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Chairman Darrel Issa
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2471 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Issa and Ranking Member Cummings:

While Texas leads the nation in many positive areas, it also has the shameful distinction of leading the nation in the rate of uninsured residents. With more than 6.4 million Texans without health insurance coverage, it is vital that as many uninsured Texans as possible take advantage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to get health coverage. Texans are already taking advantage of portions of the ACA including the elimination of lifetime caps on health insurance benefits and allowing young people to stay on the parents' health care plans until they are 26.

Unfortunately, Republican leaders in Austin and in Washington are more interested in creating barriers to coverage and playing politics than helping those in need. The hearing in Richardson today is more of the same. Rather than holding a hearing to help fully implement the ACA, it is my understanding that the hearing's purpose is to bring negative coverage to the hardworking people assisting Texans in signing up for affordable health care. I understand that the hearing will be focusing on a series of deceptively edited videos made by a man who previously pleaded guilty in court for his role in attempting to make false and misleading videos in the past.

I urge your committee to refocus your efforts on increasing access to health insurance coverage through the implementation of the ACA and expanding Medicaid in Texas. We need to quit wasting taxpayer dollars on sham hearings that attempt to create barriers to implementing the ACA. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this hearing and issue.

Keep the Faith, Keep the Fight,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Borris L. Miles".

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