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Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

Third District of Virginia

Monday, August 14, 2017



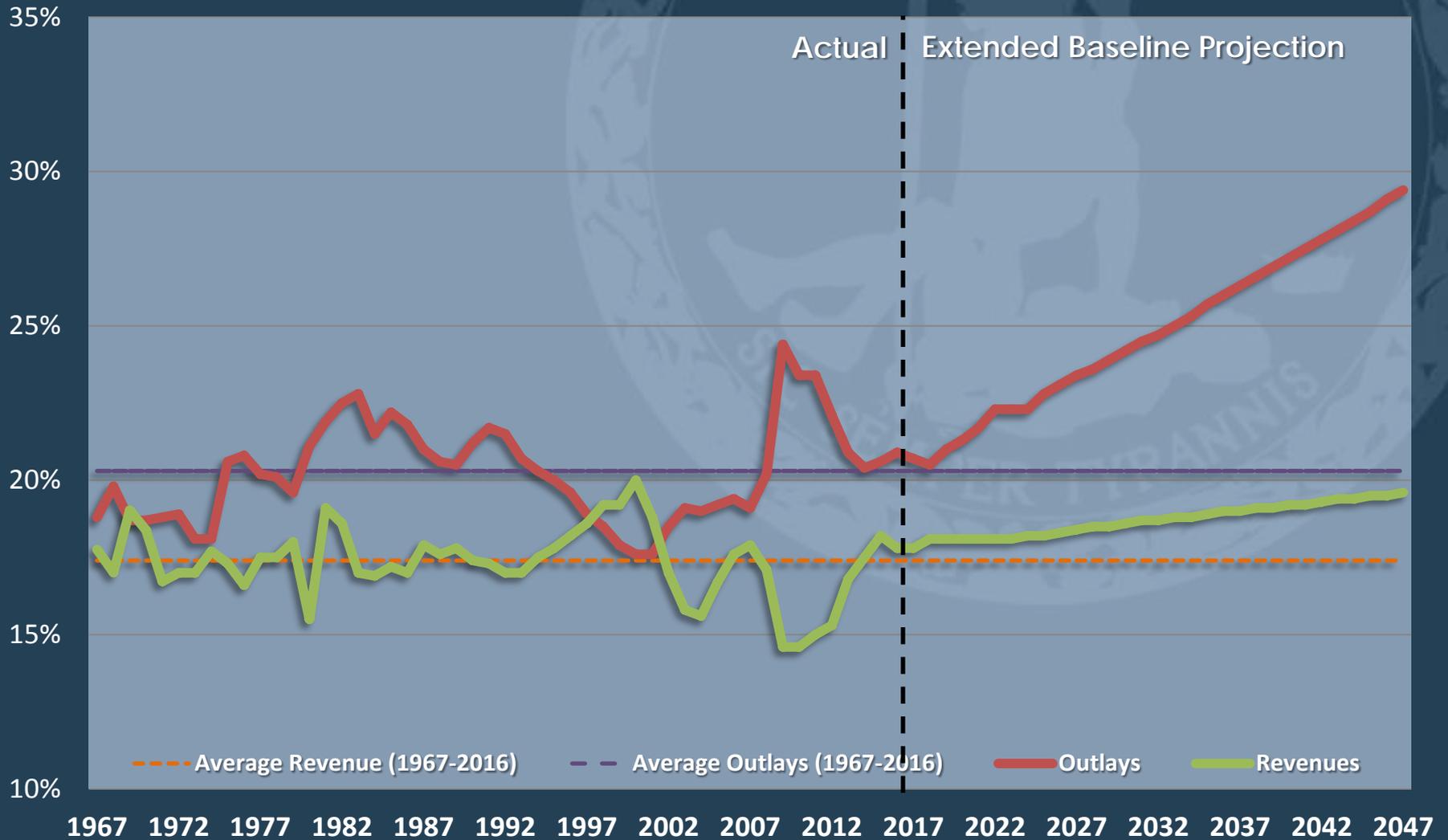
# The Federal Budget



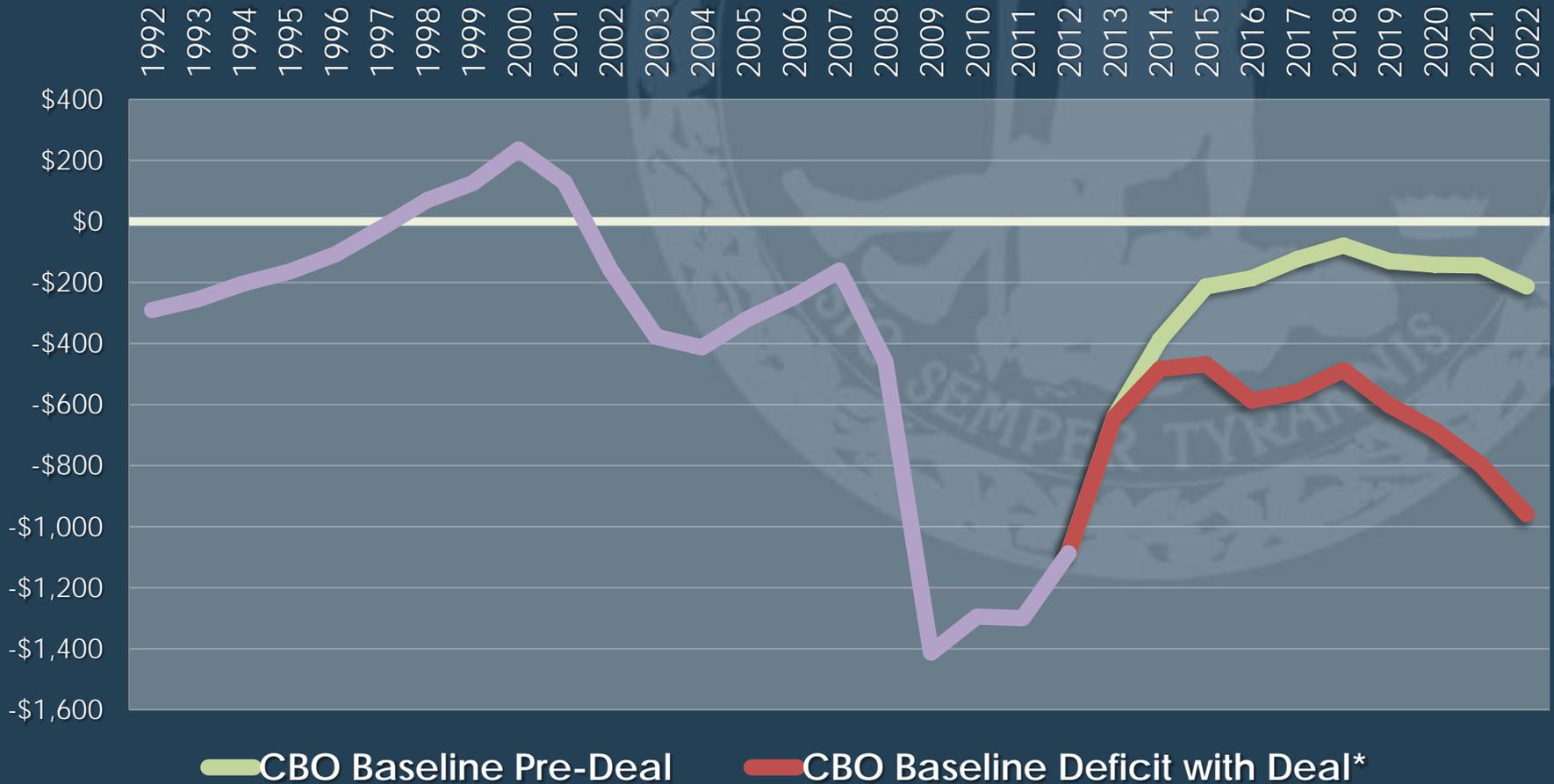
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# Federal Revenue and Outlays

