

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
230 United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Cornyn  
Majority Whip, U.S. Senate  
208 United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Enzi  
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget  
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Majority Whip Cornyn, and Chairman Enzi:

The American people have given Republicans an historic opportunity to repeal Obamacare. They have delivered majorities to both chambers of Congress and elected a Republican President who has promised to make this a priority from day one.

Therefore, we write to support your efforts to pass a bill repealing Obamacare within the first few weeks of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. We understand that this will require first moving a budget resolution for fiscal year 2017 through Congress. While we recognize this budget resolution is primarily a mechanism to advance repeal, it should still contain transparent spending and revenue numbers and include all extant enforcement tools.

Prior to consideration of this "Obamacare Repeal Resolution," we wish to affirm our shared commitment to the following process that will lead to the delivery of the following conservative priorities.

First, it is our belief that the 2017 budget resolution must include reconciliation instructions that enable Congress to quickly consider legislation that repeals *at least as much* of Obamacare as H.R.3762, which President Obama vetoed in December 2015. Indeed, we should try to use the reconciliation process to repeal as many provisions of Obamacare as possible, especially the insurance mandates that are driving up health insurance costs for millions of Americans.

Second, we seek your commitment to passing a fiscal year 2018 budget resolution that sets our new, unified Republican federal government on a path to balance in 10 years without the use of budgetary gimmicks or tax increases. Our votes in favor of the "Obamacare Repeal Resolution" do not indicate in any way our support for the revenue, spending, and deficit numbers therein, nor for the use of those numbers as the basis for future federal budgets.

We look forward to working with you this Congress and to delivering on the mandate given to us by the American people to repeal Obamacare and reform the status quo in Washington.

Sincerely,

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Mike Lee  
U.S. Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marco Rubio", written over a horizontal line.

Marco Rubio  
U.S. Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Cruz", written over a horizontal line.

Ted Cruz  
U.S. Senator