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## **Message from the President....Tiffany Noel**

Your Republican Women of Huntsville Board, is working hard to make this club one of the best Republican clubs in Alabama. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to the Republican party. We have so much going on and we have several ways for you to get involved. Please review some of the volunteer opportunities in the newsletter and let me know if you would like to get more involved. These past couple of months, as a club, we have made significant progress in getting membership dues paid. Thank you! If you have not had a chance to pay your dues for 2017, please make it a priority to do so as soon as possible.

We have some very exciting upcoming meetings for our club! Please be on the look out for our upcoming evening meeting. This will give our members who are typically unable to attend during our luncheon meetings , a chance to fellowship with fellow Republican women and get up to date information on news, issues and events that are typically discussed in regular meetings. We hope that you will be able to join us for this evening meeting and we encourage you to invite friends! More information will be coming out soon!

We are also working hard on a project with the Semper Fi Community Task Force for Heroes Week around Veterans Day. If you aren't plugged in – this is the time to find an area that suits you and jump in! Also, if you have ideas or suggestions for speakers or issues that you would like to hear about in our newsletter, we want to hear from you. Reach out to myself or one of our board members to submit suggestions. We are here to work for you and educate you on issues that are important to you. I hope you all have a great month, enjoying the springtime weather and finding a way to get a little more involved with Republican Women. Happy Easter!

*~ Tiffany*

Please see the news release from Congressman Mo Brooks' office. Below is a copy of the actual release from his office regarding the proposed American Health Care Act. Things are changing daily, however, here were his thoughts on March 24th.



## NEWS RELEASE

### BROOKS TO VOTE AGAINST FLAWED AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT

**Washington, D.C.** – Congressman Mo Brooks (AL-05) announced today that he will vote against H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act.

#### **Congressman Brooks stated:**

“As much as I would like to vote with many of my Republican colleagues in Congress and in the White House (most of whom privately tell me they dislike the bad policy in this bill), I will vote against the American Health Care Act because it has more bad policy than any bill I have ever faced. I simply cannot, and will not, vote for bad legislation that hurts so many Americans solely because Washington friends and colleagues ask me to. While this bill has many major flaws, I emphasize just two:

#### **1. ObamaCare 2.0 Increases Insurance Premiums by 15-20%**

“For starters, and although deceptively marketed as a repeal of ObamaCare, H.R. 1628 does not repeal ObamaCare. To the contrary, it is called ‘ObamaCare Lite’ and ‘ObamaCare 2.0’ because it includes the very ObamaCare policies that jack up health care costs beyond the reach of so many struggling American families. For example, the current version of ObamaCare 2.0 mandates the so-called ObamaCare ‘Essential Health Benefits’ that, by way of but one example, force women senior citizens to pay for maternity benefits they don’t want and cannot use.

“As a result of how bad ObamaCare 2.0 is, both the Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that ObamaCare 2.0 increases (not cuts) insurance premiums by 15-20% over the next two years,<sup>1</sup> thus making health care more unaffordable for Americans.

“Not only does ObamaCare 2.0 include almost all of the bad ObamaCare policies that force higher costs, it similarly fails to include basic cost containment measures that help lower health care costs.

“ObamaCare 2.0 does not repeal health care industry antitrust exemptions that allow health care oligopolies and monopolies that, in turn, drive up health care costs by suppressing cost-containing competition.

“Tennessee Valley citizens elected me to repeal ObamaCare and cut health care costs. I will vote against ObamaCare 2.0 in large part because Alabama citizens sent me to Congress to cut health care costs, not drive them up by yet another 15-20% over the next two years.

## **2. ObamaCare 2.0 is the Largest Republican Welfare Program in History**

“ObamaCare 2.0 is the largest Republican welfare plan in the history of the Republican Party. As such, ObamaCare 2.0 undermines the work ethic and encourages more and more Americans to live off the hard work of others.

“The ObamaCare 2.0 welfare plan is horribly expensive, thus forcing the federal government to either raise taxes on struggling working American families or borrow more money, increase America’s debt, and accelerate the day America suffers from a debilitating insolvency and bankruptcy. Robbing America’s children and grandchildren of their futures is unwise, cruel, and immoral.

“The ObamaCare 2.0 welfare plan turns tens of millions of voters into welfare dependents, thereby converting future elections into nonstop battles over who promises the most ‘free stuff’ health insurance subsidies and welfare. As such, ObamaCare 2.0 empowers and virtually guarantees the election of the Bernie Sanders’ Socialist wing of American society and the death of the free enterprise system that has made America the greatest economic power in world history.

