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On the 16th Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, Congresswoman McDonald Rivet Joins Protect Our Care Michigan to Call on Congress to Reverse GOP Health Care Cuts

Protect Our Care's March Madness Campaign is Amplifying How the ACA is Under Attack

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LANSING, Mich. – Congresswoman **Kristen McDonald Rivet** and Michigan senior **Linda Hamacher** joined **Protect Our Care Michigan** today to mark the 16th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act and hold Republicans accountable for waging an all-out assault on working families' access to affordable, quality health care. The ACA has saved lives and survived countless attempts at repeal, but Republicans still want to destroy it. This year, Republicans caused premiums to more than double by eliminating the enhanced premium tax credits, and as a direct result, [35,000 Michiganders](#) dropped their ACA coverage during the 2026 open enrollment period. Speakers discussed the devastating consequences of forcing Michigan families to choose between health care and other essential expenses, and called upon their elected officials to reinstate the tax credits.

The ACA has helped more than [750,000 Michiganders](#) get health coverage since it was established and kept them healthy by expanding coverage for Michiganders with pre-existing conditions, and providing essential benefits like preventative care and prescription drugs. Last year, more people relied on the ACA than ever before, but Republicans still want to make health care unaffordable in order to fund tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy. Without the tax credits, too many will forgo routine doctor's visits, public health outcomes will worsen, and more families will go into medical debt, sending the country years back in progress to keep people insured and healthy. The ACA also expanded Medicaid, which has been shown to [decrease](#) income inequality, [increase](#) access to preventative care, and [save lives](#). However, the Republicans' big, ugly bill includes the largest cuts to the program in history. These cuts could cause nearly 20 million Americans to lose health coverage that they gained through Medicaid expansion.

"For sixteen years, the Affordable Care Act has made it easier for families to see a doctor, get cancer screenings, and afford their prescriptions," McDonald Rivet said. "Extremists in Congress have spent the last year slashing \$1 trillion from Medicaid and ending life-saving health care tax credits. In our part of Michigan – where 70% of jobs pay less than \$60,000 – middle-class families, small-business owners, and so many others are being pushed to the breaking point. Washington needs to reverse these cuts to lower people's health care costs."

"For seniors, the ACA directly improved our health and made health care more affordable in many substantial ways, including reducing prescription drug costs and covering wellness visits, screenings and other preventative services with no out-of-pocket costs," Hamacher said. "We must not take these important health care protections for granted. Republican attacks on health care are taking away all the progress we've made to improve health and save lives."

You can watch the full event [here](#), and learn more about Trump's all-out assault on health care [here](#).