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AARP Remains Steadfastly Opposed to Health Bill

Plans to hold Members of Congress accountable while renewing opposition in Senate

En español / WASHINGTON, DC — AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond reiterated AARP's opposition to the health bill passed in the U.S. House of Representatives that would harm American families who count on access to affordable health care:

"AARP is deeply disappointed in today's vote by the House to pass this deeply flawed health bill. The bill will put an Age Tax on us as we age, harming millions of American families with health insurance, forcing many to lose coverage or pay thousands of dollars more for health care. In addition, the bill now puts at risk the 25 million older adults with pre-existing conditions, such as cancer and diabetes, who would likely find health care unaffordable or unavailable to them.

"AARP will continue to oppose this bill as it moves to the Senate because it includes an Age Tax on older Americans, eliminates critical protections for those with pre-existing conditions, puts coverage at risk for millions, cuts the life of Medicare, erodes seniors' ability to live independently, and gives sweetheart deals to big drug and insurance companies while doing nothing to lower the cost of prescriptions.

*"We promised to hold members of Congress accountable for their vote on this bill. True to our promise, AARP is now letting its 38 million members know how their elected Representative voted on this health bill in *The Bulletin*, a print publication that goes to all of our members, as well as through emails, social media, and other communications."*

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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 media.*

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