“If anyone doubts the political dynamics of ObamaCare 2.0, let me cite proof. ObamaCare 2.0 was introduced just two weeks ago. According to the Congressional Budget Office,<sup>2</sup> ObamaCare 2.0 financial projections worsened by \$187 billion in just two weeks (from the original version to this week’s) as Congressional politicians scrambled to promise more and more welfare to placate the imagined demands of projected welfare recipients. This two-week political dynamic is a microcosm of how anxious candidates and politicians will scramble to spend more and more welfare money that America does not have and must either borrow or raise taxes to get.

## **ObamaCare Repeal Bill and Discharge Petition**

“Regardless of today’s vote, I have instructed my staff and Legislative Counsel to draft a bill that repeals ObamaCare effective December 31, 2017. The time between bill passage and the effective date gives Congress a deadline by which to pass laws to contain spiraling health care costs. I will introduce that ObamaCare repeal bill as soon as I get it.

“Let me be clear. A lot of Republican Congressmen campaigned to repeal ObamaCare, voted in 2015 to repeal ObamaCare (when it did not matter because of President Obama’s veto), yet insisted on preserving the worst of ObamaCare in ObamaCare 2.0.

“These Republican Congressmen who publicly oppose ObamaCare yet support it behind closed doors constitute a ‘Surrender Caucus’ that hopes the ObamaCare issue will simply go away. Inasmuch as ‘Surrender Caucus’ Members are in key legislative positions, I will file a discharge petition to by-pass their blockades in hopes of forcing a House Floor vote.

“If the American people want to repeal ObamaCare, this is their last, best chance during the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Those Congressmen who are sincere about repealing ObamaCare may prove it by signing the discharge petition. At a minimum, the discharge petition will, like the sun burning away the fog, show American voters who really wants to repeal ObamaCare and who merely acts that way during election time.”

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<sup>1</sup> CBO report, dated March 23, 2017: “In 2018 and 2019, according to CBO and JCT’s estimates, average premiums for single policyholders in the nongroup market would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher under the legislation than under current law.” While an argument can be made that premiums may stabilize after the initial two years, an equally persuasive argument can be made (based on political dynamics CBO is not allowed to consider) that premium stabilization is a mere hopeful wish that will never meet reality.

<sup>2</sup> According to the comparison of the “Effects on the Federal Budget” portions of the CBO reports dated March 13, 2017 and March 23, 2017.



# The Alabama Federation of Republican Women Present a special Lunch and Book Signing with:

Former Maryland  
**Governor Robert Ehrlich**

*Author of: Turning Point: Picking up the Pieces after  
Eight Years of Failed Progressive Policies*

Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**The Club**

1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209

Lunch and book will be provided

**\$35.00**

Register TODAY as Seating is Limited <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alabama-federation-of-republican-women-and-governor-robert-ehrlich-luncheon-tickets-32675997789>

Checks may be mailed to: Vicki Bailey, 6880 McFrancis Road, Trussville, AL 35173

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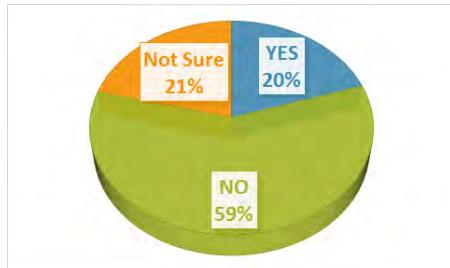


*The numbers are in....*

## NFRW Healthcare Previous Poll Results

### Previous Poll Results:

Will the House Republican healthcare plan effectively address the shortcomings of Obamacare?



**Comments:** "I think it is way too early in the process to know what is going to be the Republican response. To me the bigger question is: can they ever come to agreement among themselves on such a multifaceted issue?"

"Sadly, no. Once an entitlement has been given and the recipients have adjusted to receiving something for free, it is impossible (at least politically) to take that entitlement away. Too many people are accustomed to receiving subsidies from Obamacare; there is little likelihood that those subsidies can be withdrawn."

"The Democrats, no matter if good or bad, have one thing in common, they stick together. The Republicans are given a lifetime opportunity: We elected a President who, like Reagan, loves America and wants to bring it back to its old glory, and what does the Republican Party do, fight him at every corner... It is about time that the Republican Party closes ranks behind our President and helps him to fulfill his promises."

"Obamacare should be completely repealed and never put into the government hands ever. Insurance belongs to free enterprise. Now there should be some kind of regulations to stop the scamming insurance companies. The United States of America was never designed to be an insurer."

