

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Dan from Greensburg, Pennsylvania, wrote to me. He said:

I am having very serious difficulties with the new health care. I called a place from the marketplace today inquiring about an affordable plan for my wife. I currently pay about \$300 per month through my employer just for her coverage, but she has lost her job. The marketplace premium for her beginning in January will be over \$800 per month. How do you think this is affordable coverage? This is a 200 percent increase, or more, for me. My wife and I both have bills to pay. I will lose my house if I pay this outrageous premium. I will find it to be necessary to drop her from coverage. I would have been willing to do my share in this, but this increase is way beyond my reach. I will not be able to cover my wife now. I am 62 years old. I had a major heart attack 3 years ago. I was revived four times during my heart attack and then had complications which required emergency abdominal surgery to save my life again. I am back to work, but I have medical expenses, and now my premium just for my wife is doubling. I am sorry for being angry, but I feel cheated. I am not able to afford the outrageous premiums, and I will not be able to cover my wife.

Mr. Speaker, this breaks your heart.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, really I felt compelled to come because let's really talk about what this is. This is the 44th time to try to deny people access to health care. That is what it is.

If you listened to some of my colleagues, you would think that all Americans are being denied health care coverage. Number one, we are talking about 5 percent, and 5 percent is too much. So what the President did today was to say that we are going to make sure that those individuals who have lost their coverage, if the insurance companies will stand up, they will do the right thing.

What this says is that what we know is that there are 36 States, most of them headed by Republicans, that have already decided they didn't want to get involved; they didn't want State exchanges. So they wanted to make sure to deny individuals who have pre-existing diseases.

You could come and talk about the people who are saying, Thank you, Mr. President, for the Affordable Care Act. Because of my preexisting condition, I had been turned down by insurance companies. With Affordable Care, that won't happen.

Young people who don't have insurance, up to age 26, they will still be covered because of the Affordable Care Act.

What this is is a process and an attempt to try to end the Affordable Care Act for the 44th time. Let's not do that. Let's give the people the right to health care.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. BISHOP of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, in 2003, 5-year-old Isabelle Jane was diagnosed with leukemia, a disease that has driven the decisions her family has made since that time on where to live, what doctors to have, what insurance to gain. She had daily chemotherapy for 3 years and is now in remission.

But 18 months ago, she started to have side effects from this disease. It affected her heart, her bones, and her cognitive processing. Since that time, and since ObamaCare was passed, her insurance rates have more than doubled, and she was told this year that their insurance would be canceled by the end of this year. As Isabelle Jane's mother wrote:

The Affordable Care Act has seriously threatened my family's way of life. For over 10 years, we have had the coverage we have needed to care for our family. I defy anyone who says the insurance we currently have is not enough. My daughter is living proof that it is.

Mr. Speaker, these people are being hurt by the present system, and that needs to change.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. McCLINTOCK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, by the government's own numbers, for every American who has found health coverage under ObamaCare since it rolled out, some 50 Americans have lost their health insurance on the individual market, but that doesn't account for the many millions more who are losing employer insurance or are losing wages as a direct result of the Democrats' ObamaCare fiasco.

One such family is the Howard Asbury family in Mariposa, California. Mr. Asbury writes:

I am a retired union carpenter, and I am covered under the union's retiree health plan. When I retired, my wife went to work in the billing department for an ambulance company. Yesterday, she was informed by the owner that he was dropping all health care coverage and cutting all employees below supervisor to part-time. We will be able to enroll her and our two children under my retirement health plan through my union, although this does not address the loss of income. So now we have to pay for her coverage and the children on \$440 less income.

Mr. Speaker, my office is being flooded by such complaints. I have to believe that our colleagues across the aisle are hearing the same things. Why aren't they listening?

OBAMACARE

(Mr. LOBIONDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to indicate, as many of my col-

leagues have, that beyond the so-called glitches and hiccups of the Web site, that the President's health care bill simply is not working. In fact, it is hurting.

Since the President's health care bill was signed into law, I have seen the anxiety, the confusion, and the genuine fear of south Jersey families, employers, employees, and of health care professionals; and for 4 years the conversations around the kitchen table and the water coolers have been about this anxiety and uncertainty. That has turned to real fear—fear and anger.

Terry from Millville told me that both her mother and her mother-in-law had current plans, and they were very happy with them. They were canceled under the President's health care bill, only to be replaced by plans with higher copays and premiums.

Randy from Scullville wrote on my Facebook that his monthly premiums are now \$2,500, a full \$700 more than before.

Lou, who opened a small business less than 2 years ago, hired more than 50 people and is going to have to make them part-time. This simply is not working, and it is wrong.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. HASTINGS of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, we all heard President Obama say, If you like your health care plan, you can keep, period.

A constituent of mine from Yakima, Gary Bailey, writes:

My wife and I are self-employed. Our provider just sent us a letter telling us that, due to the Affordable Care Act, our policy will no longer be available and we will have to choose a new policy.

He went on to say:

The least expensive policy is double the cost of my original policy, and the deductible went up to \$10,000.

Mr. Speaker, Gary is not alone. Millions of hardworking Americans have lost the insurance they like and can afford. The Keep Your Health Plan Act that we will vote on tomorrow fulfills President Obama's promise, even if he won't.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON.

REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS, I have to write to tell you what has just happened to me regarding my health insurance with Regence Blue Shield. My wife and I are self-employed and do not get insurance from our employer. We cannot afford a luxury policy in fact our policy was major catastrophic with a \$3500 deductible. Our provider just sent us a letter telling us that, due to the "Affordable Care Act," our policy will no longer be available and that we will have to choose a new policy.

The least expensive policy is double the cost of my original policy and the deductible went up to \$10,000.

President Obama said that our health care would go down \$2,500. Our cost for one of us went up \$1,632. I am sorry Congressman Hastings, but the President and all the democrat party has not been truthful and you need to