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**SENATE “MOTION TO PROCEED” TO REPEAL
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AN ATTACK ON ALL FAMILIES,
ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE**

SAN FRANCISCO - Our Family Coalition joins our colleagues and friends in condemning the U.S. Senate’s recent “motion to proceed” to repeal fundamental elements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It is an affront to all American families, particularly the most vulnerable.

LGBTQ Americans, who have historically been disproportionately under-insured, have gained coverage through the ACA at a much higher rate than non-LGBT people, according to a recent study by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law.¹ We are also more likely to have pre-existing conditions widely viewed as a consequence of social stigma and discrimination – such as mental health conditions or HIV/AIDs. An estimated one million LGBT people would lose coverage by 2026 under the House bill; while what the Senate is about to vote on remains shrouded in secrecy, it is no secret that it will harm countless vulnerable Americans.

“We vow to continue fighting alongside our friends and allies to stop the GOP and the current regime from stripping health insurance from 21-32 million people,” says Our Family Coalition Executive Director Renata Moreira. “We will raise our voices against raised premiums and reduced protections for folks who need it most, and fight against restricted access to primary and preventive reproductive care.”

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Our Family Coalition advances equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) families with children through support, education, and advocacy. We seek to create an inclusive and just world where all LGBTQ families with children have visibility and opportunities to thrive as valued participants in our schools, institutions, and communities.

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¹ “Media Advisory: The House Health Care Bill Would Have a Negative Impact on LGBT People,” May 2, 2017. <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/press/press-releases/media-advisory-the-house-health-care-bill-would-have-a-negative-impact-on-lgbt-people/>