



League of United Latin American Citizens

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Margaret Moran

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Brent A. Wilkes

NATIONAL OFFICERS
Rosa Rosales
Immediate Past President
Maggie Rivera
Treasurer
Roman Rodriguez
Youth President
Frank Urteaga
VP for Elderly
Elsie Valdes
VP for Women
Ana Valenzuela Estrada
VP for Youth
Manuel Rendon
VP for Young Adults
Mickie Solorio Luna
VP for Farwest
Darryl Morin
VP for Midwest
Ralina Cardona
VP for Northeast
Juan Carlos Lizardi
VP for Southeast
Baldomero Garza
VP for Southwest

STATE DIRECTORS
Rev. John Mireles
Arizona
Terry Treviño-Richard
Arkansas
Benny Diaz
California
Alfredo Haro
Colorado
Thomas Higgins
District of Columbia
Lydia Medrano
Florida
Brandie Bedard
Georgia
Rosemary Bombela-Tobias
Illinois
Wanda Gordils
Indiana
Joseph Enriquez Henry
Iowa
Michelle Cuevas-Stubblefield
Kansas
Yvette Butler, MD
Maryland
Esther Degraives-Aguinaga
Massachusetts
Priscilla Rocha, Ed.D.
Nevada
James Fukuda
New Jersey
Ralph Arellanes
New Mexico
Eduardo LaGuerre
New York
Lourdes Ribera
Ohio
Ivonne Quiñones Lanzó
Puerto Rico
Elia Mendoza
Texas
Salvador Lazalde
Utah
Bob Garcia
Virginia
Arturo Martinez, Ph.D.
Wisconsin

January 8, 2015

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Representative:


On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the country's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, I urge you to oppose H.R. 30, the Save American Workers Act of 2015. The bill which seeks to change the "full time employee" definition in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would not only make it more difficult for workers to access health insurance but, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), would deprive 1 million Americans of their current health plans and increase the deficit by \$74 billion over 10 years.

The Affordable Care Act was hailed by our organization as part of the solution to address the health care needs of our country. Because Latinos are disproportionately affected by a series of chronic and preventable 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 the millions of Latinos. Today, we are particularly disappointed that the 114th session of Congress will begin its work year with an attack on the Affordable Care Act. The Save American Workers Act of 2015 is not only a waste of scarce legislative time, but derails the House 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 any attacks on the Affordable Care Act are seen by our organization, as attacks on the Latino community's ability to obtain affordable, good quality health care.

With over 7.1 million individuals registered in the last enrollment period and millions more enrolling in the current enrollment period, it is clear that the Affordable Care Act is a necessity to many Americans and their families. LULAC believes the House needs to strengthen, not dilute, the Affordable Care Act in order to develop a healthier and more prosperous society. By raising the requirement for health care coverage of a "full time employee" from 30 hours a week to 40 hours, one million Americans would lose access to their current health plan. The lack of health insurance of these employees will come at a cost for to the federal government and taxpayers. The Save American Workers Act of 2015 does not benefit workers, but rather pushes them to be worked more while receiving less of the health care coverage they need.

The health and well-being of all workers is a priority for LULAC and the House should end its battle against the Affordable Care Act and allow its benefits to reach America's most needed workers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Luis Torres, Director of Policy and Legislation, at 202-833-6130, or by email at latorres@lulac.org.

Sincerely,


Margaret Moran
LULAC National President