

**Washington, DC** – Today, **Chairman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20)** condemned House Republicans for bringing to the floor the 31<sup>st</sup>

bill to deny all Americans much needed access to health care instead of focusing on job creation, which should be Congress's top priority. On Wednesday, the House will vote on the same bill to repeal the health care reform law that was brought up by House Republicans in January 2011 and defeated by the Senate.

“It is a complete waste of valuable resources to try repealing a bill that has been ruled constitutional by our country's highest court, that has triumphed 31 half-baked repeal attempts, and that, most importantly, has greatly benefitted millions of Americans by securing their health care. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act:

- [Approximately 6.1 million](#) Latinos currently covered by private insurance plans now have access to preventive services with no cost-sharing.
- An [estimated 11.8 million](#) Latinos with private insurance no longer face lifetime dollar limits for the comprehensive treatment of serious diseases.
- [Roughly 5.4 million](#) Latinos who would have otherwise been uninsured will gain coverage by 2016.
- [The 3.9 million](#) elderly and disabled Latinos receiving Medicare benefits are eligible for extended preventive services with no cost-sharing.
- [Approximately 736,000](#) young Latino adults have already gained health coverage through their parents' plan.

“House Republicans' insistence on wasting taxpayer dollars and focusing on scoring political points continues to keep Americans from fulfilling their full potential. With 11% of Latinos still unemployed, job creation continues to be the top concern for the Hispanic community, as with the majority of all Americans.

“Additionally, it is terrible that failed presidential candidate Governor Rick Perry, and other governors, are using election year political posturing as motivation [to refuse to implement key provisions of the health care reform law](#) that would benefit the health and safety of millions of Americans.”

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