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## Representative Name Address

Honorable FIRST AND LAST NAME,

I'm writing you as a constituent of STATE. My family suffers from Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) — a genetic disease that would lose insurance protections should the American Health Care Act pass. I am requesting that you oppose this horrible legislation which would leave one in 5,000 people born with HHT vulnerable without insurance protections.

| Short paragraph about how HHT has affected you and your family: |  |  |  |
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## Why your opposition is imperative:

- Individual states would be allowed to define "Essential Health Benefits," meaning many of the basic services covered by the ACA -- such as prescription drugs, maternity care, mental health, emergency services, hospitalization may no longer be covered.
- Because annual and lifetime limits apply only to essential health benefits, insurers could put a
  cap on how much care one receives, but not on how much people owe. Treatment costs for
  major diseases are incredibly expensive and could easily bankrupt those in need.
- Because treatments and medications for the HHT community can be very expensive, the
  elimination of essential health benefits essentially renders meaningless the ACA's protections
  against insurance discrimination for those with "pre-existing medical conditions."
- Even if you get your health insurance through an employer, the new legislation could dramatically increase your costs while also reducing benefits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

NAME ADDRESS PHONE EMAIL