WASHINGTON, DC — AARP announced today that their battle against the Age Tax and other provisions in a health care bill continues as members of Congress have gone back to their home districts over a two-week recess. AARP has plans to engage members of Congress with phone calls, radio ads, visits to public events and offices.

“Members of Congress will continue to hear from their constituents about the harmful repercussions an Age Tax would have,” said AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond. “Members of Congress need to hear back home that the American families they represent oppose legislation that would hurt people with preexisting conditions, harm Medicare, and give sweetheart deals to big drug and insurance companies.

Below is AARP’s radio script for the ads running in a nearly two dozen states this week and next week:

ANNOUNCER: Bad things can happen late at night.

[Sound Effects: Howling wolf]

ANNOUNCER: And in Washington, DC, late night, closed-door meetings could spell higher costs for millions of older Americans. Because Congress is secretly trying to revive its failed health care bill – and it’s getting worse than before. They’re cutting deals to let the big insurance companies charge you even more. It starts with an age tax. If you’re 50 or older, they can charge you five times more than everyone else. Up to thirteen thousand more per year.

Now they’re going after anyone with a preexisting condition. Letting insurance companies charge you thousands of dollars more if you’re sick. They could even deny you lifesaving coverage if you need treatment like chemotherapy and dialysis.

And it’s all going on behind closed doors in Washington. That’s why your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Call 844-833-9664 today and tell your member of Congress to stop the back room deals.

Stop the higher prices. And stop the age tax.

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About AARP

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the world’s largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social
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