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HCAN Statement on Senate Health Care Reform Bill Release

Washington, DC – [Health Care for America Now](#) (HCAN) – the nation’s largest health care campaign – released the following statement on the Senate’s unveiling of its health care bill – the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

Richard Kirsch, National Campaign Manager, [Health Care for America Now](#):

“HCAN applauds Majority Leader Reid for introducing legislation that will provide more affordable health coverage to America’s families and businesses, stop insurance company abuses, and provide the choice of a public health insurance option. We urge the full Senate to get to work quickly on debating this legislation, considering reasonable amendments, and sending a bill to conference as soon as possible. Congress must do all it can to deliver to the President reforms that guarantee good, affordable coverage for our families and businesses and establish a healthy foundation for our economy.

We know that Republicans will do everything they can to block this bill, starting by voting against allowing the Senate even to debate reform. Republicans have made it clear they will put partisan politics ahead of the public good and allow the health insurance industry to continue denying Americans the health care coverage they need while raising premiums and bankrupting America’s families.

Throughout the Senate debate, HCAN will organize people nationwide to speak out and stand up against partisan stall tactics and the insurance industry and demand the Senate allow an up-or-down vote on legislation that will provide everyone with the peace of mind of knowing that they will have good, affordable health coverage no matter what.”