In June and July, HCAN’s campaign focused on generating sustained and escalating activity across the states in order to drive a national narrative and to influence key legislative targets to oppose proposals to repeal the ACA and restructure Medicaid. HCAN and HCANEF’s state partners used public education, advocacy and earned media to increase pressure by contrasting devastating healthcare cuts that impact real people with billions in tax breaks for the rich, insurance and prescription drug companies. Through a combination of tactics including rapid response, organized direct actions, and in some cases civil disobedience, HCAN partners continued to engage real impacted people and mobilized constituents to confront lawmakers where it matters most: in their districts. Below are some highlights of HCAN and HCANEF activity during this period.

**ALASKA**

**Faith in Public Life** and allies worked on a number of activities in Alaska, including recruiting a member of the clergy to pen this op-ed that was published right before the final repeal vote.  

Faith leaders delivered a moral declaration to Sen. Murkowski urging her to reject the BRCA and got good local coverage on TV.

**Alaska Says No to BCRA:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeRHO-uE&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeRHO-uE&feature=youtu.be)

**ARIZONA:**

HCAN’s partner LUCHA joined a protest outside of Senator Flake’s office in June that got press here:  
Phoenix Protesters Urge No Vote on GOP Health Care Bill  

LUCHA staff and members also traveled to DC in early July to protest on Capitol Hill, risking arrest during an occupation outside McConnell’s office with allies from Center for Popular Democracy, HousingWorks, NNU, and Positive Women's Network. The demonstration got press in DC and back in the state:

**Arizona Protesters Arrested at Flake’s DC Office in health care rally**  

**ARKANSAS:**
For the June 21st day of action ACO, HCAN's Arkansas partner, organized about 50 people for rally in front of Boozman's and Cotton's offices including speakers Reverend Howard Gordon, Toney Orr, pastor and union organizer; Blake Ross, President of Arkansas Young Democrats; Camille Richoux, President of Arkansas NOW and public health worker; Lewis Shepherd, Medicaid recipient; Jerome Pitts, Arkansas Works recipient. After chanting "Don't end it! Mend it! Don't take away our health care!" speeches and a ceremony to put lipstick on the pig, the group marched to deliver with about 2,000 post cards and the pig to Boozman's and Cotton's offices. Press coverage below:

Arkansas Times [Arkansas Blog], June 20: Resistance Continues In Arkansas
https://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2017/06/22/resistance-continues-in-arkansas#more

Arkansas Times [Arkansas Blog], June, 20: Senator Tom Cotton: Don't Ask Him About Health Care

KUAR Public Radio, June 22: Protesters Call on Boozman & Cotton To Oppose Cutting Medicaid, Reducing Health Care Coverage

Arkansas News Bureau, June 22: At Rally, Arkansans Call on Senate Not to Roll Back Health Care

At rally, Arkansans call on Senate not to roll back health care

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, June 22: Protesters Rally At Senators Little Rock Offices, Urge Rejection of Medicaid Cuts

Protesters call on Boozman & Cotton to Oppose Cutting Medicaid

Health Care On Air Town Hall, Wednesday, June 21, 7-8pm, KABF, 88.3 FM;
www.kabf.org
In July, ACO escalated to sit-ins at Boozman & Cotton’s office on the July 6th Day of Action. Around 80 people attended over the course of four hours. The event was sponsored by more than ten organizations. ACO member, Lewis Sheppard, is holding Medicaid Not Millionaires sign in a wheelchair is featured in the first clips below.

Health Care Demonstrators Descent on Cotton and Boozman Offices
https://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2017/07/06/health-care-demonstrators-descend-on-cotton-boozman-offices#more

Protesters Urge Boozman and Cotton to Reject Health Care Bill

Scores Protest Health Care Bill

Protesters Rally Outside Sen Cotton’s Office Demanding No Vote on Health Care Bill

ACO also escalated their tactics, risking in DC to ratchet up pressure. The arrests got attention back home.

14 Arkansans Arrested in DC Health Care Protest

Arkies Again Arrested Protesting Health Legislation
https://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2017/07/10/arkies-again-arrested-protesting-health-legislation#more

Arkansas Senators Prep Healthcare Vote, 2018 Challengers & Demonstrators Oppose
Boozman's a yes on ruination of Obamacare. Cotton dancing still.

CALIFORNIA:
Health Access California has continued their #Fight4OurHealth campaign over the past few months, engaging Senator Kamala Harris, advocates, partners and impacted people in holding CA Congressional delegation members accountable for voting to repeal the ACA. Since both Senators in CA fully oppose repeal, Health Access recruited volunteers to generate calls into states with moderate Republican targets to educate constituents about the repeal proposals and encourage those constituents to reach out directly to Senators with their concerns.

Fresno Groups Celebrate Failed GOP Health Bill, ‘But the fight is not over’

Better for California? New health care plans compete with Senate leadership version

Making Calls with No Time to Lose
https://vanguardnow.org/health-care/making-calls-with-no-time-to-lose

Sen. Kamala Harris leads rally against GOP healthcare bill at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Senator Kamala Harris joins LA rally to ‘save health care’

DELAWARE
DACA organized an event to raise awareness about the attacks on healthcare in June that got good coverage.

Health Care Rally in Georgetown

FLORIDA
Organize Florida, HCAN’s partner in Orlando has been active over this summer in organizing public education events to help their members and the public understand where Senator Rubio and Governor Rick Scott stand on the federal proposals to dismantle healthcare.

On June 13th and 14th, Organize Florida held two events in Tampa to educate the public about the impact of federal proposals to gut healthcare on Florida:

- Tuesday, June 13th, Organize Florida Tampa held a panel discussion focused on health care that was live-streamed over facebook (link here). Medicaid ACA Subsidy recipients who have physical
disabilities discussed the need for funding of the programs and the threat to their quality of life if the Senate GOP cut the programs. Speakers included: Michael Phillips, Tampa Activist; Karen Clay, Org FL member and Chair of FAAST; Brian Phillips, Brother of Michael Phillips; Nicole Coratti, Kiwanis International; Olivia Babis, Suncoast Center for Independent Living.

