

## Simple Talking Points Against ACA Repeal Resolution

1. People at risk of losing coverage: Thousands of Southern Tier residents at risk for losing health insurance coverage. 40,000 in NY58th Senate District. 2000 in Tompkins County
2. Blows a hole in the Federal Budget. Estimates are that repeal will result in a trillion dollar deficit.
3. Local Tompkins County Property Taxes will skyrocket. The ACA transfers 600 million to local counties to support Medicaid.
4. Seniors on Medicaid will suffer. The ACA extended Medicare solvency to at least 2029 because of a modest tax increase on incomes over \$250,000 and on large net investment profits. ACA repeal wipes out these taxes. Seniors also 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
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>

<http://www.stargazette.com/story/opinion/2017/01/10/southern-tier-afford-aca-repeal/96392516/>

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

Actions:

Call Congressman Tom Reed once a week. Make two call, 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.

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