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Statement from Bipartisan group of Governors on U.S. Senate health care bill

Today, a bipartisan group of governors issued the following statement in response to recent developments and proposed changes to the Senate health care bill.

"Congress should work to make health insurance more affordable by controlling costs and stabilizing the market, and we are pleased to see a growing number of senators stand up for this approach. The Senate should immediately reject efforts to 'repeal' the current system and replace sometime later. This could leave millions of Americans without coverage. The best next step is for both parties to come together and do what we can all agree on: fix our unstable insurance markets. Going forward, it is critically important that governors are brought to the table to provide input, and we stand ready to work with lawmakers in an open, bipartisan way to provide better insurance for all Americans."

The list of the eleven governors who joined this statement is below.

John R. Kasich Governor of Ohio

Steve Bullock Governor of Montana

Larry Hogan Governor of Maryland

John Bel Edwards Governor of Louisiana

Bill Walker Governor of Alaska John W. Hickenlooper Governor of Colorado

Charles D. Baker Governor of Massachusetts

Tom Wolf Governor of Pennsylvania

Phil Scott Governor of Vermont

Terry McAuliffe Governor of Virginia

Brian Sandoval Governor of Nevada