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CONGRESSWOMAN SHELIA JACKSON LEE, OF TEXAS
COMMITTEE ON THE RULES
STATEMENT OFFERING AMENDMENTS TO
H.R. 45, To Repeal the Patient Protection and
Affordable Care Act



May 15, 2013

Thank you, Mr. Chair for affording me this opportunity to speak with the Rules Committee to explain my amendments to H.R. 45, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Law. My amendments are offered in opposition to the objectives of the bill and are intended to protect an important milestone for American Families—reliable access to healthcare.

My first Amendment would ensure Medicare reimbursement to all hospitals including physician owned Hospitals with 100 beds, and can provide reliable records to document their claims for reimbursement.

My second Amendment authorizes funding to establish Federally Qualified Health Centers.

I have an amendment for the Committee's consideration that would expand state use of the Medicaid option of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care law when the uninsured rate of qualifying residents of a state exceeds 20 percent. States wishing to opt-out of Medicaid may submit a plan to reduce the rate of uninsured to 20% or less to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

There is an amendment before you that would establish a program to conduct studies of minority health disparities. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is directed to submit an

annual report of findings regarding minority health disparities and make recommendations on how disparities may be reduced.

I have an amendment expressing the Sense of the Congress that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is law in the United States of America and is constitutional according to the United States Supreme Court. The amendment then directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to report to Congress on the impact of the law on those it is intended to help.

My final amendment for your consideration would remove all of the bill text following the enacting clause of the legislation.

I appreciate the Rules Committee consideration of my Amendments to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Thank you,