



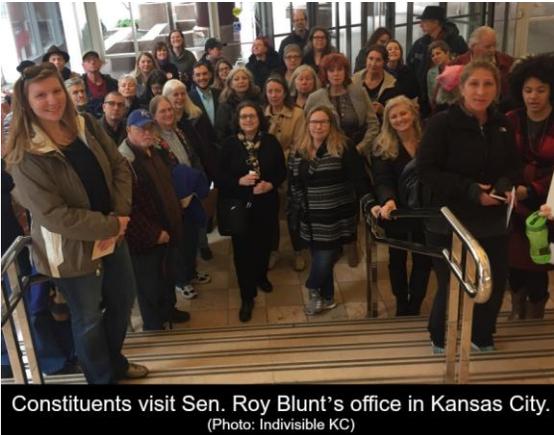
TAKE ACTION

January 31, 2017

Dear Friend,

Earlier this month, I reached out to you with an important ACTION ALERT. We asked you to call or write your Senator or member of Congress to let them know that a repeal of the AFFORDABLE CARE ACT without a better replacement would be devastating to American families and, in particular, victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children.

Last week, constituents turned out in force all over the country to personally express their SUPPORT for the Affordable Care Act. From New York, to Texas, to California, citizens crowded into the offices of local congressional staffers and made a big impression. But we need to keep it up – as the repeal without reform is still looking possible.



Your CONGRESS MEMBERS will be in their districts and states from FEBRUARY 20-24, 2017.

Please consider gathering friends and colleagues, and dropping in on your local Congressperson or Senator to share your views about the Affordable Care Act, and what's important to you if they do repeal it. [Here is a link to local offices.](#)

The Affordable Care Act is critical because it:

- Puts health care in reach of millions of people who didn't have it before, a majority of whom are women.
- Covers screening and brief counseling for victims of domestic and interpersonal violence.
- Requires almost all health plans, including those provided by employers, to cover things like mental and behavioral health care, or maternity coverage.
- Prevents health insurers from denying coverage to people who have pre-existing conditions, including being a victim of domestic violence.
- Allows victims in an abusive relationship to get their own health insurance, without needing to go through their abuser.
- Removes annual and lifetime caps on how much health care you can get.

What's next? We're asking you to follow up directly in your hometown because we've seen this working in other parts of the country – **will you call or visit with your elected officials in February?**

You can also visit the [Urgent Action page on our website](#) and we'll help you send an email to your representatives. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa James".

Lisa James, Director of Health
Futures Without Violence