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C.H. HUCKELBERRY
County Administrator

June 29, 2017

Craig Sullivan, Executive Director
County Supervisors Association of Arizona
1905 W. Washington, Suite 100
Phoenix, Arizona 85009

Re: Letter and Resolution Regarding the Ongoing Debate on National Healthcare Legislation

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Please find enclosed a June 28, 2017 letter and resolution transmitted to Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake regarding national healthcare legislation. The Senate legislation, as well as that passed in the House, will significantly increase healthcare costs to the State of Arizona. Since all counties participate through payment to the acute and long-term indigent healthcare systems in Arizona, counties will undoubtedly be called on to make increasing contributions if the present legislation is successful and becomes law.

Given the history of the State in passing their costs on to the counties, it is appropriate to comment on this proposed legislation. Please feel free to forward the action of the Pima County Board of Supervisors to other counties in Arizona.

Sincerely,

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C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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Enclosures

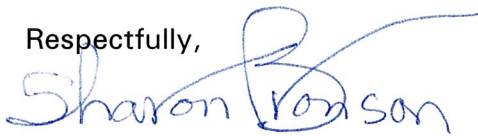
c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Dr. Francisco Garcia, Assistant County Administrator for Community and Health Services
Michael Racy, Racy Associates, Inc.

The Honorable Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake
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The bill before you substantially alters the federal-state-local partnership for Medicaid and would shift significant healthcare costs to Pima County.

Pima County urges you to oppose the Better Care Reconciliation Act.

Respectfully,

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Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

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Enclosure

c: The Honorable Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy Pima County Administrator
Dr. Francisco Garcia, Assistant Pima County Administrator for Community and Health
Services and Chief Medical Officer

RESOLUTION 2017- 43

**PIMA COUNTY RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE REPEAL OF THE
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND TO THE ENACTMENT OF
THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT**

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

1. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has both provided expanded access to and improved healthcare for many of Pima County's residents.
2. Repeal of the ACA could cause nearly 100,000 Pima County residents to lose their health insurance.
3. Many features of the ACA, such as prohibiting lifetime benefit caps, prohibiting gender discrimination, provision of care regardless of pre-existing conditions, and provision of benefits to children up to age 26 on their parents' policies, benefit all Americans, including those whose insurance is not purchased on the Health Insurance Exchanges.
4. Repeal of the ACA would take away preventive services from Medicare recipients and reinstate the prescription drug coverage gap (the "donut hole"), thereby costing seniors thousands of dollars more each year.
5. The ACA allows many public health prevention goals, including access to free immunizations, tobacco cessation products and counseling, well-child visits, and screening mammograms and colonoscopies to be effectively met without co-pays or deductible through private health insurance.
6. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the ACA has helped reduce the federal deficit and extended the future solvency of Medicare; and repeal of the ACA would reverse these positive fiscal trends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Stands firmly committed to affordable and inclusive access to quality healthcare for all Pima County residents.
2. Calls on Arizona's Congressional Delegation to vote against any repeal of the ACA unless and until it is replaced by another nationwide alternative with protections for the public commensurate with the goals of the ACA or a single-payer health insurance program that is adopted only after an extensive public review and comment period.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of June, 2017.

Sharon Bronson JUN 20 2017
Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
Clerk of the Board

[Signature]
Deputy County Attorney