



**\*\*\*Media Advisory\*\*\*\***

**San Diego Health Organizations, Community Leaders and Disease Advocacy Groups Urge Senators Feinstein and Harris to Call on Colleagues in Senate and House to Reject Any Health Care Bill that is Bad for San Diegans, Bad for the Health System and Bad for the Economy!**

San Diego-CA—July 25, 2017. This afternoon, the U.S. Senate voted to open discussions on an unseen iteration of a health care bill that could undo essential patient protections and result in people paying far more for coverage or losing coverage altogether. The legislation has not had any public hearings nor been fully evaluated by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. Community and health leaders, advocates and consumers will come together tomorrow to urge the Senate to reject any legislation that reduces health coverage, health funding and health access for millions of Americans, Californians and San Diegans.

“This is not the improvement that the American public was promised – it does not make healthcare more affordable. It does not stabilize health insurance markets. It takes precious care way from seniors, the disabled, children, pregnant women and working families,” said Jan Spencley, Executive Director of San Diegans for Healthcare coverage. “Trading tax breaks for a few for the America. People will die. How is that a healthcare bill?”

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) and San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage (SDHCC) will host a press event to highlight the damage that the Senate bills will cause and to highlight its opposition by every major healthcare and consumer advocacy organization.

“The greenlight given by the Senate yesterday means a new health care bill will be hastily crafted on the Senate floor that could roll back significant patient protections without allowing any public input—even when basic patient safeguards are at stake,” said ACS CAN California Government Relations Director Lynda Barbour. “Whether it is 22 million or 32 million, affordable and adequate health care coverage could soon be out of reach for many and that means lives will be at risk.”

**What: Press Event: Urge Senate to Reject Health Bill**

**When:** July 26, 2017  
10:00 -11:00 a.m.

**Where:** 4699 Murphy Canyon Road  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Who:** San Diegans for Health Care Coverage, The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Susan G. Komen of San Diego, Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties; Health Center Partners, American Lung Association in California, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association; American Liver Foundation, Chronic Care Coalition , California Colorectal Cancer Coalition; Health-Access; health care providers, patients/consumers with coverage at risk and survivors with chronic diseases

**Visuals:** Posters/Charts reflecting the consequences of Senate proposals  
Signs reflecting a broad coalition of organizations that are concerned about access to care.  
Individuals in black t-shirts with, “Hello, my pre-existing condition is \_\_\_\_\_” on front.