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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, we have officially entered la-la land, where the President thinks that by the mere power of his own voice he can turn back time by simply announcing that he will no longer enforce provisions within his own law. Think about that. The answer to fixing this law is for him to announce that they won't enforce the law. That tells you how desperate they are. His announcement today will only make things worse, and it is the American people who will continue to pay.

I, like everyone who has spoken on the floor this afternoon, have many examples of people who are being hurt today because of provisions of ObamaCare. Amanda from Bountiful, Utah, within my district, has seen her family's deductibles and the rate they will pay double.

Sundee from southern Utah has had her family's health plan entirely canceled. As small business owners, they are scrambling now to try to find something, some way in which they can maintain insurance for their family.

President Obama repeatedly promised that if you have health insurance, you can keep it. That promise has not been fulfilled. We call upon him to do that today.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share some powerful stories that Kentuckians have shared with me regarding their experiences with ObamaCare.

Jim Holloway of Glasgow was notified that his small business insurance plan will be canceled. Here is the letter:

Dear James Holloway, II, you will be moving to a health care reform, also called the Affordable Care Act compliant plan.

Mr. Holloway told me, "The plan I had was not a junk plan. I liked my plan." Unfortunately, he will not be able to keep that plan.

Tanya Veitschegger of Bowling Green also received a cancelation notice of her plan. After calling her insurance agent, she learned that a similar plan to what she and her husband had was available at a cost of \$490 more a month.

Vince Berta, also of Bowling Green, said that by being forced to go onto the exchange, his family's insurance rate will jump from \$375 a month to \$849 a month. He asks a fair question: "An over 100 percent increase—what part of this is affordable?"

The fact is that President Obama repeatedly promised Americans that if they liked their plan they could keep

it. I heard over and over from Kentuckians that is not the case.

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share two stories with you.

I have a 30-year-old self-employed farmer. He had a major medical plan with a \$2,500 deductible and paid 80 percent. He paid \$122.17 a month. This plan was canceled. To get a plan now with a \$6,000 deductible and pay 80 percent, it is \$259.02 a month, but it will cover pediatric, dental, and maternity. He is an individual bachelor, self-employed. He is single and a male. His point is, "I had a plan. I liked it. The President said I could keep it. That was a lie."

I also want to share the story of Tara, Eric, and Ky Manzano. They are both employed with a son. Their premium is doubling. They are not sure how they will be able to save for college for Ky and pay for this insurance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the stories of real people in Arkansas' Second Congressional District who are being hurt by ObamaCare.

Many of them have seen their work hours reduced. Others are seeing their premiums double, triple, and quadruple. Many are losing the health insurance plans they would like to keep and wondering why President Obama told them repeatedly that that would never happen.

One single mom in Little Rock told me that her current health insurance plan will be canceled at the end of the year in just 6 weeks. She is worried this will affect her daughter who is about to start graduate school.

Terry and his wife in Rose Bud, Arkansas, will see their premium rise from \$380 to more than \$1,000 per month. That is not affordable.

Daniel Hanley, here with his horse, a vet in Little Rock, received notification that his health insurance plan was being canceled because of ObamaCare. The cancelation notice says:

ObamaCare will ultimately prevent us from offering competitive medical insurance . . . as a result, we anticipate that your medical insurance policy will be ending effective midnight December 31, 2013.

It is clear that ObamaCare is a broken law, and its broken Web site is only the beginning. ObamaCare must be repealed so we can pass real patient-centered health care reform.

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

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, a constituent emailed my office this morning, and then she followed up with a call. She is fed up with ObamaCare.

She is battling cancer, which requires travel to a neighboring State. She told me her health insurance had been canceled due to the President's health care law. She was able to find a new plan, but will no longer be able to see her cancer doctor in Little Rock. She said:

My doctor and I are very concerned about the future treatment if I have to change docs. How many other Americans can no longer go to the treatment centers they need for lifesaving care? This is absurd. I have decided to continue my lifesaving treatments in Little Rock but will likely go bankrupt in the process. Just a little more stress the Obama plan has placed on thousands of Americans undergoing lifesaving treatment. I am angry not only for myself, but for everyone else who is going through this.

Mr. Speaker, we need to honor the promise President Obama made to the millions of Americans who like their plans but are now receiving cancelation notices.

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I want you to meet Andrew Parks, a hard-working young man from Bossier City, Louisiana, who has been hammered twice by ObamaCare. Earlier this year, his employer did what so many other businesses were forced to do by the ObamaCare employer mandate. They reduced Andrew's hours from a nearly 40-hour work week to 26 hours a week. He suffered a substantial loss in pay.

Then, the other shoe dropped. His employer recently sent him this notice from a national firm that his health insurance would not meet ObamaCare standards and would be discontinued at the end of the year. His ordeal couldn't be much worse.

Andrew has fought through a long-term illness and is a survivor of cancer, yet all he has asked for is the opportunity to work hard, to earn a living, and to keep his health insurance that he could afford. All ObamaCare has done is make those goals much more difficult to reach.

ObamaCare is damaging our economy and harming individuals. It needs to be repealed and repealed now.

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

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, my constituents are asking a simple question,