- **Wednesday, June 14th** Organize Florida along with allies Florida Voices for Health and For Florida's Future organized a press conference at the office of Senator Nelson and was live-streamed on Facebook ([link here](http://www.orlandoweekly.com/Blogs/archives/2017/06/20/orlando-activists-plan-to-protest-republican-health-care-bill-tomorrow)). Speakers described how the AHCA and the Senate GOP bills will hurt them. The speakers urged Senators Rubio and Nelson to commit to no cuts to health care.

Organize Florida organized a “Billionaires for Trump” event for HCAN’s June 21st day of action during which activists staged satire play outside Senator Rubio’s office to highlight the fact that by repealing the Affordable Care Act, the 400 wealthiest American's will receive millions of dollars in tax breaks. The play was followed by four community members who shared their personal stories about how would be impacted by Congressional efforts to repeal healthcare and cut Medicaid. Press coverage below.

**Orlando Activists Plan to Protest Republican Health Care Bill Tomorrow**

**Protests Ahead of Major Health Care Bill Debut**

**Activists Protest Senate Health Care Bill in Downtown Orlando**

**Exigen a senador Marco Rubio que apoye a los floridanos y diga no a la derogación del ‘Obamacare’**
(VIDEO)
In addition, a **longtime Organize Florida member** who tweeted about his story was interviewed on the Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell on MSNBC. See clip:  
*Mother and son: Medicaid isn't about politics, it's about lives.*

**Stephanie Porta, Organize Now Executive Director** was interviewed on June 25 as well:  

Then, **on June 28th**, Organize Florida continued to drive the narrative about cuts to Medicaid and tax breaks for millionaires with “Medicaid Not Millionaires” press events in Orlando and Tampa that got good coverage below.

**Florida Democrats On Offensive in Health Care Fight**  

**Protesters, Politicians urge Rubio to vote no on Senate health care plan**  


**Die in Outside Sen. Rubio’s Orlando Office protests GOP health bill**  

**Health Care protests heat up outside Rubio office in Orlando**  

**Crowd protests GOP healthcare plan in front of Sen. Rubio’s Orlando office**  

**Orlando activists stage die in at Marco Rubio’s office over Trumpcare**  

**Tampa groups urge a “no” vote on Trumpcare**  
[http://www.wmnf.org/tampa-groups-urge-no-vote-trumpcare/](http://www.wmnf.org/tampa-groups-urge-no-vote-trumpcare/)

**ILLINOIS**  
HCAN partner **IL Citizen Action** along with allies organized a demonstration outside a $10k plate GOP fundraiser in Chicago that included all the Republican members of the IL Congressional delegation last Monday. In an interesting twist, Governor Rauner, who the activists have been pressuring to take a position against the Republican repeal bill and restructuring of Medicaid that will devastate the state, cancelled his appearance at the event.

**Group protests health care bill proposal in downtown Chicago**
After Protests Gather, Rauner Skips Republican Fundraiser

Rauner Skips Republican Fundraiser

Fundraiser Protest Set for Illinois GOP Representatives
http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20170619/BLOGS02/170619882/fundraiser-protest-set-for-illinois-gop-representatives

Rauner Slammed over AHCA Silence
Capitol Fax blog: https://capitolfax.com/2017/06/19/rauner-slammed-over-ahca-silence/

Radio: WBBM-AM (Radio) at June 20th 2017 5:06 AM

TV Coverage: CBS 2 News at 10PM

Following the event, Illinois Citizen Action worked on the opinion pieces below that continue to focus on Rauner’s failure to weigh in in defense of Illinois and the impact on GOP federal health care proposals.

Senate GOP Health Care Bill Hammers Illinois
While Rauner is AWOL
http://chicago.suntimes.com/opinion/senate-gop-health-care-bill-hammers-illinois-while-rauner-is-awol/

Does Rauner have any guiding principles on health insurance?

Then, on June 23, IL Citizen Action & Indivisible organized a large health care action that got coverage on the front page of the Chicago Tribune. See image below. (See image to the right).

This focus on Rauner has helped generate great clips also like this one:

Other govs are speaking up on ACA repeal. Why not Rauner?
Then, after rallies, letters, petition drives and non-stop press outreach, on July 18th Citizen Action of Illinois and their allies escalated to organize faith leaders, including Citizen Action’s Co-Executive Director William McNary, for a vigil to pray for Rauner calling on divine forces to move the Governor to pay attention to his constituents. See the photo below of McNary in the pulpit:

Citizen Action IL also worked with allies to help plan messaging for this action. It’s significant because the Gov. has fired and replaced a huge percentage of his staff with folks from the Koch-funded so-called think tank.

Dying for Better Health Care
http://illinoistimes.com/article-18921-dying-for-better-health-care.html

INDIANA
On Monday, June 19th, HCAN partner IndyCAN! worked with AFSCME to organize a tele-press conference featuring experts, impacted people and clergy that focused on how the Trump Administration’s sabotage of the ACA is creating pressure for insurers to hike rates. The press conference got good coverage below.

Health Law’s Future Could Hinge on Subsidy
http://www.journalgazette.net/news/local/indiana/20170620/health-laws-future-could-hinge-on-subsidy

Health Reform Uncertainty May Impact Rates for Hoosiers

Later in June, INDYCAN leaders organized a die-in in downtown Indianapolis as part of the June 28th day of action that got great television coverage locally. See below:

Indycan Holds Die-In Downtown to Urge Senator Young to Vote ‘no’ on GOP Healthcare bill
Health care bill protesters want Sen. Todd Young’s attention

‘Die-in’ held downtown to urge Sen. Young to Reject GOP Healthcare Bill

Die in Protest Held in Indianapolis Ahead of Senate Vote

IndyCAN also worked behind the scenes to support this op-ed from the CEO of St. Vincent Health in Inside Business.

