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## Statement from State Senator Gustavo Rivera On Senate Republican's Affordable Care Act Repeal Bill

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"This morning, Senate Republicans released the working draft of their "effort" to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. It comes as no surprise that the "Better Care Reconciliation Act" is as devastating and cruel as the recently passed American Healthcare Act.

This so-called healthcare bill shows Senate Republicans' true colors and the lengths they will go to strip away health coverage from the sickest and the poorest in our country, while giving the wealthiest Americans a massive tax break.

In their effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act, they are putting together a plan that will kick millions of Americans off Medicaid, strip coverage for millions suffering from pre-existing conditions, especially maternity care and mental health, restrict women's access to critical care, and force our seniors to pay more for coverage, while taking away critical services.

As the Ranking Member of the New York Senate's Health Committee, not only do I call on New York's Congressional Delegation to resist any measures that aims to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, but I also reaffirm my commitment to working to pass the single-

payer bill I proudly sponsor in the New York State Senate."