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VIA FACSIMILE: (202) 226-1230

Louie Gohmert 2243 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Re: Vote NO on ACA Repeal/Replacement – Don't Touch my Healthcare!

Dear Louie:

DAVID C. RANKIN †‡

As one of your concerned constituents that participated in your last telephone speech, I am asking you to Vote NO to the ill-founded repeal and replace of the American Healthcare Act known as Obama Care. Why? Obama is no longer in office, and the repeal of the legislation will no longer accomplish the original goal of snubbing the president.

Further, I am on the ACA and while coverage and the regulations are not perfect, they are a <u>Hell Of A Lot Better</u> than some half-baked plan that relies of future market conditions to create competition in order to provide affordable care. That is a flat out Pipe-Dream and you know it. Don't jeopardize my coverage on BS Political double-speak that has virtually no chance of coming to fruition. The current repeal and replace plan will hurt older and rural Americans the most – WHO MAKE UP A MAJORITY OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS. If East Texans lose out on healthcare, they will have you to thank for taking healthcare away – and they will not forget.

Now republicans want to create 75 BILLION dollar slush fund for "future tax credits" without specifying how the money will be spent. Are you out of your CONSERVATIVE mind. You are there to cut costs, not balloon spending under another republican administration.

Lastly, your telephone speech is NOT a substitute for a TOWN-HALL. You didn't even care enough about your constituent's views to take and answer questions on the phone. You talked about what YOU wanted to talk about but didn't have the integrity to listen to any of your constituent's concerns. No, allowing me to leave a recorded message is no substitute for actually talking to me.

Very truly yours,

David C. Rankin, J.D., P.E.