We Can and Must do Better
http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/35762884/we-can-and-must-do-better-together

IOWA
HCAN’s Iowa partner, the Main Street Alliance, worked with leader Chris Peters to publish this op-ed in June: http://www.thegazette.com/subject/opinion/guest-columnists/small-businesses-cant-afford-political-games-20170619.

This is a follow up to a great LTE that was published the following week.

In June, an MSA leader Mike Regan, who was also active in passing the ACA eight years ago, joined an Iowa press conference to oppose repeal.
https://www.facebook.com/IowaAFLCIO/videos/1609623402382099/

MAINE

In Maine, Main Street Alliance Member Emilyu Ingwersen published this op-ed in June that appeared a couple of outlets:

In the On-going debate about healthcare don’t forget about small business owners

MARYLAND

HCAN Partner Progressive Maryland organized an event outside Rep. Harris’ district office in Salisbury this past week. Coverage below.

Activists Gathered in Salisbury Over Concerns of New Health Care Bill
Progressive Maryland and allies have also been working on pushing their Republican Governor (Hogan) to speak up against federal threats to healthcare.

**Health Care Reform Bill Will Gut Medicaid**
https://www.fredericknewspost.com/opinion/letter_to_editor/health-care-reform-bill-will-gut-medicaid/article_5ab7f62b-af52-5ae6-acc4-31f60b8f2eb1.html

**Rally Calls for Stronger Voice on Health Care from Gov. Hogan**

**The American Health Care Act: An Additional Cause for Terror for Cancer Survivors**

**US Must Provide Universal Health Care**
https://www.fredericknewspost.com/opinion/letter_to_editor/u-s-must-provide-universal-health-care/article_08eec227-5f2e-5486-be0d-3cff2aa6a020.html

**Progressive Maryland Call to Action to Save Healthcare for Marylanders**

Progressive Maryland, like other HCAN partners also focused a lot on moving Governor Hogan, a Republican, to weigh in in opposition to repeal and the negative consequences of proposals to cap Medicaid. They were ultimately successful getting the Governor to join a bipartisan letter rejecting the “skinny” repeal bill in the senate.

**Bipartisan Groups of Governors Call on GOP to Reject Skinny Repeal**

**MINNESOTA**
HCAN partner Take Action MN organized an event outside the office of Representative Lewis for the national day of action. This event is part of the on-going effort to hold Lewis accountable for supporting the House repeal bill that would put health care at risk for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans. TV coverage of the event below.

**KSTP-5 (ABC) TV:**
https://www.dropbox.com/s/c8t7efl75kd78yg/2016-06-21%20Lewis%20event%20clip.mov?dl=0

**Minnesotans Speak Out Against ACA Repeal, 6/1**

**Tweets with photos:**
https://twitter.com/TakeActionMN/status/877508375466127360
Take Action MN also got great coverage on the June 21st for an event they organized locally:

**Activists Have Advice for US Senate on Health Care Changes**

HCAN partner **Main Street Alliance** also generated this great Op Ed in the state:

**Republican Health Plan is a Disaster for Minnesota’s Small Businesses,**

**ISAIAH** and allies held a great event on July 12 that integrated the state and local message on Medicaid. Good coverage here:

**MN Families Urging Local Legislators to Save Minnesotacare**

**MISSOURI**
HCAN’s partner **Jobs With Justice** organized a sign on letter from MO doctors that was published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on June 23rd.

**Missouri Doctors Denounce American Health Care Act**

The letter was a follow up to an earlier piece that appeared on June 17th:

**Gutting Crucial Health Care Program Would Hurt Children, Families**

Jobs with Justice and allies also organized multiple events, including a die-in that got good media attention. See below:

**Protesters Hold Die In Vigil Against Republican Health Care Bill**

**Die In Protest Held in Opposition to Senate Healthcare bill**

On June 29th, protesters also demonstrated outside Senator Blunt’s St. Louis office and got TV coverage below:
Protesters Gather Outside Blunt’s Clayton Office
http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2017/06/29/542381/

Finally, HCAN partners organized activists to attend Senator Claire McCaskill’s town hall to demonstrate support for the Senator’s continued role in championing Medicaid. The meeting focused heavily on the GOP proposals on healthcare and impact on Missourians. One of the more telling moments at the Town Hall itself was when Sen. McCaskill asked anyone who supported the current GOP bill to raise their hand, and not even those sporting their ‘Make America Great Again’ gear raised a hand!

McCaskill Town Hall: “Health Care Was a Hot Topic”

Activists Attend McCaskill Town Hall While Calling Out Blunt

McCaskill Discusses Health Care and Bi-partisanship at Town Hall

Voters Question McCaskill on Healthcare and Abortion

NEVADA
NARAL Pro-Choice Nevada has been doing tremendous work over months to put pressure on Senator Heller to oppose the Medicaid cuts that would devastate the state and disproportionately hurt women. In July, they stepped up even further with calls, actions and demonstrations like this one just days before the vote:

Carson City Rallies Urge Sandoval to keep Obamacare support

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Partners in New Hampshire led by HCAN ally Granite State Progress with participation from Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) and Rights & Democracy NH have spent a good part of the summer pushing Republican Governor Sununu to speak out against healthcare repeal, ultimately with pretty successful results.

Partners organized a vigil in June outside the statehouse calling for Governor Sununu to speak out against the proposed healthcare bill that 35 people attended. Holding the vigil by his back door paid off—the Governor both saw the activists and their message and actually spoke with attendees. See the picture below.
In late June Governer Sununu became the latest Republican Governor to oppose the Republican proposals to repeal ACA and cap Medicaid.

