Editor,

The collapse of the Republican Healthcare bill is a victory for common sense

The Republican repeal bill like the efforts Republicans led in 1965 to first deny then repeal Medicare, was mean-spirited and politically motivated. Many Republicans who recently voted for "repeal and replace" sincerely believed "replace" meant something better not something worse. We are the only "civilized" country in the free world that treats a basic necessity of life as a luxury for those who can afford it.

Obamacare has helped millions of people get healthcare. But we need a more comprehensive approach instead of the patchwork system we now have built on high profits by pharmaceutical companies and even neighborhood pharmacies. Republicans are right that costs have to be controlled. But taking away health care from millions of citizens in order to give tax breaks to the wealthy was not the way to get there.

Hopefully, this experience will open the door to further discussion and a more sincere effort to improve the availability and reduce the costs of healthcare in America.

Sincerely,

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