As a percentage of gross domestic product



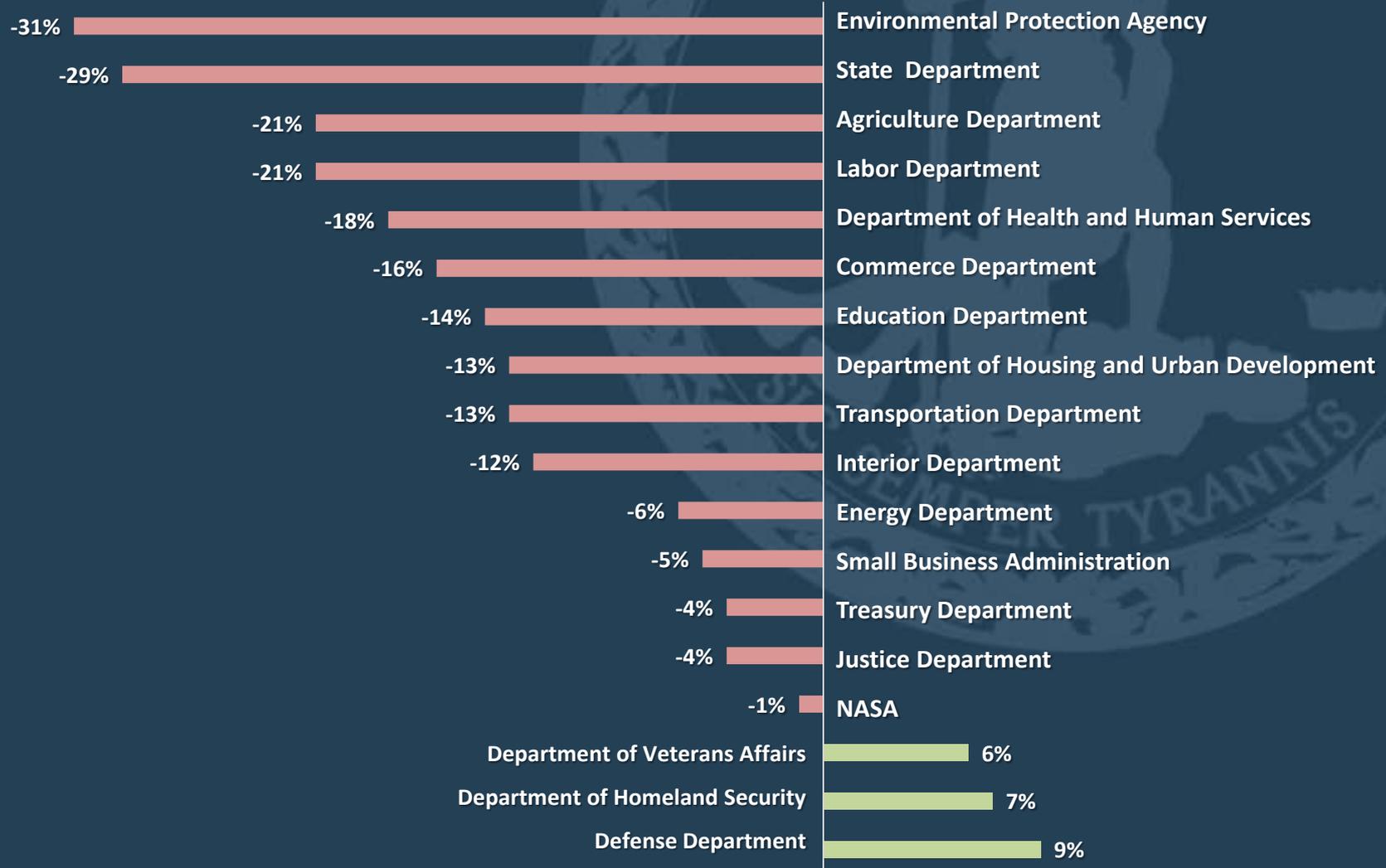
# Recent Contributor to Long-term Debt: 2013 Fiscal Cliff Deal Added \$3.9 Trillion to Deficit over 10 years



\*Compares CBO's August 2012 Baseline with CBO's January 2017 Baseline.

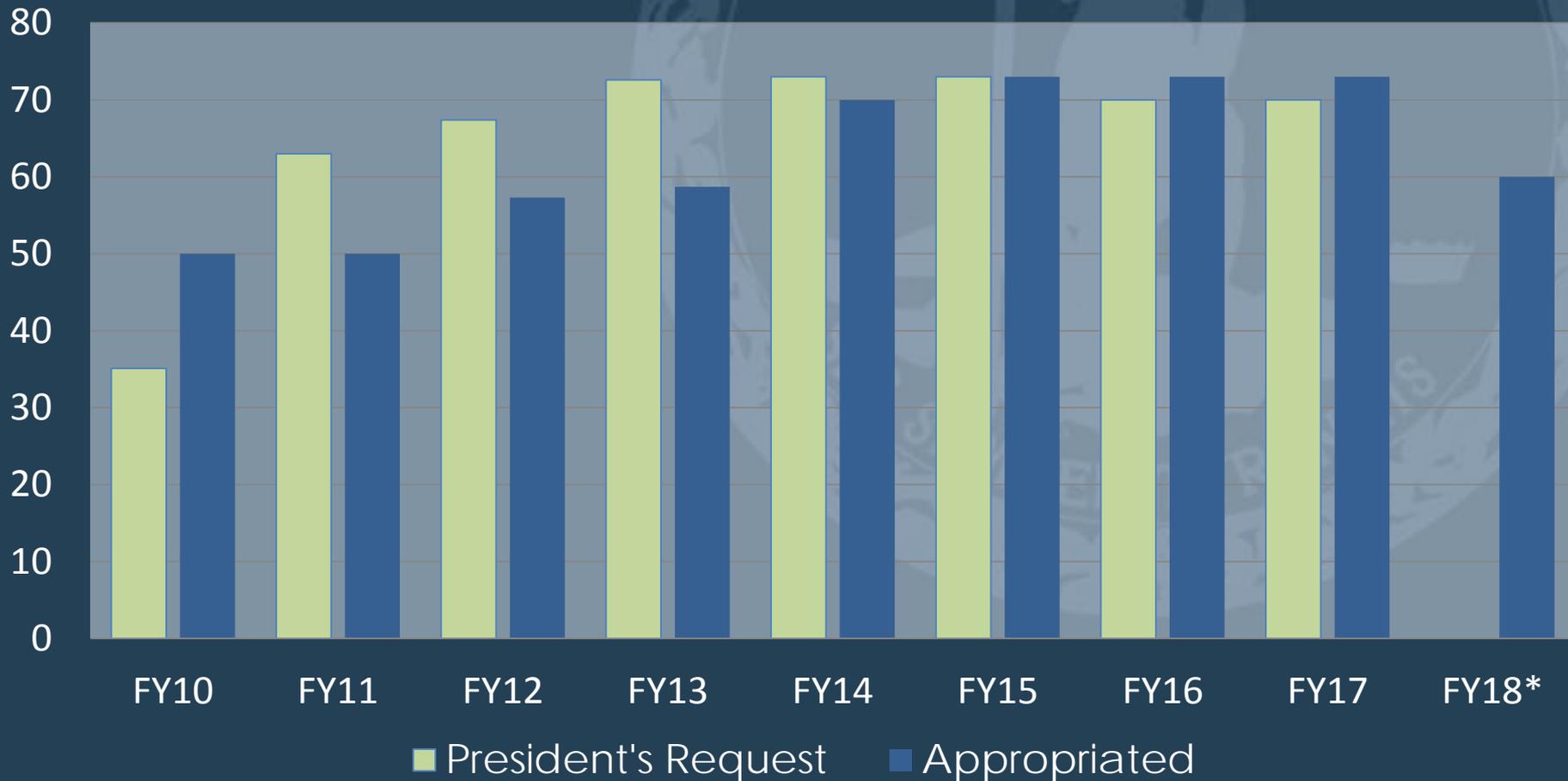
# President Trump's FY18 budget proposal

