

FACT SHEET

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Due to Their Lawsuit, 14 California Republican Congressmembers are Holding Hostage 200,000 of Their Own Constituents' Cost-Sharing Subsidies and \$193 Million in Federal Funding for Their Districts

The House GOP current plan to either resurrect their "American Health Care Act" proposal, or find other ways to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and cut and cap Medicaid funding, are not the only ways in which our health care market remains at risk. House Republicans also continue to pursue a lawsuit that would threaten cost-sharing subsidies for hundreds of thousands of low-income California consumers, and the entire individual insurance market as a whole. In responding to this lawsuit, President Trump directly threatened to withhold cost-sharing reduction payments for low and moderate income Americans in order to force negotiations on an ACA repeal.

Congress and President Trump must take action to assure that the money is permanently in place to help California's and the rest of the country's lower-income consumers, as well as to prevent premium hikes for all consumers. They can do this by either withdrawing the lawsuit or making an ongoing appropriation in the federal budget.

California's fourteen Republican Congressmembers have continued as plaintiffs in a House GOP lawsuit, even though many of their own constituents directly benefit from this federal funding. In those fourteen districts alone, **200,000 residents** receive cost-sharing reduction subsidies, which amount to over **\$193 million in federal funding** in these districts.

With this lawsuit, California Republican Representatives are willing to strip financial assistance and access to care to their own constituents, and eliminate funding in the health systems of the areas they claim to represent. Loss of cost-sharing reductions will raise premiums not only for those who benefit from cost-sharing reduction products, but also higher income consumers that buy insurance both on and off the exchanges which is a **total of 2.3 million¹ Californians in our individual insurance market.**

The following chart breaks down the average number of people in each California GOP district who would be affected if the lawsuit continues, or an appropriation is not made to fund these benefits. President Trump wants to take hostages, but real people's lives are at stake.

For more information on cost-sharing benefits, see our Fact Sheet: [Financial Help for Lower-Income Consumers at Risk.](#)

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Representative	Covered CA Enrollees with Subsidies (APTC & CSR) ²	Covered CA Enrollees with CSR ³	Annual Average CSR Per Enrollee	Annual Average CSR Funding
LaMalfa (CD 1)	30,972	15,486	\$632	\$15,882,257.00
McClintock (CD 4)	33,929	16,965	\$605	\$16,439,023.00
Cook (CD 8)	20,576	10,288	\$625	\$10,094,136.00
Denham (CD 10)	29,665	14,833	\$646	\$14,967,661.00
Valadao (CD 21)	15,799	7,900	\$700	\$8,424,399.00
Nunes (CD 22)	22,942	11,471	\$685	\$12,113,198.00
McCarthy (CD 23)	18,597	9,299	\$677	\$9,649,933.00
Knight (CD 25)	23,207	11,604	\$570	\$10,269,916.00
Royce (CD 39)	40,994	20,497	\$632	\$21,269,312.00
Calvert (CD 42)	27,724	13,862	\$570	\$12,367,679.00
Walters (CD 45)	35,477	17,739	\$566	\$16,139,918.00
Rohrabacher (CD 48)	37,116	18,558	\$610	\$17,834,156.00
Issa (CD 49)	32,425	16,213	\$558	\$14,374,446.00
Hunter (CD 50)	28,978	14,489	\$584	\$13,297,356.00
TOTAL	398,401	199,201	\$722	\$193,123,390.00

¹ California Health Care Foundation, [California Health Insurers Enrollment in 2015](#), September 2016.

² Covered California, [Bringing Health Care Coverage Within Reach, Measure the Financial Assistance Available through Covered California That Is Lowering the Cost of Coverage and Care](#), March 2017.

³ On average, half of those that receive federal subsidies get cost-sharing reduction subsidies.