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Health Care for All in PA

Health care is a right. Pennsylvanians and Americans of every background and income level deserve adequate and affordable health care coverage. End of story.

Growing up in a military household, I was lucky enough to have access to government health care at a young age; when I was sick, I simply saw a doctor and got treated. But far too many Americans — and thousands of residents in the 7th Congressional District — aren't as fortunate. And that's unacceptable. In the wealthiest nation on earth, no citizen should have to take on a second job, risk bankruptcy, or make a choice between putting food on the table or buying school supplies, and paying for health care.

We are the world's only industrialized nation that doesn't provide all citizens with health care, yet Republicans still continue their cynical quest to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and resort to sabotaging the ACA's health care exchanges when their other efforts have failed.

There's a better way. Here's my plan:

- *Achieve true universal health care coverage.* We need to ensure that everyone can see a provider and get effective, affordable care when they need it.

- *Immediately shore up the ACA by stabilizing our insurance markets.* I will demand guaranteed, continued payments for ACA subsidies that reduce enrollees' cost-sharing and reimburse insurers for high-cost individuals.

- *Expand Medicaid to cover more Pennsylvanians.* This includes protecting the Medicaid guarantee for vulnerable children, the disabled, and the elderly.

- *Lower premiums and prescription drug costs.* We can and should leverage the government's purchasing power to cut health care costs across the board.

- *Incentivize insurers to participate in the exchanges, especially in underserved counties.* There is no excuse for lack of coverage in rural and underserved communities.

For more information about where Susan stands on the issues, visit WildForCongress.com/Principles.

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