



Thomas A. Schatz
President

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

You will soon vote on H.R. 596, which would repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, more commonly known as ObamaCare. On behalf of the more than 1.2 million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I ask that you vote in favor of this legislation.

The American people have let their feelings be known about the healthcare “reform” law for over four years. According to Real Clear Politics, which averages several polls, ObamaCare has never enjoyed an approval rating greater than [43 percent](#). Currently, its disapproval rating is at 52 percent and its approval rating is at 39 percent. Millions of Americans who were told they could keep their healthcare plans if they liked them found out that ObamaCare took away the plan and forced them to buy more expensive coverage. They also resent being forced to pay for benefits they do not want or need.

ObamaCare is a [job killer](#). In order to avoid the employer mandate, the law discourages employers from expanding their businesses and hiring more people. The law is also encouraging people to voluntarily work less. During 2014, the number of people who chose to work part-time increased by [more than 1 million](#). Analysts believe this number will grow due to a number of factors related to ObamaCare. Many people will intentionally work less to take advantage of the taxpayer-funded subsidies and remain within the Federal Poverty Level guidelines for both ObamaCare subsidies and Medicaid expansion. Fewer hours worked means lower incomes for millions of families.

The President promised Americans that ObamaCare [would reduce](#) their premiums by an average of \$2,500 per family per year. That has not happened. [An analysis](#) of 3,137 counties released in June 2014 showed that ObamaCare increased individual market premiums by an average of 49 percent compared to 2013 costs. In November 2014, the administration [released data](#) that shows rates would increase significantly in 2015, as much as 20 percent for many Americans, unless they switch health plans.

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ObamaCare will continue to reduce the quality of healthcare and keep bureaucrats and politicians between patients and their doctors. It is time to repeal this law and replace it with one that puts purchasing power in the hands of consumers so they can pick the plan they want at a cost they can afford.

All votes on H.R. 596 will be among those considered for CCAGW's *2015 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Schatz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.