity between some addresses. Some papers are co-owned.

Bath: Steuben Courier Advocate Email Stella Dupree SDupree@The-Leader.com

Corning: The Corning Leader Email Shawn Vargo at svargo@the-leader.com

Hornell: The Evening Tribune Email John Anderson at johnanderson@eveningtribune.com

3. Drop by Congressman Reed's Corning Office with a friend and tell why ACA Repeal will be bad for you, Steuben County and the Southern Tier. The address is 89 West market Street, Corning, NY.

Need help or inspiration with letters or OPEDS? Email Ann Sullivan at annah.sullivan@gmail.com

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