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Dear Representative:

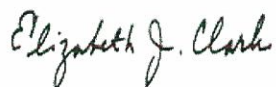
On behalf of the 145,000 members of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the country, I express our opposition to H.R. 6079, the Patients' Rights Repeal Act, and implore you to vote "no" when the bill comes before the House.

NASW has been an outspoken advocate for improving health care access, quality, and services for millions of Americans not currently served by the nation's health care system. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its key provision—a federal mandate to require all citizens to obtain health insurance or pay a penalty—is constitutional.

In the two years since ACA was signed into law, several implemented reforms have had a positive effect on the lives of many struggling families, people with chronic illnesses, and millions of young adults who were previously uninsured. We must continue working together to make essential provisions of the law a reality.

NASW strongly opposes any effort to repeal or replace the ACA and urges you to vote "no" for H.R. 6079, the Patients' Rights Repeal Act.

Sincerely,



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