Sununu Turns Thumbs Down on GOP US Senate Health Care Bill As Currently Written

Granite State Organizing Project also generated these great letters to the editor in the state.

LTE: Sink or Swim, 6/26 in Union Leader and Concord Monitor
http://www.unionleader.com/article/20170627/OPINION04/170629372

LTE: We will swim or sink together
http://www.concordmonitor.com/We-will-swim-or-sink-together-10804827

LTE: Losing Health Care is Unacceptable, 6/25
http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/opinion/2017/06/25/losing-health-care-is-unacceptable/

LTE: Better in Canada, 6/27
http://www.concordmonitor.com/Canada-has-a-superior-health-care-system-10939235

NEW JERSEY
New Jersey Organizing Project (NJOP) leader Joanne Robinson wrote and published this op-ed in early June relating her person story about how Medicaid helped her recover from addiction after attending a town hall meeting in which Representative MacArthur asserted that no one would lose coverage under the Republican health care proposal he supported in Congress:

Robinson: MacArthur should fight to prevent Medicaid cuts

New Jersey Citizen Action also challenged MacArthur in the piece featured here in the Burlington County Times, noting that the Representative gets a lot of support for Trump while claiming to be a moderate. NJCA has been leading weekly demonstrations outside MacArthur’s office.
Trump to Help Raise Funds for MacArthur
https://njcitizenaction.org/?page_id=2617

NJ Insider, 6/21: NJ Legislative Leaders Join Health Care Consumers and Advocates to Speak Out Against Efforts to Defund Medicaid

NJ Main Street Alliance LTE: Senate Health Care Bill is False Advertising, 6/28

American Health Care Act Critics Protest in Downtown Toms River, 6/28 [MSA, NJOP & allies]

NEW YORK
HCAN’s lead partner Citizen Action of New York has continued to drive activity, public education and create accountability for House members upstate to voted to support the AHCA. On June 5th, CANY’s Jess Wisneski was interviewed in the clip below, urging New Yorkers to take on President Trump’s agenda, including plans to dismantle healthcare:

Taking on Trump in New York

For the June 21st Day of Action, CANY’s upstate team organized an event in Binghamton in which activists linked hands in front of Lourdes Hospital to send a message about the impact of ACA repeal and changes to Medicaid. Good clip below.

Community Creates Human Chain of Linked Hands for Day of Action

In the week leading up to the action, the story below appeared featuring CANY activist James St. Jacques who got healthcare thanks to Medicaid Expansion. James also spoke at an event in Albany on Thursday, June 22nd in reaction to the release of the Senate draft bill that would end the Medicaid expansion.

Thought of Losing Medicaid Keeps Some Up at Night

The Faces of Medicaid, Who Loses?

On June 22nd, CANY and statewide allies organized a rapid response press conference in response to the release of the Senate bill. Advocates were joined by state legislative leaders, people with stories including James St. Jacques, featuring in the clips above, along with healthcare providers. See the press coverage below:
Rally Against AHCA Planned for Albany
http://www.nystateofpolitics.com/2017/06/rally-against-ahca-planned-for-albany/

Rally Opposing health care overhaul in Albany

Patients respond to Senate Draft Bill

On June 28th, CANY coordinated vigils for the HCAN day of action in upstate NY and generated some attention including this clip:

LIers urge lawmakers for effective health care bill at vigil

On July 8th, CANY and partners were back it again in Binghamton and Long Island with more events targeting Tenney this time and targeting Faso.

Citizen Action Urges Tenney to Declare Independence from GOP and save healthcare

Faso Gets Earful About Health Care Vote

County Drops Support of Faso’s Health Clause

NORTH CAROLINA

Our HCAN partner Action NC placed this op-ed by staffer Kevin Rogers in mid-June (below) as well as a number of Letters to the Editor from members that are listed below.

GOP Plan on Health Care Would Cut Coverage and Raise Costs, 6/15

LTE: ACA Was Open & Public, GOP Bill Should Be, Too, 6/17
http://www.charlotteobserver.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article156650989.html

LTE: Health Care of Millions in Jeopardy, 6/23
http://www.charlotteobserver.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article157632669.html
In addition, Action NC worked with partner Progress NC on logistics and turnout for a flotilla (two rented boats) that sailed up to the back of the Senator Tillis’ yard on Lake Norman in Charlotte in an effort to confront the Senator and challenge his support on healthcare repeal. See the coverage below.

Demonstrators Protest Outside Sen Thom Tillis Lakefront Home

Watch: Protesters gather outside Sen. Thom Tillis’ house (on a boat)

Trumpcare Opponents Protest on Lake Norman Near Tillis House

Protestors Hold “Sink Trumpcare Flotilla” On Lake Norman By Sen. Thom Tillis’ House

OHIO
MVOC, HCAN’s Ohio partner, helped lead the passage of a resolution opposing repeal locally in the Youngstown City Council. Clip here:

Resolution Strongly Opposing Repeal of ACA passes in Youngstown

Earlier in the month, HCAN partner Faith in Public Life worked with Reverend William Barber and clergy from around the state to organize a rally with over 50 clergy and 150 people of faith in Columbus, Ohio. The interfaith group (which included Evangelicals and Catholics) held a rally and marched from the Ohio Statehouse steps to Sen. Portman's office. In addition to speeches from Rev. Barber, prominent clergy from Columbus and Cincinnati, doctors, and impacted people, four delegations of clergy delivered to Sen. Portman's office a stack of bibles, each stuffed with the health care stories of Ohioans. The rally was live streamed on FaceBook with over 221 shares and 58,000 people reached.

