



National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution #1

Against Disbanding the Affordable Care Act

WHEREAS, the “Trump administration has ramped up its attack on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by backing a federal judge's decision to declare the entire law unconstitutional,” (DNC May 5, 2020), and the U.S. Supreme Court will hear this suit in the fall, reaching a decision that will affect millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the ACA has provided access to health care to millions of uninsured citizens and has provided critical support to our entire country during the current pandemic, it is criminally negligent to threaten this health insurance safety net, especially given the unprecedented numbers of workers filing for unemployment. Families should not have to choose between seeking medical care or paying for food, housing, and monthly bills; and

WHEREAS, after several years of trying to dismantle the ACA, neither the White House nor conservative Republicans in Congress have produced a replacement plan with a coherent structure but rather espouse a patchwork of block grants, cuts to Medicare and Medicaid services, state-run plans offering subsidies to offset premiums, and high-risk pools. The promise to cover people with pre-existing conditions hangs in the balance with the President’s waffling eroding confidence in the federal government producing a viable substitute for “Obamacare”; more and more Americans see that destroying the ACA is a political vendetta that does not lead to a well-structured health insurance package.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women strongly objects to the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, with a fervent hope that the Supreme Court maintains the ACA as we fight the unpredictable and unprecedented medical horrors of COVID-19. Further, we encourage Congress to enact only improvements to the ACA that will enhance coverage for all Americans.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

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