September 15, 2015

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.  20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation’s oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, I urge you to oppose any legislative efforts to undermine, repeal, or defund the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The Affordable Care Act was hailed by our organization as part of the solution addressing the health care needs of our country. As Latinos are disproportionately affected by a series of chronic preventable illnesses and diseases, creating access to preventative care and treatment through these new health care exchanges, is an integral and important step to reducing health disparities faced by Latino families. These are welcomed solutions to the health care crisis currently being experienced by millions of Latinos. Any efforts to undermine, repeal, or defund the work of the ACA is not only a waste of scarce legislative time, but derails Congress’ ability from making decisions on other pending issues that will lead to greater economic growth and progress for the nation. It is important that you understand that these and future attacks on the ACA are seen by our organization, as attacks on the Latino community’s ability to obtain affordable, and high-quality, health care coverage.

With millions of individuals registered in the last enrollment period, it is clear that the ACA is a necessity to many Americans and their families. LULAC believes the Congress needs to strengthen, rather than dilute the coverage of the ACA in order to support a healthier and more prosperous society. In addition, LULAC urges Congressional offices to engage in the promotion and dissemination of critical ACA health care options for their constituents by hosting enrollment events in their districts prior to and during the upcoming enrollment period scheduled to start on Nov. 1, 2015.

The health and well-being of all Americans is a priority for LULAC and Congress should end its battle with the Affordable Care Act and allow its benefits to reach America’s uninsured. Please feel free to have your staff reach out to Luis Torres, LULAC Director of Policy, at latorres@lulac.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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