



People's Filibuster Week

Wednesday, June 28

Yesterday (Tuesday, June 27, 2017), Senate Majority Leadership announced that they were delaying the vote on the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA). **You and your calls and your advocacy did this. Thank you for all of your work on this incredibly important issue for people with disabilities!** Tonight, advocates from around the United States are gathering at the Capitol in a show of solidarity and acknowledgement of our success and our conviction moving forward. If you are in DC, please join us at 5pm on the Northside of the Capitol!

But this is just a delay of the vote, we have not defeated the BCRA. We are making a huge difference, but until we have at least three Republican Senators making and keeping a commitment that they will never support a bill that includes per capita caps or repeal of the Medicaid Expansion or repeal of the many crucial aspects of the ACA we depend on, this is not over.

The Senate will enter recess soon and Senators will be home until July 10. By then, there may be a compromise bill negotiated or negotiations may continue. We will keep you updated as developments occur. We also ask that you commit to take action in the coming weeks—the BCRA continues to eliminate health insurance for 22 million Americans and to decimate Medicaid. We need to continue and redouble our opposition. Calls remain important, letters to the editor remain important, and you can access models [here](#). There are also other steps you can take:

- 1) **Recess Activities:** Your Senators will be home until July 10 and you will have the opportunity to meet them in person. You can check your senator's website or call your senator's office and ask if they are having town halls or any events where you can meet them face-to-face. If they are not holding town halls, take your story to your Senator's office (model letter [here](#))! And remember, even if your Senator has said they oppose BCRA, opposition to the "current draft" or the "current form" of the bill isn't enough—we need Senators to oppose any bill that 1) caps Medicaid, 2) repeals or phases out the Medicaid Expansion, or 3) allows states to waive or repeal Essential Health Benefits (including mental health services).
- 2) **Please continue to reach out to Friends and Family:** Please think about all of your family and friends who live in states with Republican Senators. Call or email anyone you know in those states, and ask them to call their Senators. Share our fact sheets and our scripts.
- 3) **Tell your story:** If you rely on Medicaid, if you need mental health services, or a friend or family member does, tell that story. You can write it in a letter to the editor at a local paper, you can write on your senator's Facebook page, or you can tweet about it. Models are available [here](#)!

Thank you again for all of your advocacy so far. We can defeat this bill—with your help!