Video of rally:
https://www.facebook.com/FaithinPublicLife/videos/10154791007158666/?notif_t=live_video_explicit&notif_id=1496336386384127

Photos of rally:
https://drive.google.com/drivefolders/0B1uSTeDSz8bX3p8bC00TDltcVU?usp=sharing

Protesters at another vigil organized late in June at the courthouse in Warren by the local PICO affiliate and HCAN partner also got coverage with a quote from an impacted person making the powerful headline below.
Health care protester: ‘I’m scared...it’s going to kill a lot of people’

In Cincinnatti, this great July event featured leaders connected with Faith in Public Life and children with pre-existing conditions:

Cincinnati Fights for Health Care
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m27cZKgISZk

OREGON
Unite Oregon and allies staged a protest at Walberg’s Medford office that yielded great press below in June.

People in Oregon Express Concern About Health Care Plan, 6/21

Blue Oregon: Republican Health Care Plan Disaster for Oregon’s Economy, 6/20

HCAN partner Oregon MSA also got coverage in this piece:

PENNSYLVANIA
HCAN partners led by Pennsylvania Health Access Network, POWER, POWER NE organized great 24-hour events in June that were bolstered by the participation of Reverend William Barber of the Moral Mondays Movement and Repairers of the Breach. Thanks to Faith in Public Life for help with engaging clergy in this event and to SEIU and CPD partners among others for sending attendees to support the vigil. Hundreds of folks came out across Pennsylvania to participate in 24 hour vigils in 6 out of 7 of Senator Toomey's offices.

For the kickoff with Reverend Barber over 300 people packed the sidewalk outside of Senator Toomey's office. In Pittsburgh over 100 people came to the kickoff. Dozens of impacted consumers spent the night at all of the offices.

NATIONAL:
Rev. William Barber: Obamacare repeal would be the greatest moral failing since slavery

Senate Health Care Plan Called Worse for PA
Five GOP Senators Say They Can’t Support Health Care Bill

Philadelphia (Clergy led, headlined by Rev. Barber):

Civil Rights Leader Protests GOP Health Bill at Toomey Office

Philly Area Advocates See Devastating Impact of GOP Health Plans

Health Care Bill Protest

Toomey Upbeat about Senate health care bill amid protests

Folks Protest Proposed Senate Republican Health Care Bill

Protesters Hold Vigil at Sen. Toomey’s Offices Over Healthcare Bill

Health Care Bill protest

Pat Toomey Republican Health Care Bill Senate Protests

Civil Rights Leader Protests GOP health bill at Toomey office

Medicaid Changes a Flashpoint in Sen. Pat Toomey’s Home State of Pennsylvania

In Philly Area Advocates See Devastating Impact of GOP Health Plans
24-Hour Rally Underway Outside Sen. Toomey’s Office To Protest Health Care Bill

No sleep til' health care: Sen. Toomey's Old City office becoming a popular protest spot

Protesters Hold 24 Hour Vigil Outside Sen Toomey’s Office

PITTSBURGH

Healthcare Protestors Plan to keep vigil outside Sen Pat Toomey’s Pittsburgh Office for 24 hours

Toomey Calls GOP Health Plan a Good Start Casey Calls it a disaster

Activists Gather Outside Toomey's Pittsburgh Office for 24 Hour Vigil

Health Care Bill Protesters Spending Night Outside Sen Toomey’s Office

Healthcare Pat Toomey Protest Pittsburgh

In the wake of GOP healthcare plan, concerns about Medicaid cuts are raised

24 hour vigil at Senator Pat Toomey’s Downtown Pittsburgh office

Protesters Engage In Overnight Protest Outside Toomey’s Office

WILKES-BARRE:

Protesters Upset with Health Bill Hold Vigil Outside Toomey’s Office
Healthcare Protests Hit Close to Home in Luzerne County

**ALLENTOWN:**

Activists Gather to Protest New Health Care Bill

**ERIE:**

Small Group Showing Opposition to Healthcare Plan for 24 Hours

**HARRISBURG:**

Group protests Senate Health Care Bill Toomey depends legislation

Sen Casey Rallies Against GOP healthcare activists protest 24 hours outside Sen. Toomey’s office

In addition to the event, PHAN, **POWER (& POWER NE)** coordinated on a clergy sign-on letter to PA Senators Toomey & Casey signed by 55 Catholic clergy including the Sisters of St. Joseph-Baden, women and religious leaders in Catholic institutions.

**Lancaster Online, June 22; Catholic Sisters and Clergy Object to Medicaid Cuts**

**UMPC Gateway Join Other healthcare insurers in speaking out against Medicaid cuts**

The following week, **PICO affiliate POWER NE** organized a great “Medicaid Not Millionaires” Rally outside of Toomey’s Allentown District office:

**Toomey Protesters Blast Medicaid Cuts Under Bill**

In early July, **PHAN** and partners escalated the pressure on Toomey with more events for HCAN’s July 6th Day of Action:
After Sen. Toomey's invitation-only town hall, anger over the GOP's health-care legislation continues in Pittsburgh  

Protesters oppose GOP health care bill, call on Toomey to hold town hall  

Activists use Market Square to protest against latest GOP health care plan  

More health care protestors are headed to Sen. Toomey's Pittsburgh office today  

Coverage from die-in that was organized by other groups at 4pm:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpBhfnuK4SE

TENNESSEE  
TNCA joined allies for a June press conference and action in which they placed tombstones on the lawn of the Senate offices to represent kids, veterans others directly impacted by cuts proposed at the federal level. See picture (right).

In early July, TNCA joined with the TN Justice Center to highlight the impact of repeal proposals and cuts to Medicaid on rural states like TN with a Tractorcade action that got some good media attention. See clips below;

Rural Tennessee Advocates Bring Farm Tractors to Nashville to Protest AHCA  

Health Care Debate Spurs Rural Protests  

TEXAS  
HCAN partner Texas Organizing Project focused their energy on lifting voices of impacted people as well as pushing a number of targets including Senators Cruz and Cornyn to stop their repeal efforts.

