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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the nation's largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization, I urge you to oppose the American Health Care Act (AHCA).

Since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was implemented, over four million Latino adults, and over 600,000 Latino children have gained health coverage. In 2010, the Latino community's overall uninsured rate was one in three—today, it's one in six. This means that because of the ACA, today more children and families have an opportunity to be healthy and financially secure. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that under the AHCA, 24 million Americans would become uninsured by 2026, reversing our gains and threatening the health and well-being of our country. Our main objections to the bill include:

- **Drastic cuts to Medicaid.** Under the AHCA, the CBO estimates \$880 billion in total spending cuts from the program over the next 10 years. These unprecedented cuts would force states to reduce Medicaid eligibility, reduce benefits, or both, jeopardizing health coverage for over 70 million Americans, including 18 million Latinos.
- **Elimination of state Medicaid expansion.** Under the AHCA, Medicaid expansion would effectively be eliminated, putting the health and economic security of millions of working Americans at risk. As of 2015, around 3.2 million Latinos gained coverage via state expansion of Medicaid and the AHCA would threaten these gains.
- **Reducing premium tax credits and eliminating cost-sharing reductions.** Over one million Latinos have gained coverage through the ACA's individual marketplace, and the overwhelming majority utilize the law's system of flexible, income-based premium tax credits to pay their monthly premiums. The AHCA would reduce these tax credits, while repealing the cost-sharing reductions that lower out-of-pocket health care costs for many consumers, making coverage unaffordable for many low-income and middle-class families.

For these reasons, NCLR urges Congress to oppose the bill.

Sincerely,

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