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## FOR IMMEDIATELY RELEASE

### CA GOP put the lives of millions of Californians in jeopardy with the passage of ACHA in the House

Los Angeles, CA (May4, 2017) - California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ) denounces today's vote (217-213) in the U.S. House of Representatives that would result in more than 24 million Americans losing their health care coverage. It is alarming and inhumane to realize that 14 million Californians enrolled in Medi-Cal can potentially lose their coverage to care because of the cowardly efforts of California's GOP members.

The passage of Trumpcare, AHCA (American Health Care Act), moves us further away from being healthy and burdens us and those we love with more costs for less comprehensive coverage. Repealing the ACA would allow insurance companies to drop coverage of necessary health care services, like maternity care charging sick people more, making health care unaffordable for the most vulnerable in our communities. If we get sick or become pregnant, we would have to pay out of pocket for anything that isn't covered by these skimpy health plans—like cancer treatment or childbirth and newborn care.

California GOP members must now have to answer to their constituents who will experience the brunt of AHCA's ramifications. With California Representatives Knight, Issa, Valadao, Rohrabacher, and Denham all voting in support of AHCA, a combined **1,536,400** of their constituents with pre-existing conditions can now lose their protection under Trumpcare. It is Representative Valadao who must look in the eyes of **22.3%** of children in his district of Kings County who are diagnosed with asthma to let them know he voted to strip them of their healthcare. It is California GOP representatives who must confront **40%** of California women who have experienced intimate partner violence and can be at risk of losing existing coverage. They must answer to us and the violent act of voting against our livelihoods today all in the financial interests of tax breaks for the wealthy. Make no mistake, when our representatives are voting for a bill that does not affect their own health insurance but puts the lives of millions at risk, we hear them loud and clear.

Today's vote is an attack on women of color, LGBTQ gender nonconforming people, people with disabilities, our children, our elders, and our families. As the fate of our health now lies in the hands of the Senate, CLRJ remains steadfast in our work and being grounded in the determination of our communities who deserve more than this. We condemn the passage of this bill and the complicity of our Republican representatives, many of whom serve some of the most vulnerable communities in our state.



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CLRJ is a statewide organization committed to honoring the experiences of Latinas to uphold our dignity, our bodies, sexuality, and families. We build Latinas' power and cultivate leadership through community education, policy advocacy, and community informed research to achieve Reproductive Justice. Learn more about California Latinas for Reproductive Justice at [www.californialatinas.org](http://www.californialatinas.org)

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