The Forgotten Medicaid Recipients, 7/1  
Health Care Leaders Urge Cruz, Cornyn to Protect Medicaid Funding in Health Care Vote, 6/16

Senate Republicans, This is Not the Health Care Bill We Want, 7/3

Texas Organizations Call on US Senators To Preserve Medicaid, 6/16

Protesters Rally at Cruz’s Houston Office On Even of Vote

Health Care Day of Action Protests and Death Train Rally Outside of Cruz’s office

Rep. Green Holds Town Hall Meeting on Medicaid

UTAH
MHAction is HCAN’s newest state partner. It’s an organization that mobilizes people who live in manufactured home communities to advocate on issues that impact them. Shirlene Stoven, MHAction Core Team Leader published this great piece on the impact of proposed Medicaid cuts in June:

VERMONT
Rights And Democracy VT (RADVT) held a State House rally in late June with over 100 people turning out to hear voices from diverse key constituencies (nursing, faith leadership, patients, unions) and calling on Governor Scott to resist the national GOP proposal. Speakers included Mari Cordes, RN and RAD leader speaker (she emceed event), Brenda Patoine a beneficiary of the ACA, and Reverend Earl Kooperkemp.

Vulnerable Vermonters Are Scared for their lives over ACA repeal
VPR: http://digital.vpr.net/post/vulnerable-vermonters-are-scared-their-lives-over-aca-repeal

Activists Rally Against Obamacare Replacement bills
VT Digger: https://vtdigger.org/2017/06/28/activists-rally-obamacare-replacement-bills/

WPTZ: (go to 32:58 mark) http://www.mynbc5.com/nowcast
Mary Gerisch, RAD VT leader from Bennington, appearing as one of the demonstrators at the beginning of this NBC nightly news clip:

**Senate healthcare bill with vote stalled-what happens now?**

RAD VT also worked on a great coalition sign on letter to Governor Scott, urging him to speak out against federal repeal proposals which ultimately was successful when Scott signed onto a bipartisan letter with 9 other governors to oppose the “skinny” repeal vote in the Senate: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EL1ib-6lh-za02WZ5L7YYZKaixY7yXJ7W90DQJwsI3w/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EL1ib-6lh-za02WZ5L7YYZKaixY7yXJ7W90DQJwsI3w/edit)

**Bipartisan Group of Governors Call on GOP to Reject Skinny Repeal**

**VIRGINIA**

**Virginia Organizing (VO),** HCAN’s partner in VA held a rally in Charlottesville calling on Senators Warner and Kaine to protect Virginians against repeal and changes to Medicaid.

**Charlottesville Protesters Call on Senators Kaine and Warner to stand up for health care**

Virginia Organizing also placed a series of letters to the editor lifting up the voices of impacted people opposing repeal of the ACA and Medicaid cuts.


[http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor-for-july/article_54b5a582-7335-11e7-9bd2-9f4bec56df05.html](http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor-for-july/article_54b5a582-7335-11e7-9bd2-9f4bec56df05.html)

[http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor-for-july/article_89132506-6d91-11e7-9f64-bf6a4c61f29b.html](http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor-for-july/article_89132506-6d91-11e7-9f64-bf6a4c61f29b.html)

**WASHINGTON**

HCAN partner WACAN! held a successful action for the day of action outside of the Federal Building to educate the public about the federal attacks on healthcare. Here are some pictures. They delivered 1000 handwritten letters to Senator Cantwell’s and Murray’s staff. Coverage here: [http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2017/06/20/25227687/three-things-you-can-do-to-fight-trumpcare-right-motha-fuckin-now](http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2017/06/20/25227687/three-things-you-can-do-to-fight-trumpcare-right-motha-fuckin-now)
In addition, WACAN published this article from Gerald Hankerson, their policy director who is also president of the NAACP:

**Being Black is a pre-Existing Condition**
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/being-black-is-a-pre-existing-condition_us_59440cc6e4b01eab7a2d566d

After WACAN!'s action on Wednesday, the group participated in a press conference with Senator Cantwell at Virginia Mason, a local hospital. WACAN Member George Poston from Auburn shared his story on how Medicaid saved his life after he lost his job as a chef and found out he had life threatening blood clots in his leg shortly thereafter.

**Senator Maria Cantwell Vows to Use Every Tool We Have to Stop GOP Health Care Plan**

**Senator Cantwell’s Plan to Stop Republican Health Care Bill**

**Washington Democratic Senator to Lobby Colleagues in Opposition of Health Care Bill**

In addition, the group generated this Op Ed targeting Rep Reichert:

Earlier this month, **WACAN** members organized a protest our side a fundraiser attended by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodger, the lone Member of Congress from Washington to vote for the ACHA. McMorris Rodgers has refused to meet with her constituents in Spokane because she knows her district opposes the AHCA. On June 1st, McMorris Rodgers hosted a $5000 a plate fundraiser with a Microsoft PAC on the other side of the state. Washington CAN member Bonnie Roberts traveled from Spokane to confront McMorris Rodgers while over 100 protesters demonstrated outside of the fundraiser. Washington CAN members Joelle Craft and George Poston also led chants, emceed the program, and shared their stories about how the repeal of the ACA would impact them. This video highlights Bonnie’s story:

**Protesters Rally Against McMorris Rodgers Over AHCA Vote at Bellevue Fundraiser**

From Bellevue to Spokane, Planned Parenthood supporters pan McMorris Rodgers’ support of health care bill
http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/jun/01/planned-parenthood-supporters-pan-mcmorris-rodgers/#/0

**McMorris Rodgers Watch Why You Should Give A Fuck About the Eastern WA Republican Holding a Fundraiser in Bellevue Tonight**
KIRO TV
http://mms.tveyes.com/MediaCenterPlayer.aspx?u=aHR0cDovL21lZGlhY2VudGVyLnR2ZXIlcy5jb20vZG93bmxvYWRRnYXRld2F5LmFzcHg%2FVXXNkIcPlEPTQ4MTgwNzZRElEPTgxNjQxMDgmTURTZWVkPTczMjEmVHlwZT1N2WRpYQ%3D%3D

