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Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health Statement on Today's U.S. Senate Vote on Motion to Proceed to Begin Debate on Repeal of ACA

Madison, WI -- Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health (WAWH) Executive Director, Sara Finger, released the following statement regarding today's U.S. Senate vote on a motion to proceed with debate to repeal the ACA.

"From day 1 of the Trump Administration, the attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have involved a direct attack on access to healthcare and our country's democratic processes. Today we witnessed an almost total breakdown of basic democratic norms that has resulted in the U.S. Senate voting to debate a bill for which there isn't even any text that is available to the public. Even more importantly, from what we do know about the range of substantive options being considered by Senate Republicans, somewhere between 22 and 32 million Americans will lose access to health care insurance if they are able to pass some version of ACA repeal. We are particularly disappointed that Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson voted in favor of the motion to proceed, despite his vocal objections about many problematic issues surrounding the process of this debate.

Despite today's tremendously disappointing and troubling events, the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's health will continue to advocate for the women, children and families who will be harmed should the ACA is repealed. People need to know this fight is not over. We urge all Wisconsinites who share these concerns to keep making their voices heard to the members of Congress until these efforts to repeal the ACA are defeated."

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