Percent change in agency budgets from 2017 budget



# President' Trump's budget threatens progress in the Chesapeake Bay

Funding for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program in millions of dollars



\*Zeroed Out in President's FY18 Budget. House FY18 Appropriations Bill includes \$60M.



# House Republican's FY18 Budget Proposal

## Spending cuts without revenues could leave us with unpalatable choices:

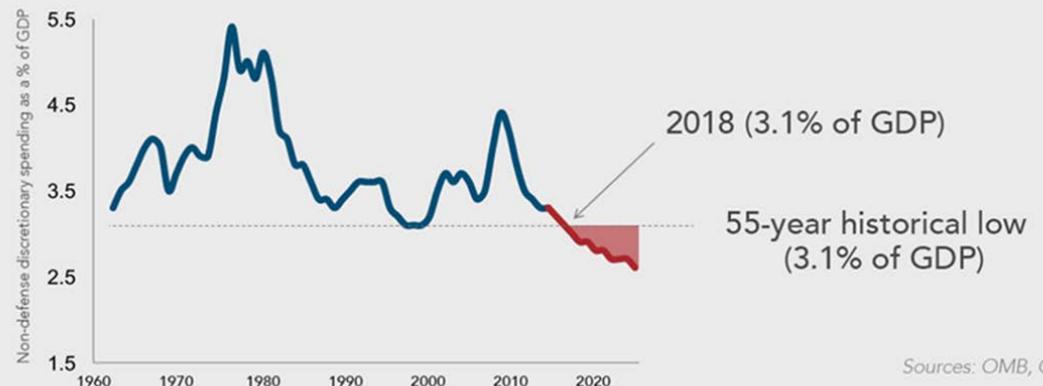
- ✗ Inadequate supports for seniors
- ✗ Investments in our economy and young people neglected
- ✗ National security put at risk

\$5.4 trillion in spending cuts including massive and disproportional cuts to low- and moderate-income programs.

HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS

This budget fails to address these looming cuts and threatens investment and economic competitiveness.

## Unless we lift the caps, critical investments will drop well below their historic low



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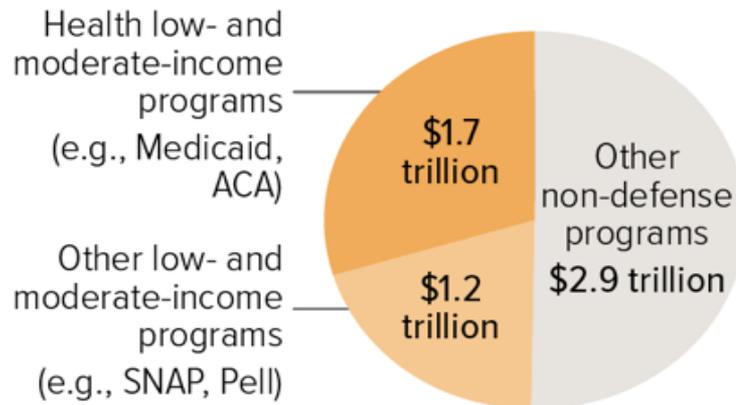


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# Major Spending Cuts

## House GOP Budget Cuts Low- and Moderate-Income Programs By \$2.9 Trillion Over Decade

Total cuts, 2018-2027



ACA = Affordable Care Act

Note: Cuts in health low- and moderate-income programs reflect both the entitlement cuts in Function 550 (\$1.5 trillion) and other cuts in the budget (\$200 billion).

Source: CBPP analysis based on Congressional Budget Office and House Budget Committee data

- The drastic cuts in the proposed budget include devastating cuts to nutrition assistance programs that primarily support children, seniors, and people with disabilities, as well as:
  - \$90 billion in cuts to education and student aid
  - \$150 billion cut to effective anti-hunger programs
  - \$500 billion cut in low-income entitlement cuts and income security
  - \$300 billion in cuts to low-income, non-defense discretionary programs which include programs such as job training and rental assistance

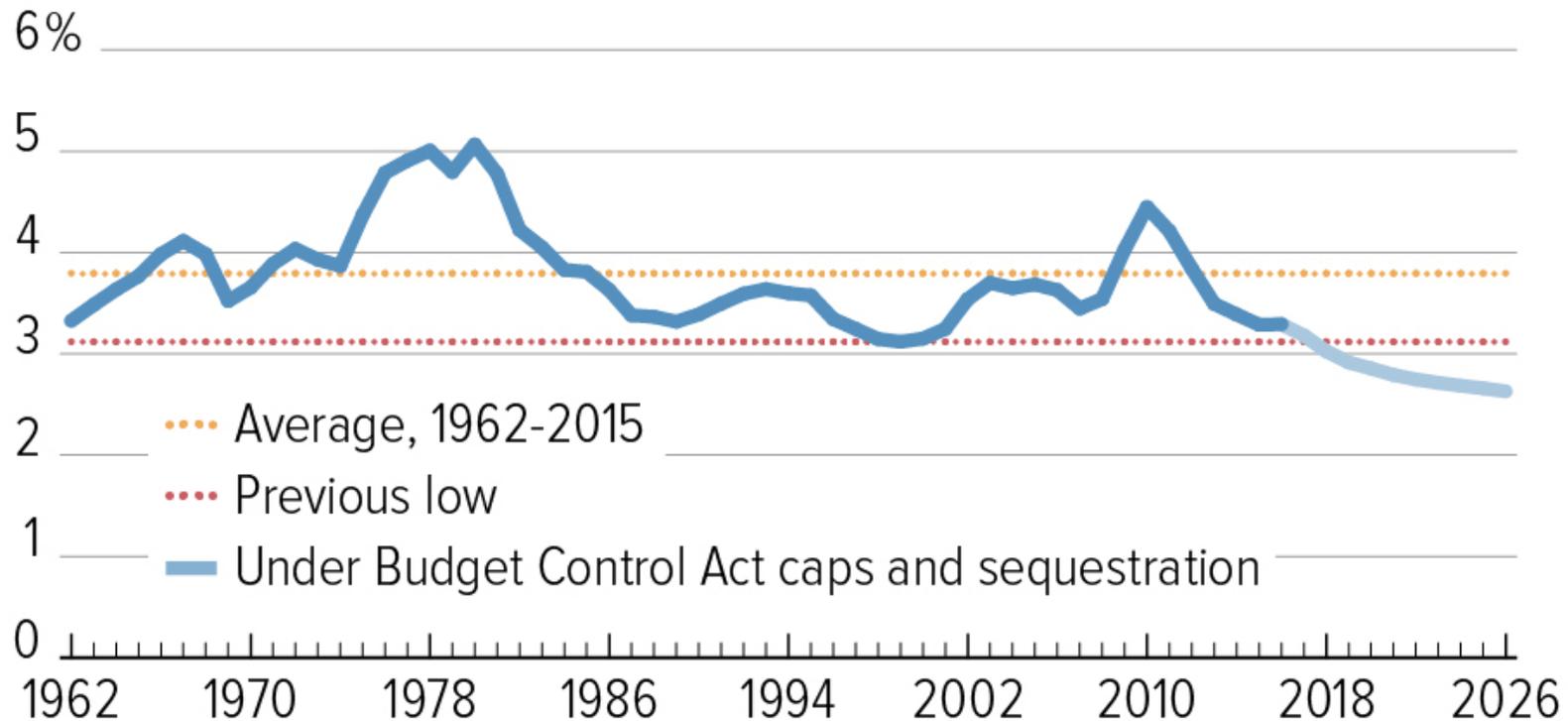
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# Non-defense discretionary spending falling to historic lows