Video that prominently features WACAN! Member Bonnie Roberts.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0xY7_5z3uZzVUI5NHQweDlyQVk/view?ts=5935e2fc

KOMO radio story that ran 4 times

WEST VIRGINIA
HCAN partner WVCAG continues to work with state allies on pressuring Senator Capito to oppose repeal. The group helped generated the op-ed below:

Betty Rivard: My History with Medicaid

Activists and impacted people also took a bus DC to share health care stories with Senator Capito & Senator Manchin on June 20:
https://twitter.com/PplsAction/status/877197796696313857

Earlier in the month, on June 16th, the group held a rally against AHCA in Charleston calling on Senator Capito to oppose the bill.

Protesters Rally against AHCA in Charleston

On Monday, June 26th, WVCAG and allies went back to Capito’s office to keep up the pressure, urging her to reject the repeal of the ACA and gutting Medicaid. Six constituents sat in at Senator Capito’s Charleston, W.Va. office all day. This clip includes live stream of arrests and rally:

Protesters Rail Against GOP’s latest Obamacare Repeal Effort
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WVVA: 6 Arrested at Charleston Office of Senator Capito

WDTV: Sit In At Senator Capito's Office

WOAY: Six Arrested at Charleston Office of Sen Capito

WVNS: 6 Arrested After Sit In At Sen Capito’s Charleston Office

WVCAG & Allies + Ohio allies held action on Williamstown bridge calling on Capito & Portman jointly to reject repeal and restructuring of Medicaid. Over 100 demonstrators gathered on the bridge from both states. Video: https://www.facebook.com/WVCAG/videos/1392070840873565/.

Health Care Rally Takes to Williamstown Bridge

Sanders Urges Capito to Vote Against ACA Replacement, 6/25


WVCAG and coalition partners worked with allies in the faith community in early July to keep the pressure on Senator Capito. Great events including his one led by the interfaith coalition in the state: http://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2017/07/mid-ohio-valley-church-leaders-gather-for-health-care-forum/

WISCONSIN
HCAN partner Citizen Action of Wisconsin gathered about 20 people in June protest outside the building of a new controversial hospital in Eau Claire Wisconsin against the massive tax giveaways masquerading as a healthcare bill. The group called on Sen. Johnson to oppose cuts to healthcare that will fund tax breaks for the rich and corporations at the federal level as well. See coverage below.

People Protest proposed changes to Affordable Care Act
http://ecweb.libercus.net/News/Daily-Updates/2017/06/21/People-protest-proposed-changes-to-Affordable-Care-Act.html

Eau Clair demonstrators gather to protest health care repeal
State and local Democrats protest Republican health care secrecy

Citizen Action of Wisconsin also connected the federal fight to protect healthcare and Medicaid with their state work to advance healthcare and protect Medicaid that focuses on WI Governor Scott Walker:

Just 5 out of more than 1,000 commenters fully back Walker’s drug-test Medicaid plan

in early Judy, Citizen Action of Wisconsin held a press event at the Wisconsin State Capitol to introduce a Medicaid (“BadgerCare”) “Public Option” bill. Approximately 30 citizens participated together with Citizen Action of Wisconsin Executive Director Robert Kraig, five state representatives, and two state senators, including the bill’s author, Rep. Eric Genrich, who is also a Citizen Action member. Citizens with signs advocating for the bill and for the protection and improvement of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) flanked the speakers throughout the event. This event followed a recent state poll done showing the majority of the Wisconsin public wants to improve not repeal the ACA, so this presented an opportunity.

WKOW (Jul 05, 2017) Proposal makes BadgerCare a public option
http://www.wkow.com/story/35819385/2017/07/05/proposal-makes-badgercare-a-public-option

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WPR (July 6, 2017) Lawmakers Consider BadgerCare As Public Option
https://www.wpr.org/lawmakers-consider-badgercare-public-option

Democratic proposal would make BadgerCare available to all Wisconsin residents

Wisconsin Gazette (Jul 6, 2017) Democrats propose BadgerCare public option

Wisconsin State Journal (Jul 6, 2017) BadgerCare would become 'public option' under proposed bill

Wisc News (Jul 6, 2017) BadgerCare would become 'public option' under proposed bill

Racine Journal Times (Jul 6, 2017) BadgerCare would become 'public option' under proposed bill

Appleton Post Crescent (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

Wausau daily herald (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

Green Bay Press Gazette (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

Fond du Lac Reporter (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

Manitowoc News Times (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

Oshkosh Northwestern (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

Wisconsin Rapids Tribune (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

Marshfield news Herald (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

Milwaukee journal sentinel (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage
Stevens Point Journal (July 5, 2017) Wisconsin Democrats double down on expanding public health coverage

WAO (Jul 05, 2017) Proposal makes BadgerCare a public option
http://www.waow.com/story/35819385/2017/07/05/proposal-makes-badgercare-a-public-option

WXOW (Jul 05, 2017) Proposal makes BadgerCare a public option

WREX (Jul 05, 2017) Proposal makes BadgerCare a public option
http://www.wrex.com/story/35819385/2017/07/05/proposal-makes-badgercare-a-public-option

La Crosse Tribune (Jul 6, 2017) BadgerCare would become 'public option' under proposed bill

WQOW (Jul 05, 2017) Proposal makes BadgerCare a public option
http://www.wqow.com/story/35819385/2017/07/05/proposal-makes-badgercare-a-public-option

NBC 15 Madison (Jul 05, 2017) Democrats propose making BadgerCare a public option

