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3 Steps for Contacting Your Congressperson

It only takes five minutes to call your elected officials and urge them to protect access to health care for 22 million people!

1. **Call the Capitol switchboard**, 202-224-3121, and enter your zip code to find out who your Representative is. If you would like to find out who your Rep is ahead of time, put your address into this website [http://bit.ly/MTSN2I](http://bit.ly/MTSN2I).

2. **Connect with your Representative and Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth**. Use the automated system to be connected to the office of your Representative and Senator. You should call two times; once to talk to your Representative and once for Senator Durbin.

3. **Share your story**! Whether the phone is answered by a staffer or you are leaving a message, please use the script below to share your support for the ACA.

   Hi. My name is __________ and I’m a constituent of ______________. [SHARE YOUR STORY IN 1-2 SENTENCES]

   Repealing the health care law without a replacement will affect everyone, particularly the 1.2 million who will lose their coverage in Illinois. Please stand against any upcoming efforts to take away health care coverage.

Questions or feedback? Contact EverThrive Illinois at healthreform@everthriveil.org