*Spending as a percent of gross domestic product*



Note: Data available only back to 1962. Sequestration refers to budget cuts required under the 2011 Budget Control Act and includes modifications to it in the Bipartisan Budget Acts of 2013 and 2015.

# Budget To-Do List

- ❑ Possible government shutdown on October 1, 2017 if Congress and the President fail to finalize annual appropriations bills by September 30, 2017 or fail to pass stop gap funding measure
- ❑ Raise the Federal Debt Ceiling by the end of September. Failure to do so would lead to the United States Government defaulting on its debt and obligations
- ❑ Reach a budget agreement to address sequestration (automatic across-the-board spending cuts) set to take effect in January 2018



# Repealing & Replacing the Affordable Care Act



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# Before the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- You could be denied coverage or charged exorbitant premiums if you had a preexisting condition.
- Employer-based coverage was declining and those who lost job-based coverage had few or no options.
- The cost of caring for the uninsured was shifted onto American families through higher premiums – an additional \$1,000 annually.

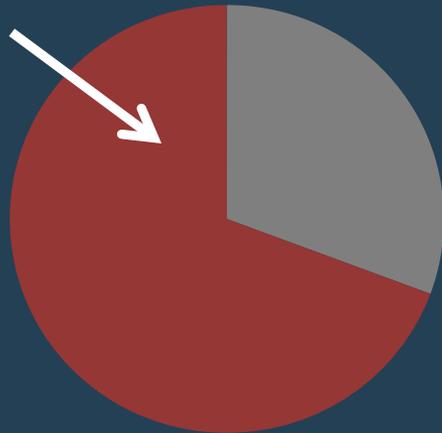


# A Look at Insurance Policies Before the ACA

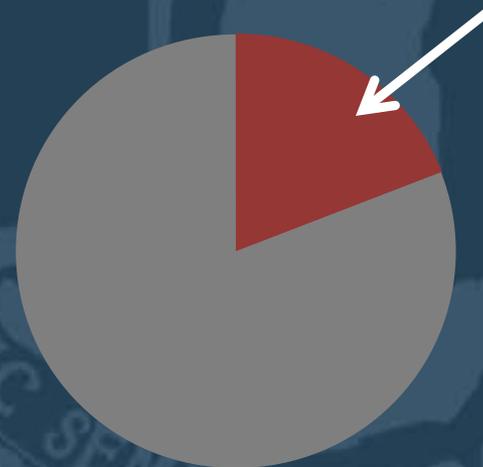
*Individual Coverage, 2008*

## What did plans cover?

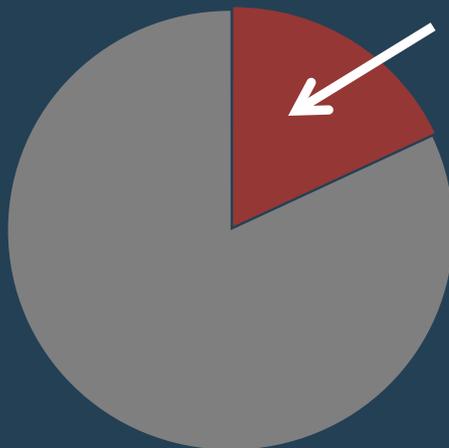
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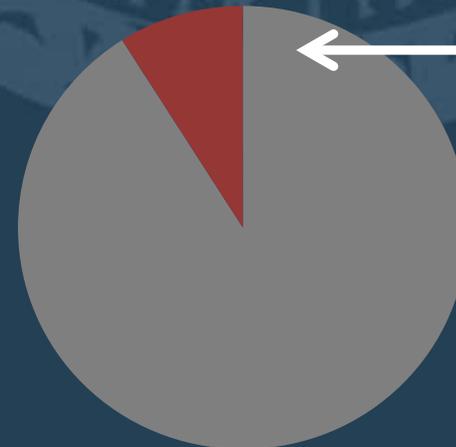
32% lacked  
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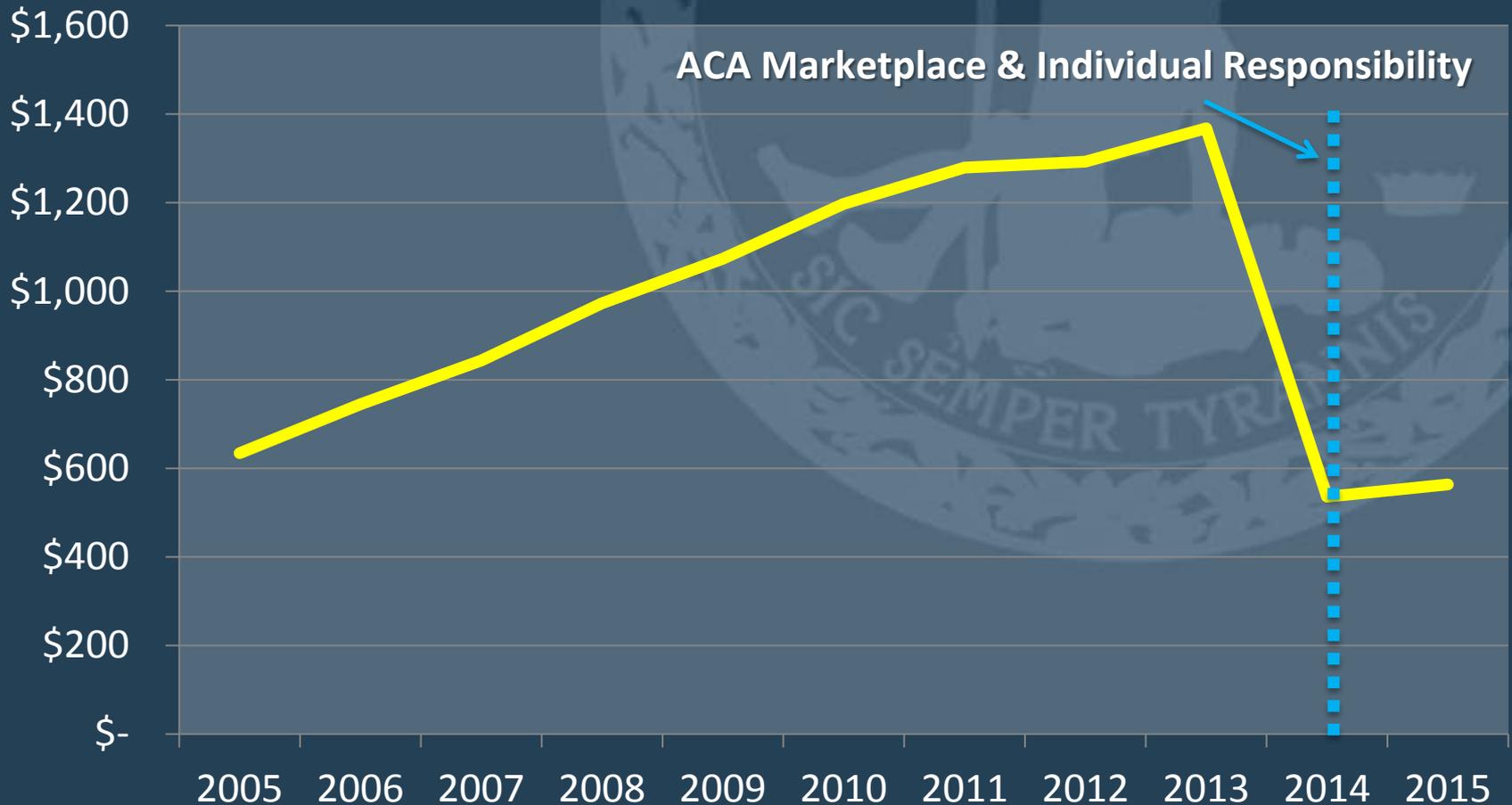
# The Affordable Care Act is Comprehensive

