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## Healthcare

All across Idaho, families and small business owners are struggling to keep up with skyrocketing health care costs caused by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), better known as Obamacare. Before Obamacare, Idaho had a strong high-risk pool and some of the lowest insurance rates in the nation. Since then, Idahoans have seen double-digit rate increases every year. On July 31, 2017, the four health insurers that sell plans on the Idaho-based health exchange proposed, on average, a 38 percent rate hike for 2018.

When I first ran for Congress in 2010, I promised my constituents that I would help lead the fight against Obamacare. I've kept that promise by voting to repeal President Obama's signature health care law or significant portions of it over 50 times in the past seven years, and nearly all of my House Republican colleagues joined me in doing that.

On May 4, 2017, I voted for the American Health Care Act (AHCA), which keeps our promise to the American people to lower health care costs while also protecting those with pre-existing conditions. The AHCA strikes down Obamacare's prohibition on less expensive health care plans and the knot of insurance regulations and mandates that are making health coverage so unaffordable. Meanwhile, it sets up a national \$130 billion invisible high-risk pool to help offset the cost for those with pre-existing conditions. The AHCA passed the House but, unfortunately, it failed in the Senate.

I promised the people of Idaho that I would fight hard to repeal Obamacare, and I take that promise seriously. No matter the challenges ahead, I will keep fighting.