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## Venice Family Clinic statement on revised Senate Republican health care bill

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“No amendments can fix the Senate Republican health care bill. It would be bad for all Americans, even wealthier ones, as it would destabilize the entire health care system. The Affordable Care Act, on the other hand, can be fixed, and even in its current form, it has already stabilized the system.

“Unless the point of this exercise is to scare Americans and demonstrate [disregard for voters’ wishes](#), Republicans should follow [the lead of Senator Susan Collins](#) and reject the Better Care Reconciliation Act outright and get to work collaborating with Democrats to improve what is already in place.”

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### **About Venice Family Clinic:**

Venice Family Clinic’s mission is to provide quality primary health care to people in need. Launched in 1970 by founder Phillip Rossman, MD, and co-founder Mayer B. Davidson, MD, the Clinic has grown from a small storefront operation into the largest community health center on the Westside of Los Angeles. With the help of more than 1,000 volunteers, including nearly 400 volunteer physicians, Venice Family Clinic is the medical home for approximately 25,000 low-income and homeless patients each year through 12 sites in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Inglewood and Culver City. It is estimated that 10,000 of the Clinic’s patients would lose their health coverage under the Better Care Reconciliation Act. For more information, visit [www.venicefamilyclinic.org](http://www.venicefamilyclinic.org).