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After Lawmakers Pull Bill, Citizens' Council for Health Freedom Says It's Time to Go Back to the Drawing Board

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Congress pulled the American Health Care Act (AHCA) this afternoon, just minutes before a scheduled vote. But too many conservative lawmakers had concerns and Republican votes were short, so the bill will not see the light of day, [Fox News](#) is reporting.

Despite the news that President Donald Trump said he was “done with health care” if the bill failed and would instead move on to tax reform, *Citizens' Council for Health Freedom* (*CCHF*, www.cchffreedom.org) says the screeching halt is a chance to go back to the drawing board.

Twila Brase, president and co-founder of *CCHF*, a national health freedom and patient advocacy organization that has long called for the full repeal of Obamacare, released the following statement today.

“Now, Republicans must go back to the drawing board, this time with conservatives at the table,” said Brase. “All the negotiations and disagreements over language in the bill can be solved by a replay of Republicans’ 2015 repeal bill—preferably a ‘beefed up’ version—or a full repeal of all 2,700 pages of the Affordable Care Act, which can be done in just 56 words.

“Americans asked for repeal,” she continued. “And Congress can easily provide it, then return health care to the states, where it belongs.”

Brase recently returned from Washington, D.C., where she met with lawmakers about the GOP plan as well as other important health care issues. *CCHF* prepared a document for members of Congress that outlined what the health freedom organization wants to see as health care reform moves forward. [See the document here.](#)

CCHF is a national patient-centered health freedom organization existing to protect health care choices, individualized patient care, and medical and genetic privacy rights. For more information about *CCHF*, visit www.cchffreedom.org, its [Facebook](#) page or its Twitter feed @CCHFreedom. Also view the [media page for CCHF here](#). For more about *The Wedge of Health Freedom*, visit www.JointheWedge.com, *The Wedge* [Facebook](#) page or follow *The Wedge* on Twitter @wedgeoffreedom.

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