Wisconsin Radio Network (JULY 5, 2017) Democrats propose ‘BadgerCare for All’
http://www.wrn.com/2017/07/democrats-propose-badercare-for-all/

WCLO (JULY 5, 2017) Democrats propose ‘BadgerCare for All”
http://www.wclo.com/2017/07/05/democrats-propose-badercare-for-all/

In Madison on July 5th with SEIU, AFL-CIO and others, Citizen Action members rallied to oppose Trumpcare, to tell Senator Ron Johnson to stay FIRM in his opposition to the Senate Health Care Bill and to call for Medicare for all instead. ~70 people attended, with limited media interviews

CapTimes (Jul 3, 2017) As Ron Johnson continues to negotiate Senate health care bill, progressives plan Wednesday rally

Action’s Western WI Organizing Cooperative held a rally at an intersection in Eau Claire to call for an end to Trumpcare and to support the launch of the BadgerCare Public Option bill. Members rallied, received TV coverage and urged people to keep calling Senator Ron Johnson relentlessly to keep delaying the vote as well as urging to vote no.

WEAU Eau Claire (Jul 05, 2017) Proposed bill would allow anyone to buy into state healthcare program
Wisconsin Citizen Action also placed this Op-ed in the largest weekly newspaper in Wisconsin, the Shepherd Express, as a featured story on how bad the Senate health bill actually is.

Shepherd Express (Jul. 5, 2017) The Health Plan that Just Won’t Die

The following day, more activists organized a follow up action outside Johnson’s office.

People Gather at Sen. Ron Johnson’s office to protest Senate health care proposal

NBC 26 (Jul 6, 2017) Angry over health care plan, protestors stage sit-in at Sen. Johnson's office

NATIONAL CLIPS

EEUU: se pospone la votación del Trumpcare en el Senado
https://videos.telesurtv.net/video/666349/eeuu-se-pospone-la-votacion-del-trumpcare-en-el-senado/

How bad could it be: don’t get sick if senate or house bill becomes law

At parades and Protests Seniors Get Earful About Health Care

CNN: Republicans Opposing GOP Health Care plan hear from voters during recess

Washington Post: At parades and protests, GOP lawmakers get earful about healthcare

Daily Beast: Health care activists plan to make GOP’s July 4 Hell
http://www.thedailybeast.com/activists-plan-to-make-republicans-holidays-hell
Democracy Now: "Far from Over": Senate Narrowly Defeats Obamacare Repeal, But More Attacks on Healthcare Loom
https://www.democracynow.org/2017/7/28/far_from_over_senate_narrowly_defeats

Galesburg Register Mail: Trump Proposal Hurts Rural Areas

Rural areas hit hard by administration proposals

Trumpcare dies in the senate the people fight on

CENTER FOR POPULAR DEMOCRACY

Police Arrest 155 health care protesters at US Capitol

Health Care Protesters Arrested during sit-ins at Republican Senate Offices

FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE

Faith leaders including Repairs of the Breach, a progressive faith organization run by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, and Reverend Jennifer Butler of FPL were joined by faith leaders from around the nation yesterday for an event at the Capitol where the leaders where then arrested after taking turns making remarks and calling up Senators to stop their repeal effort.

"This is not a health care bill," said Rev. Jennifer Butler of the liberal religious group Faith in Public Life. "It is a death bill. And we are here to urge life. We stand for life, not death."

Protesters Arrested Outside Mitch McConnell’s Office

RNS: Clergy Arrested Outside McConnell’s Office While Protesting Healthcare Bill


Thinkprogress: Faith Leaders Protest Health Care
https://thinkprogress.org/faith-leaders-protest-health-care-676c674ac077

Shareblue: Clergy Arrested at McConnell’s Office for protesting healthcare bill as political murder
Cleveland faith leader, other pastors arrested in Capitol Hill protest against Republican health bill

Faith in Public Life Executive Director Jennifer Butler published this piece in religious outlet RNS:
In the Fight to Preserve Healthcare We Have to Lay Our Bodies on the Line
http://religionnews.com/2017/07/18/in-the-fight-to-preserve-healthcare-we-have-to-lay-our-bodies-on-the-line/

MAIN STREET ALLIANCE

Nevada's Small Businesses Would Suffer Under Senate Health Care Plan, 6/30
https://medium.com/@MainStAlliance/nevadas-small-businesses-would-suffer-under-senate-health-care-plan-4ba63c680eb9

The Hill, Op Ed by MSA Director Amanda Ballantyne & Rhett Buttle: Senate Health Bill Gives Small Businesses a Splitting Headache, 6/29

Repeal-and Replace
Amanda Ballantyne was also quoted in this piece that appeared in a local Kansas outlet:
http://www.salina.com/opinion/20170630/repeal---and-replace

PEOPLE’S ACTION

Leeann Hall, People's Action Co-Executive Director, Highlights Rural Impact & Rx Drug Gouging in two great pieces that appeared in numerous outlets:

Rural Communities Have the Most to Lose With Health Care Repeal
The GOP health bill won't just roll back Obamacare — it will end Medicaid as we know it.
http://otherwords.org/rural-communities-have-the-most-to-lose-with-health-care-repeal/

Worried Sick About Prescription Costs
http://otherwords.org/worried-sick-about-prescription-costs/

People’s Action President Jay Johnson, highlights the impact of Republican repeal proposals on black lives in a piece that appeared all over:

Philly Trib: Black lives at stake in health care repeal hoax

Los Angeles Sentinel: Health Care Repeal Turns Back the Clock to a Time of No Rights

The Providence American: Health Care Repeal Turns Back the Clock to a Time of No Rights
http://www.theprovidenceamerican.com/editorial_detail.cfm?editorialid=592
Carolina Panorama: Health Care Repeal Turns Back the Clock to a Time of No Rights

Black Politics on the Web: Health Care Repeal Turns Back the Clock to a Time of No Rights