



## Top Democrat: Obama's Health Care Law Headed for 'Huge Train Wreck'

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America needs health care reform that lower costs, increases access, and enhances patient choice. Obamacare does none of these things. Which is why as your Congressman, **I have voted 58 times to repeal, defund, or replace it.**

I am committed to delivering real reform that gets Washington out of the way and embraces the free-market. The best way to improve health care in America is to **replace Obamacare** with a system that has a foundation focused on:

- increasing competition
- lowering prices for consumers
- preventing collusion in health insurance markets

Before being elected to represent the people of Arizona's Fourth Congressional District, I owned and operated a dental practice in Northern Arizona for more than 25 years. I served the community as a health care provider, both by practicing dentistry as well as interacting with other doctors and physicians throughout Arizona in charitable and non-profit activities.

As a result of this experience, I understand firsthand how Obamacare's colossal **20,000 pages of regulations** restrict choice, drive up insurance premiums and put bureaucrats between you and your doctor.



*(A Capitol Hill staffer hauls the 20,000 pages of Obamacare regulations on a dolly.)*

In fact, frustration with the way Washington was damaging health care through Obamacare was one of the primary reasons I put down my dental tools and jumped into the fight.

The president's healthcare law is a maze of **bureaucratic red tape, massive tax increases, handouts and sweetheart deals** for certain big corporations at the expense of others. The mandates and regulations included in this law have driven insurance companies out of Arizona and put millions of Americans across the country at risk of losing their private individual health insurance. One by one insurers have announced they are pulling out of the Obamacare exchanges in Arizona, leaving rural Arizonans with far fewer choices.

This year alone, tens of thousands of Arizonans are being forced to find new health insurance plans as one after another of the mega-insurers drop plans and pull out of the state, despite repeated claims from the president that "If you like your health care, you can keep your health care. Period." I continue to hear from countless constituents who are losing their health care plans or being hit with steep price increases for these individuals and their families.

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**Thanks to Obamacare Arizona  
FACES PROPOSED RATE INCREASES AVERAGING:**

**23.72%**

(HealthCare.Gov, Accessed 6/4/15)

[Recent media reports](#) indicate that at least five healthcare companies in Arizona will “pull out or pull back” coverage next year alone. The Kaiser Family Foundation projects that higher premiums will occur for more than 100,000 people in Arizona and that “lower-costs plans could rise as much as 9 percent next year.” The “Affordable Care Act” is not living up to its name.

In Washington, there is a lot of lofty language about improving the health care system through policy and regulation. **As a doctor with more than 25 years of experience in rural Arizona**, I understand how health care actually works in the real world.

As your Congressman, I will continue to work toward full repeal of Obamacare. Our nation needs leaders who are working towards an effective, patient-centered alternative. For this reason, I am a coauthor and original cosponsor of [H.R. 2653](#), the ***American Health Care Reform Act (AHCRA)***.

AHCRA is a pragmatic, practical, and portable free-market alternative to the current health care system. It would fully repeal the ACA and spur competition to lower health care costs by allowing Americans to purchase health insurance across state lines, protecting individuals with preexisting conditions and allowing small businesses to pool together to negotiate for better rates.

In addition, I have championed several other reforms to create a health care system that actually works for America. These efforts include authoring and sponsoring:

[H.R. 494](#), the ***Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act***  
[H.R. 1677](#), the ***Dental Insurance Fairness Act***  
[H.R. 2819](#), the ***Premium Reduction and Insurance Market Reform Act***

All three of these bills will increase patient access, encourage competition, and provide free-market solutions that empower patients and their doctors.

Obamacare is not a viable long-term health care solution. The health insurance exchanges imposed by this unconstitutional mandate are on the verge of collapse,

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premiums are continuing to rise and people throughout the country are losing their preferred health care plans.

Our children deserve a health care system that actually lowers the cost of services, increases competition in the marketplace, and puts patients and their doctors first. To that end, I will continue to put forth thoughtful and innovative proposals to rebuild the marketplace and allow for quality care for all Americans.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar" followed by a stylized flourish.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.  
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