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Sr. Simone Campbell Responds to ACA Replacement Bill

*Any replacement plan must follow NETWORK's 10 Commandments of Healthcare;
the American Health Care Act fails the test*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to the GOP replacement plan for the Affordable Care Act, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice announced its **10 Commandments of Healthcare**. [Read the 10 Commandments and letter to the House Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce Committees.](#)

Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice said:

“NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice has advocated for healthcare for all in our nation because of our commitment to the dignity of all people. We are called to care for those who suffer, and we are challenged to support all of our neighbors so they can realize their full potential. As part of this mandate, we have an obligation to protect populations who have historically been discriminated against because of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

Our test for any ACA replacement bill is simple: Does the bill protect access to quality, affordable, equitable healthcare for vulnerable communities? After reviewing the House GOP replacement bill, the answer is a resounding no.

Instead of providing greater health security, the bill increases costs for older and sicker patients and drastically cuts the Medicaid program, all while providing huge tax cuts to wealthy corporations and individuals. This is not the faithful way forward and must be rejected.”

NETWORK also joined the Washington Interreligious Staff Community priorities for faithful healthcare reform. You can view their [press release with quotes from 14 faith leaders](#) from various traditions online.

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NETWORK, a national Catholic Social Justice lobby, which educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social transformation, has a more than 40-year track record of lobbying for critical federal programs that support those at the margins and prioritize the common good.



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The Ten Commandments of Healthcare

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice is concerned about healthcare because of our commitment to the dignity of all people. We are called to care for those who suffer, and we are challenged to support all of our neighbors so they can realize their full potential. As part of this mandate, we have an obligation to protect populations who have historically been discriminated against because of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status. To that end, we seek a society where all have access to quality, affordable, equitable healthcare.

1. Thou shalt provide affordable insurance and the same benefits to all currently covered under the Affordable Care Act.
2. Thou shalt continue to allow children under the age of 26 to be covered by their parents' insurance.
3. Thou shalt ensure that insurance premiums and cost sharing are truly affordable to all.
4. Thou shalt expand Medicaid to better serve vulnerable people in our nation.
5. Thou shalt not undercut the structure or undermine the purpose of Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Medicare funding.
6. Thou shalt create effective mechanisms of accountability for insurance companies and not allow them to have annual or lifetime caps on expenditures.
7. Thou shalt not allow insurance companies to discriminate against those with pre-existing conditions.
8. Thou shalt not allow insurance companies to discriminate against women, the elderly, and people in poverty.
9. Thou shalt provide adequate assistance for people enrolling and using their health coverage.
10. Thou shalt continue to ensure reasonable revenue is in the federal budget to pay for life-sustaining healthcare for all.



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