

I voted Yes on H.R. 6079, the Repeal of Obamacare Act.

The bill would repeal the Affordable Care Act of 2010.

We desperately need health care reforms, but there are several serious and urgent problems with the health care law. It places a dozen new tax increases on middle class Americans. It places new mandates on small businesses and levies penalties which burden Upstate businesses and drain capital from growth. Additionally, the law has not lowered health care premiums. The price for an employer-sponsored family plan increased by 9 percent last year, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Perhaps most troublingly, the law restricts patient choice by falling short of the goal that "if you like the coverage you have, you can keep it." According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, up to 20 million Americans could lose their current employer-provided insurance as a result of the law - even if they are satisfied with their coverage. It diverts \$500 billion from Medicare providers and Medicare Advantage plans to fund a new entitlement program. It creates a board of unelected bureaucrats charged with saving money by restricting seniors' access to health care choices.

Just as important as repealing the law is pursuing commonsense, step-by-step health care reforms that actually increase access to care through lower costs. Congress should work in a bipartisan manner to increase access to coverage through lower costs, without compromising our ability to put New Yorkers back to work.

I will continue supporting policies that promote competition and choice, expand incentives to encourage personal responsibility, allow people with pre-existing conditions access to affordable coverage, reform the medical liability system, preserve a patient's ability to keep a plan if he or she likes it, and ultimately increase the number of insured Upstate New Yorkers. The House has already approved legislation to reform the medical liability system and to support flexible spending arrangements and health savings accounts. I am devoted to working with my colleagues to continue supporting additional positive reforms like these that would help insure more New Yorkers.

The bill was approved by a bipartisan vote of 244 – 185.