- Health insurance reform needed a comprehensive and universal approach – otherwise people would wait until they get sick to buy insurance.
- Covers everyone to prevent “cherry picking” or adverse selection.



# New York State Case Study: Average Statewide Individual Health Insurance Premiums

2005 – 2015



# The ACA Provides Meaningful Benefits & Consumer Protections

## Benefits for Everyone:

- ✓ No discrimination based on preexisting conditions
  - ✓ No rescission of benefits
- ✓ Preventive care without co-pay or deductible
- ✓ Young adults can stay on their parents' policies until age 26
  - ✓ Caps on out-of-pocket spending
  - ✓ No annual/lifetime limits on coverage

## Benefits for Those With Insurance:

- ✓ Greater security if you choose to switch jobs or start your own business
- ✓ Marketplace alternatives if other coverage is inadequate or unaffordable
- ✓ Reduced cost shifting – more people have insurance and can pay for care

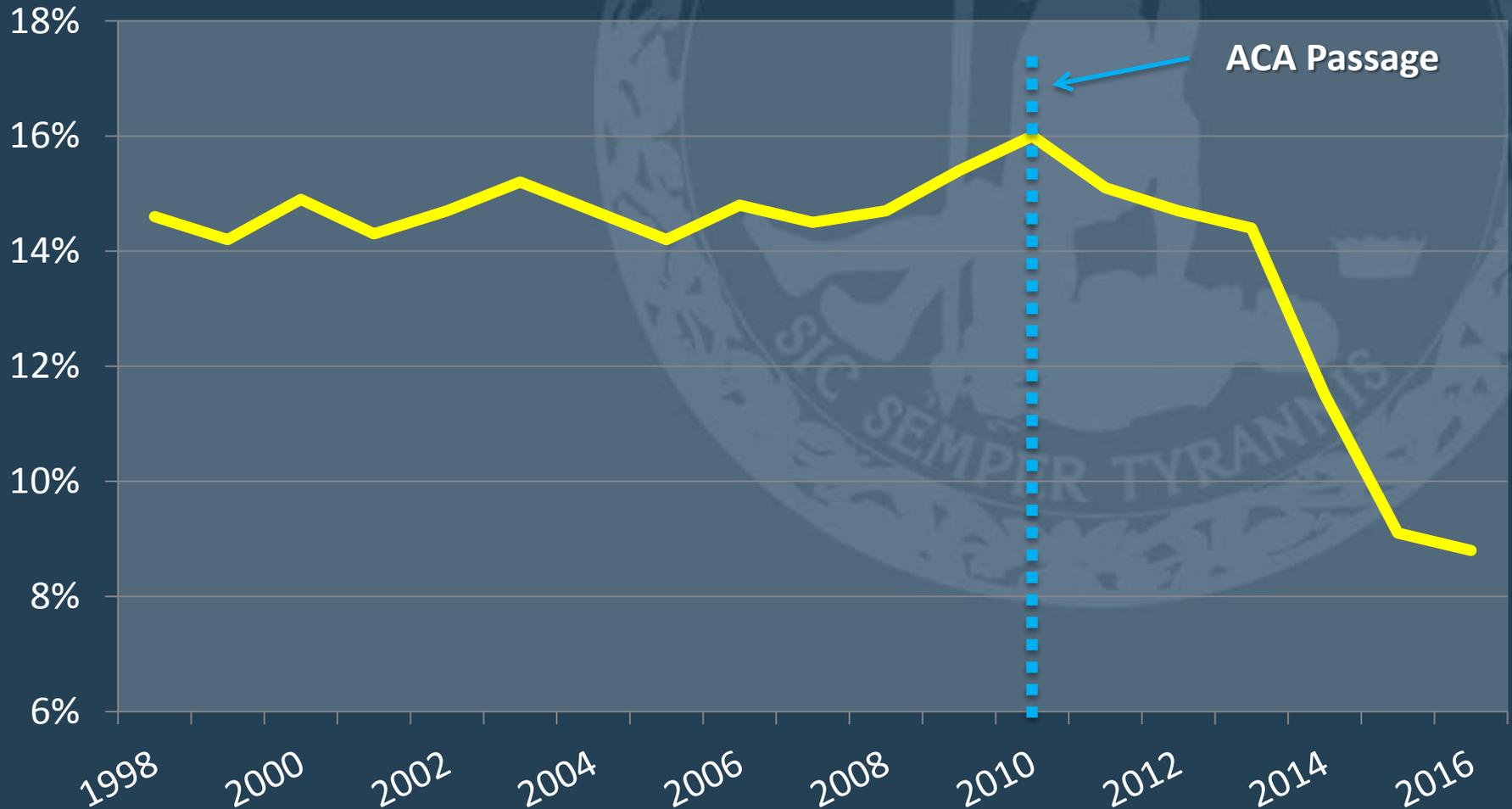
## Benefits for Those Without Insurance:

- ✓ Access to a comprehensive plan through the Marketplace or Medicaid in expansion states
- ✓ Financial assistance for families with incomes at or below \$97,000 (family of four)



