

---

## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

---

### **GENERATIONS UNITED URGES CONGRESS TO REJECT HEALTH CARE REPEAL**

**Turning back Affordable Care Act would be damaging to children, young adults, and older people**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) January 18, 2011 – As Congress prepares for a vote on bill number H.R. 2, a repeal of the Affordable Care Act, Generations United urges members of the House of Representatives to vote no.

“It is imperative that lawmakers not pass H.R. 2 and repeal the Affordable Care Act,” said Generations United Executive Director Donna Butts. “It will be devastating to children, young adults and older people.”

Signed by President Obama last March, the Affordable Care Act was in response to the struggle many Americans have in finding access to quality affordable health care. The health reform legislation grants access to children, young adults and older people below the Medicare-eligible age of 65 by:

- Preventing insurance companies from denying children coverage for pre-existing conditions
- Providing relief for four million seniors that have a gap in prescription drug coverage
- Allowing young people to remain on their parent's insurance until age 26
- Investing \$5 billion to provide needed financial help for employment-based health plans which will continue to supply valuable coverage to people who retire between the ages of 55 and 65, as well as their spouses and dependents

In 2009 -- prior to the passage of health reform legislation -- 1.5 million Americans lost health coverage. The health care act will increase the number of insured by 32 million and the newly insured span all generations. Families suffer when one of their members -- and any age-- can't access quality health care.

“Without the Affordable Care Act, medical crises will continue to push families into bankruptcy,” Butts said. “And if not for the reform measure, 129 million Americans under age 65 with pre-existing medical conditions will not receive health insurance.”

Further, repeal of Affordable Care Act does not make fiscal sense. According to the Congressional Budget Office, H.R. 2 would increase the federal budget deficit by \$145 billion from 2012 to 2019, and \$230 billion from 2012 to 2021.