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**Message to the U.S. Senate - Don't Repeal Health Care Reform
Baltimore HealthCare Access Statement on Efforts to Repeal the Affordable Care Act.**

Everyday the uninsured call Baltimore HealthCare Access for help locating health coverage. These are working people and families, some with pre-existing conditions, some whose income is just over the limit for programs that could provide some coverage, some have been dropped from coverage when they became ill, some are desperate to get health care for a child who has cancer or another life threatening illness, some have let a minor condition escalate because they couldn't afford to see a specialist, some can't afford a medication that could relieve pain or keep a chronic condition in check.

All are Americans and the vast majority of them work - some have two or even three jobs. In a country as wealthy as ours and as advanced as our medical care is it is not acceptable that they can't get the health care they need. No American should lose their home or life savings to get health care in this country. And no American should die because he or she did not have health coverage. Yet that is what happens in America - every day.

We can help many who call us get health coverage or access care but for some there are no options. For them the Affordable Care Act offers a ray of hope. Some are already able to access coverage for the first time for themselves or a family member because of the Act. Repealing the Act for them could be a death sentence.

"...the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life; the sick, the needy and the handicapped." ~ Last Speech of Hubert H. Humphrey

It is our hope that as a nation we will rise to the challenge of this latest moral test. Sadly, today the House turned their backs on the uninsured in America. We ask the Senate to stand strong - Don't repeal the Affordable Care Act.