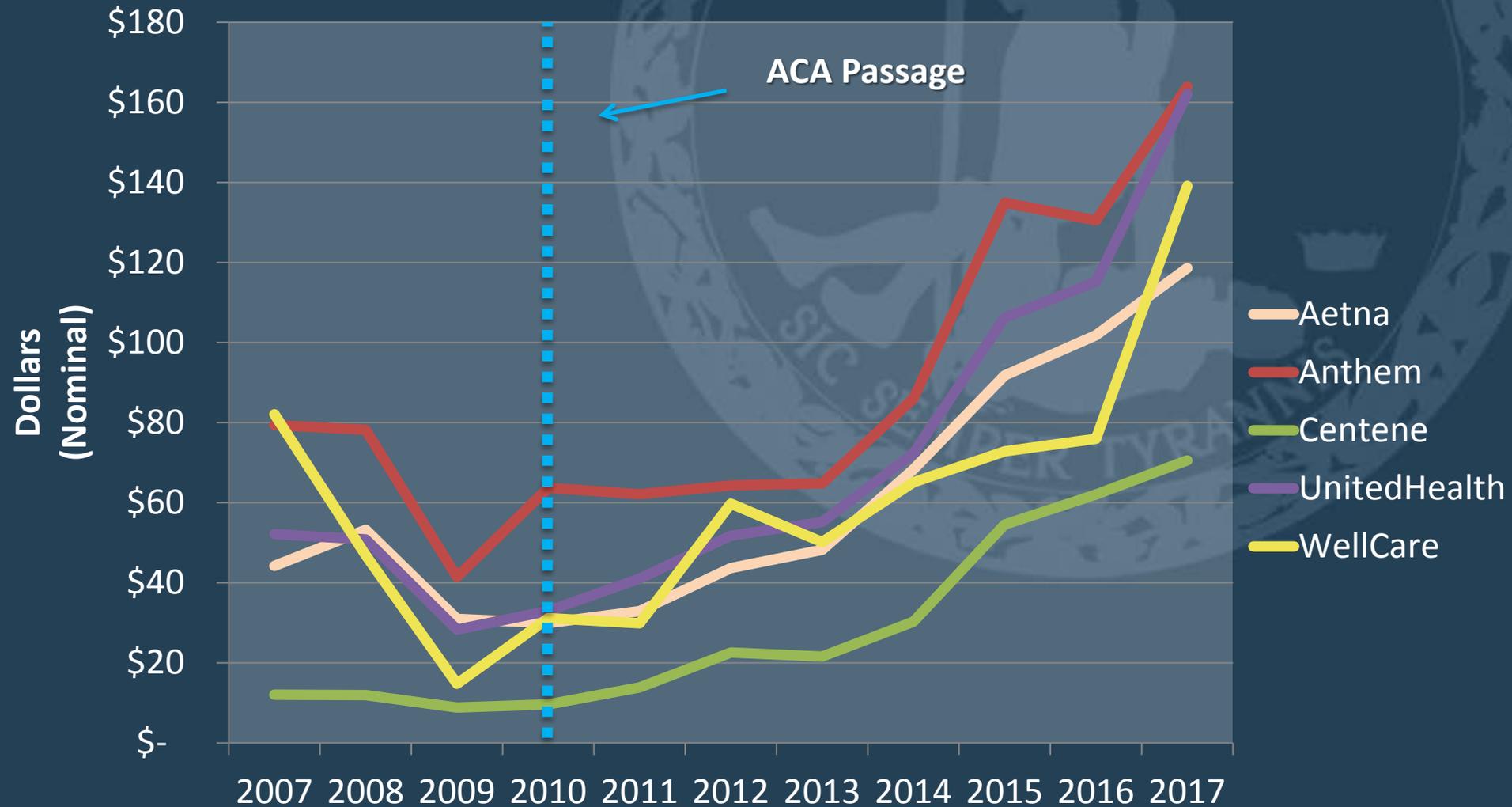
# National Uninsurance Rate Drops Dramatically after ACA

1998 – 2016



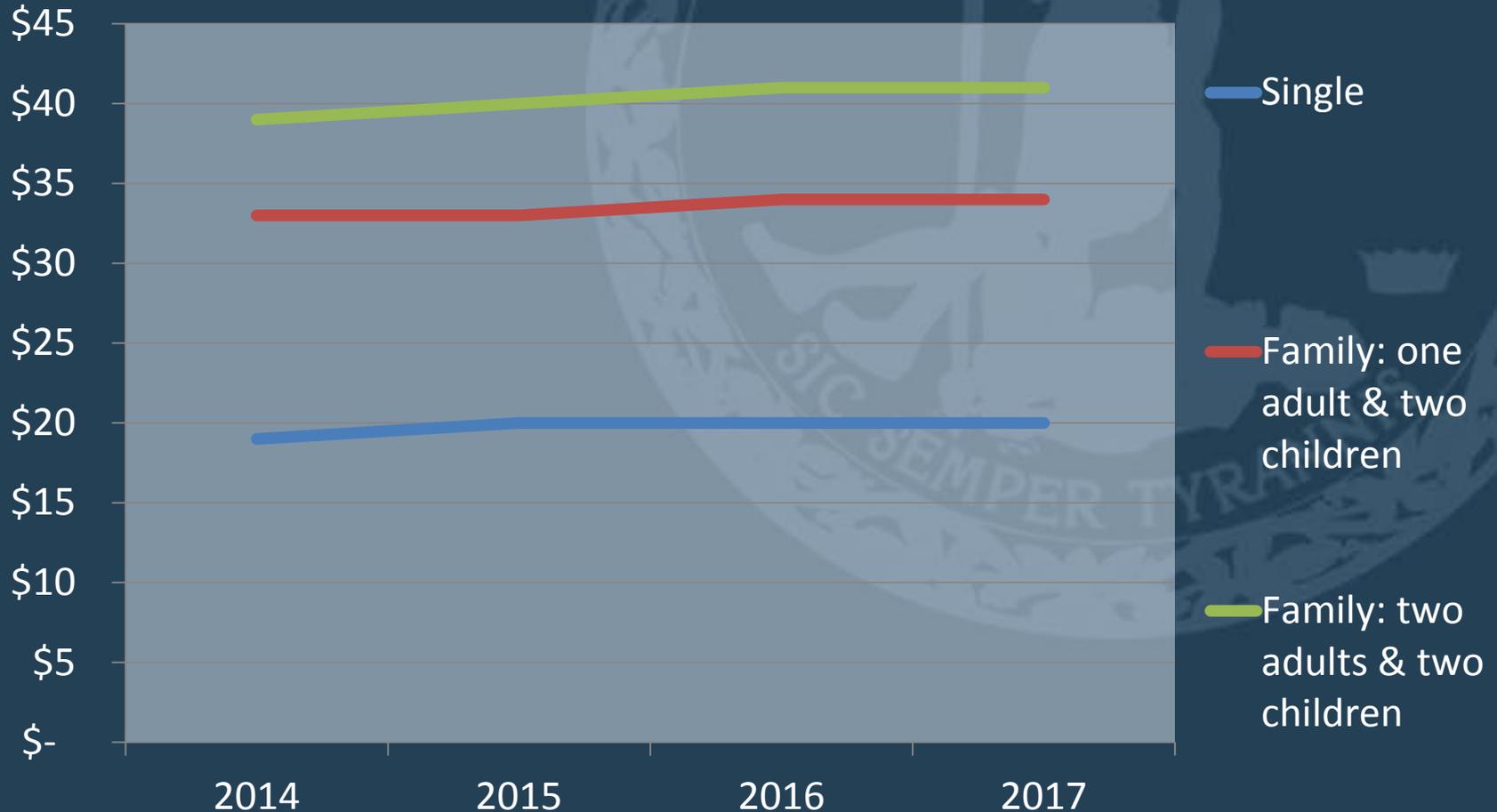
# Health Care Company Stock Prices

2007-2017



# ACA Tax Credit Adapts to Actual Cost

Example: Out of Pocket Monthly Premium for Silver Plan at 100% Federal Poverty Level



For 2017 plans, 100% FPL is \$11,880 for a single person; \$24,300 for a four-person family.