"This bill is again about INSURANCE not HEALTH-CARE. This country has always taken care of the less fortunate as well as the irresponsible. Obamacare should be repealed outright. Let the PEOPLE go back to taking responsibility for them-selves. As both Obama and someone else said: PEOPLE HAVE MISPLACED PRIORITIES. Instead of buying a new TV, game or phone every year, they should put that money toward HEALTHCARE. This bill does NOT make HEALTHCARE affordable - it TRIES to make INSURANCE affordable... Insurance is nothing but a legalized 'ponzi scheme' - take MY money to pay someone else."

"The repeal of Obamacare should be first. Then get government out of health care. Rand Paul has a workable plan and it should be considered. We don't want a National Health Care System. Cut us loose and let us take care of ourselves. Give us tax incentives to do for ourselves what we want to do in regard to our healthcare."



## News from the NFRW.....

### National Federation of Republican Women Urges Senate to 'Get on Board' with Gorsuch

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 18, 2017

CONTACT: [communications@nfrw.org](mailto:communications@nfrw.org)

#### *Republican Women Pass Resolution of Support at Board Meeting*

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – More than 150 Republican women leaders from across the nation gathered at the National Federation of Republican Women's (NFRW) spring board meeting in Memphis on March 17-18, where they pledged support for President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch.

The NFRW board unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the U.S. Senate to confirm Gorsuch immediately. Gorsuch, who currently serves on the Tenth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, is known as a champion of religious liberty and is considered to be an originalist in his interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. The Senate Judiciary Committee is set to begin hearings on his nomination next week.

"Neil Gorsuch is eminently qualified to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court as Justice Antonin Scalia's successor," NFRW President Carrie Almond said. "President Trump is setting a course for a renewed, greater America, and the historic selection of Gorsuch to the Supreme Court will help ensure that our constitutional liberties are protected and preserved for generations to come. Republican women are 100 percent behind this nomination, and we urge the U.S. Senate to confirm Judge Gorsuch without delay."

Read the resolution at [www.nfrw.org/board-spring2017](http://www.nfrw.org/board-spring2017).

Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is the largest and most influential Republican women's group in the nation, proudly representing the party that first made it possible for women to vote in the U.S. The NFRW works to increase the effectiveness and relevance of women in the cause of good government. Our mission remains to recruit and elect Republican candidates, promote the principles of the Republican Party, educate the public, and inform the media.

# *Announcements...*

- **Grace McRee Scholarship**— Deadline for scholarship application submission is May 15th. If you know of any college-age women who may be interested in this opportunity, please have them contact Glenda Reitzell.
- **Dues are due!** Please be sure to pay these as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Please mail your \$25 check, made out to Republican Women of Huntsville to:

Tiffany Noel  
1310 Wind River Circle  
Huntsville, AL 35802

- **Volunteer Opportunities:**

If you are interested in volunteering for our club, we are currently seeking a chairperson, as well as, members for the Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project committee. This committee encourages local club members to engage in activity to promote literacy throughout our local community. Our club needs to donate a few books and we need the committee to help with this. Please contact Tiffany Noel if you are interested.

Caring for America—We are currently in search of a committee chairperson. This committee institutes the community service projects for our club. Caring for America is based on the belief that problems can be solved more effectively through the generosity and combined energies of individuals than through depending on government programs. Contact Tiffany Noel if you are interested in learning more.

Armed Services Committee—We are currently looking for volunteers to serve on the committee to help with the Semper Fi Community Task Force project. We will be putting together gift bags for the Hero's Week, honoring wounded warrior, taking place in November. Please contact Judge Linda Coats if you are interested in helping out!



## *Welcome New Members!*

Pam Baird	Angie Kloote
Maria Chaney	Karen LeMay
Rebecca DeArmond	Surinder Reddy
Lisa Harris	Angie Sandritter
Karol Kapustka	Jill Stewart

## **Prayer Requests**

- *Bobbye Farris—prayer for recovery after falling and bruising right side.*
- *Brenda Winter—prayer for healing; broken leg.*
- *Sherree Jones—prayer for healing; car accident resulting in broken spine.*
- *Caryl Ehl—prayer for healing; broken vertebrae after falling.*
- *Ruth Weir—prayer for healing; extreme difficulty with mobility and neuropathy*
- *The family of Ruby McClusky—Please pray for comfort and healing for the family of Ruby McClusky. Ruby was a long time member of our club and passed away on the morning of April 4th.*

## **Birth Announcement**

Please join us in welcoming the newest Republican!

*Chelsea Nicole Nixon* was born on January 12th, 2017 to Mathew and Virginia Nixon.

Chelsea was born at 8lbs. 1oz. And 21.5" long!



*A little humor for your day....*

