



# Group Protests in Springfield Over ACA Votes by Congress

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"Rush Hour Rallies" are being held across the state today, including a gathering in Springfield earlier this morning.

The group Missouri Health Care for All arranged a protest at Sunshine and National at 8:00 a.m. to oppose House and Senate votes late last week.

The procedural votes are the first of several steps Republicans plan to un-do the health care law referred to by many as Obamacare.

"The number one message we're hoping to send today is that it is a reckless vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act without a replacement in place," says Crystal Brigman-Mahaney, deputy director for Missouri Health Care for All. "We know that any replacement plan should happen before we repeal. Repealing without a plan is just putting chaos over care and politics over people."

Rush hour rallies were also held in West Plains and Joplin this morning. Protests are also planned in Arnold, Clayton, Dexter and St. Louis.

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