Compiled by Democratic Staff on the Education and the Workforce Committee

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Premium Calculator

Notes: 2014 values divide annual premiums by 12; All estimates assume residency in Newport News and adults are non-smokers, 40 years of age without an offer of employer-sponsored insurance.



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# Repeal Efforts

- Over the past seven years, Republicans have voted over 60 times to repeal parts or all of the Affordable Care Act.
- In May, House Republicans passed the American Health Care Act, also known as Trumpcare, to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.
  - The legislation was passed before any nonpartisan CBO analysis on the legislation was complete.

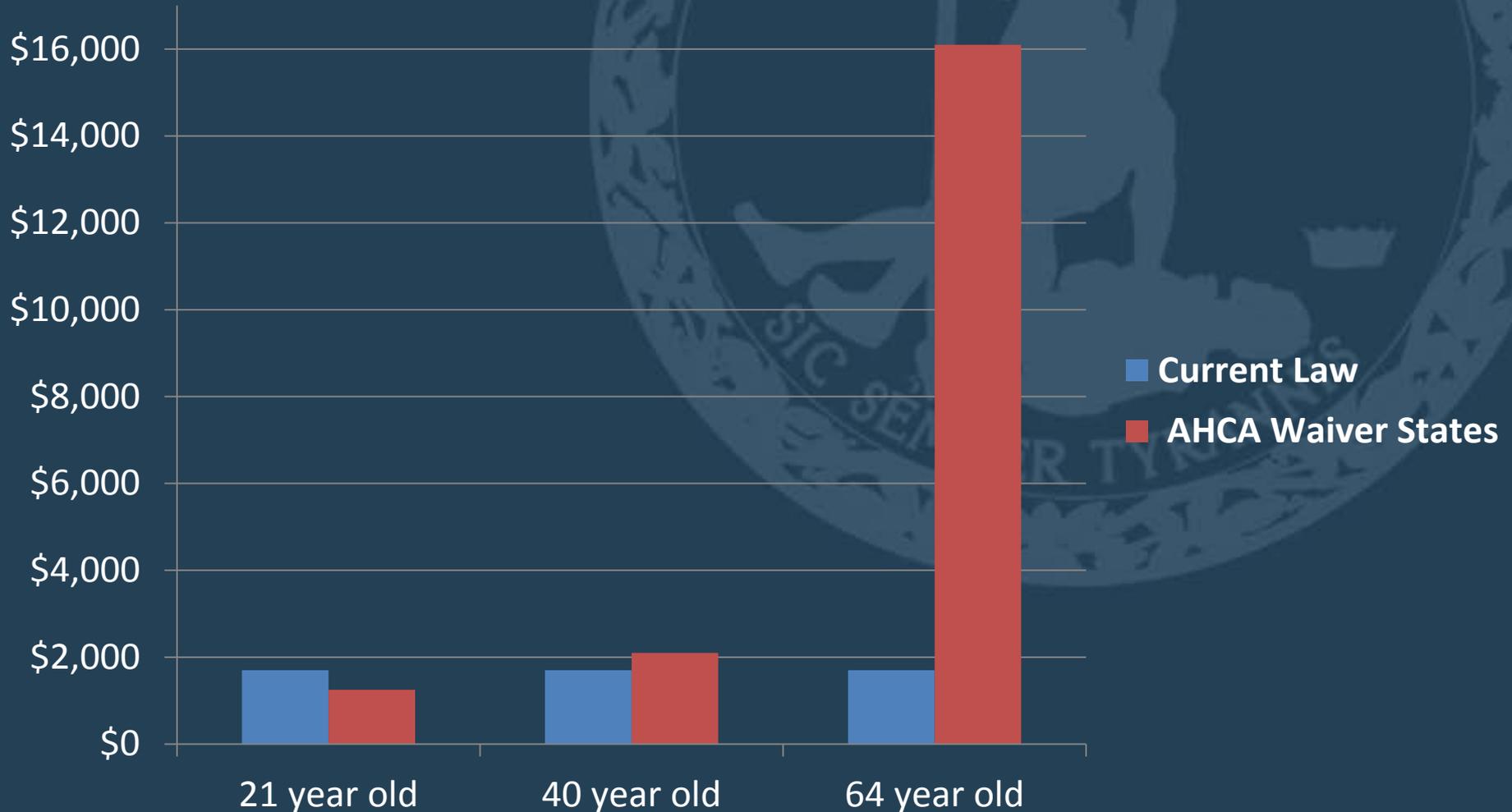


# A Look at the House-Passed Trumpcare Bill

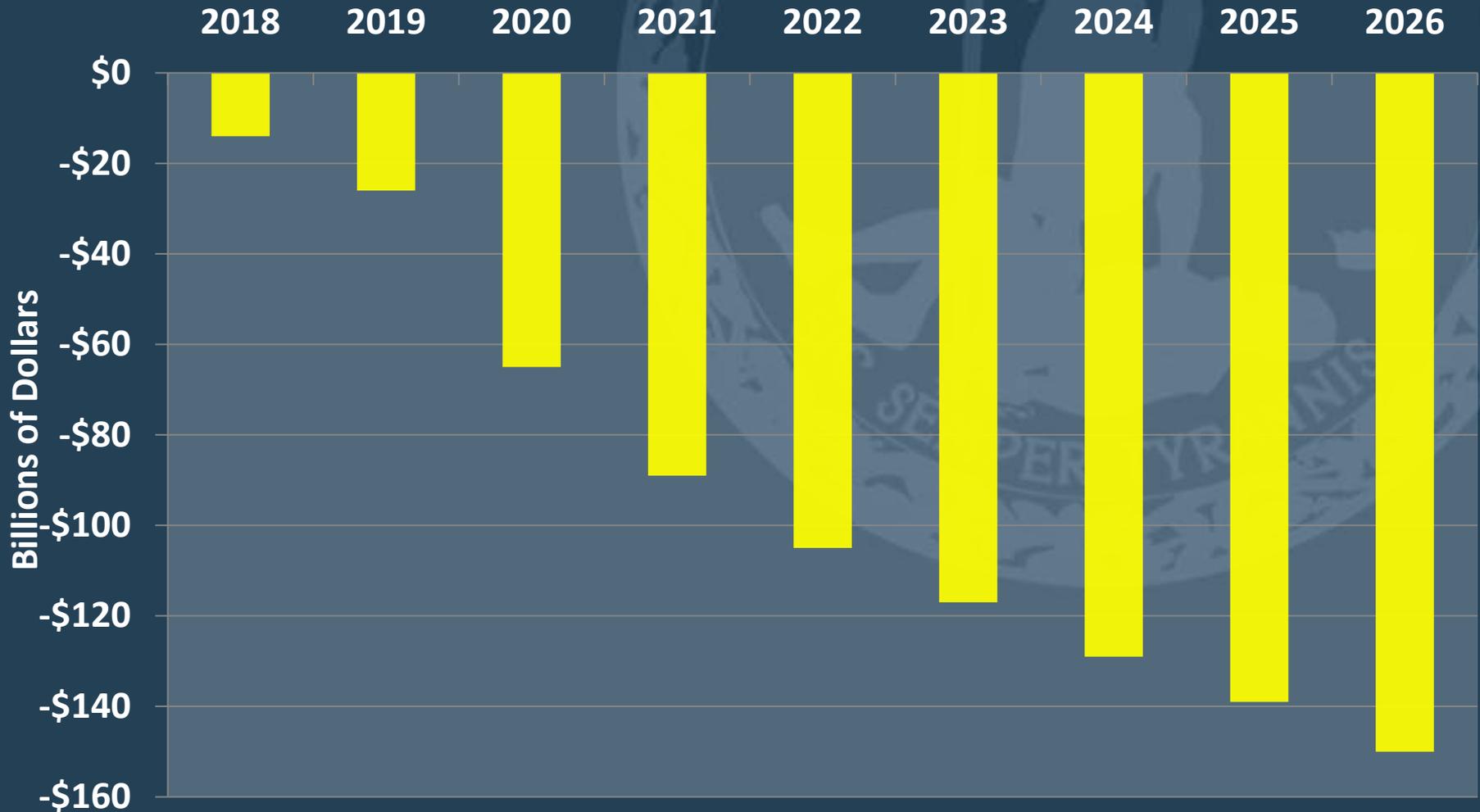


# House-Passed Plan Increases Costs

Out of Pocket Average Annual Premium For Single Individual with Income of \$26,500



# House-Passed Plan Includes Over \$800 Billion in Cuts to Medicaid



Compiled by Democratic Staff on the Education and the Workforce Committee  
Source: Congressional Budget Office, *Cost Estimate of H.R. 1628, American Health Care Act of 2017*



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# Repeal Efforts: What Happened in the Senate?

The Senate considered three separate versions of Trumpcare:

- 1) Obamacare Repeal Reconciliation Act of 2017 (repeal only) – would have repealed major pieces of the ACA without any replacement
