

Heinrich Conversation with New Mexicans Facing Higher Health Insurance Premiums Due to Congressional Republicans' Refusal to Extend ACA Tax Credits

WHEN: Press check-in at 2:30 p.m. MT

WHO: U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich

New Mexicans Facing Dramatic Increases in ACA Premiums

WHERE: Albuquerque. Location provided upon RSVP.

RSVP: RSVP [here](#).

BACKGROUND:

Republicans control the House, Senate, and the White House. In the most recent government shutdown, Trump and Republicans chose not to work with Democrats to extend the ACA tax credits, chose to shut down the government for 44 days, which made it the longest government shutdown in American history, and chose to pass a government funding bill that fails to extend the ACA tax credits.

Heinrich [repeatedly voted for a government funding bill that included an extension of the ACA health tax credits and urged Congressional Republicans to come to the negotiating table](#) to engage in good faith bipartisan negotiations with Democrats to extend these tax credits and reopen the government. Meanwhile, [Republicans refused and voted](#) to let insurance premiums skyrocket, let children go hungry, and let working people fend for themselves.

In a joint [statement](#) with Luján on Republicans' Continuing Resolution that does not include an extension of the ACA tax credits, Heinrich said, "New Mexicans can't afford this deal — and we won't stop calling out this cruelty for what it is. The president and his allies decided that it didn't matter whether a mom in Farmington could afford her kid's checkup or a retiree in Las Cruces could keep their health coverage. We're going to keep fighting to make the ACA tax credits permanent and lower health care costs. Because no family should have to choose between keeping the lights on and paying for their health care."

In September, Heinrich [hosted a press conference with BeWell New Mexico and the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty](#) to highlight how the health care crisis, created by Trump and Republicans, will hike health care premiums if Republicans' allow ACA premium tax credits to expire.