- 2) Better Care Reconciliation Act (repeal and replace) – would have repealed the ACA and made major changes to the health system
- 3) The Healthcare Freedom Act of 2017 (“skinny repeal”) – a last resort effort that would have repealed only a few provisions of the ACA, including the mandates

Each version failed on the Senate floor.



# What is “Skinny Repeal”?

“Skinny repeal” was seen as the best hopes for passing a repeal bill, once other bills had failed. The final bill included:

- Tax relief for manufacturers of medical devices.
- Elimination of the individual mandate that requires all Americans by health coverage or pay a fine.
- Elimination of the large employer mandate.
- Elimination of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which provides the CDC with about \$1 billion annually, or about 12% of the agency's budget.
- Elimination of funding for Planned Parenthood and some similar providers, while giving more money to Community Health Centers.
- An increase in the amount of money that can be contributed to Health Savings Accounts.
- A faster process for granting flexibility for states in implementing consumer protections, including essential health benefits and the out-of-pocket spending limit.



# Congressional Budget Office's Analysis of "Skinny Repeal"

**The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number projected under current law would reach 16 million in 2026.**

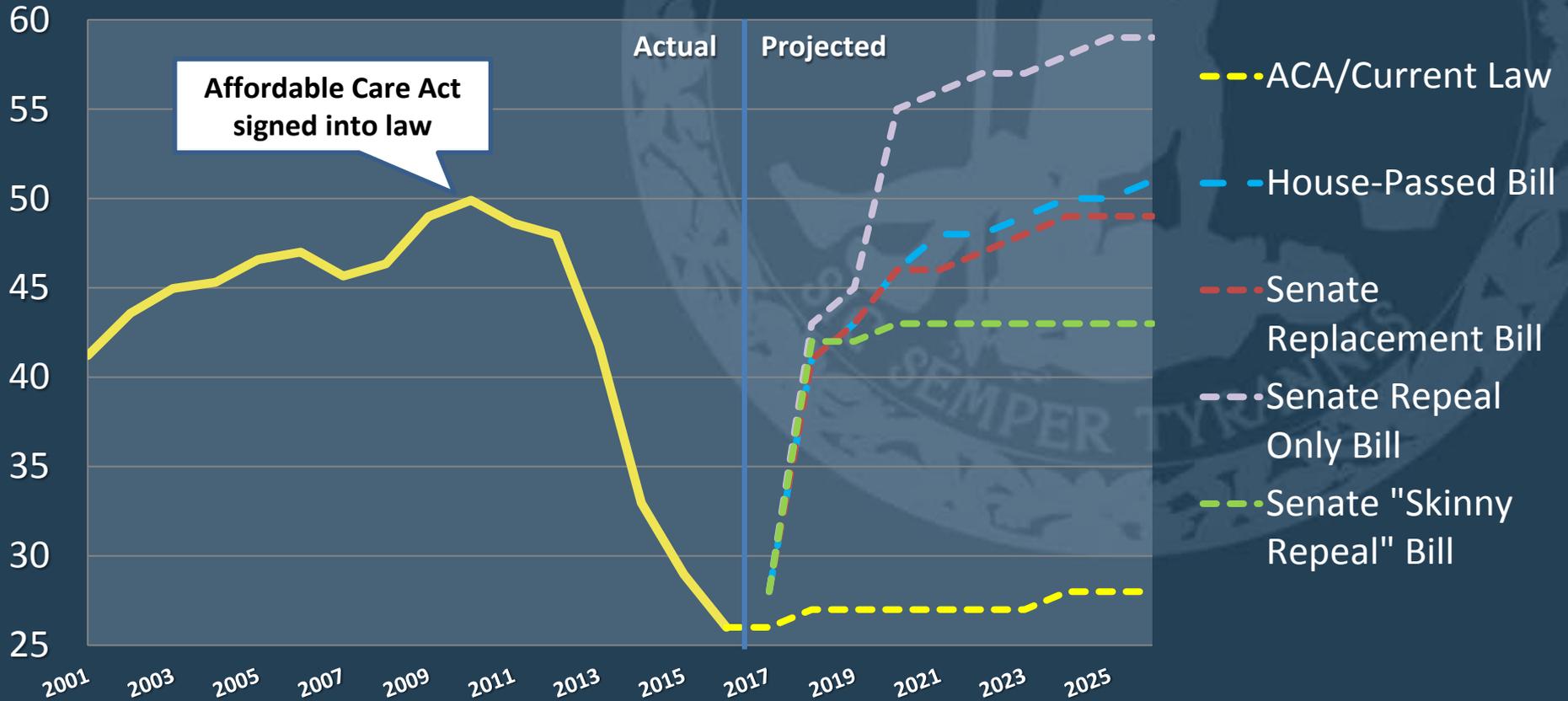
***"CBO and JCT estimate that adverse selection [due to repeal of the individual mandate] would increase premiums for policies in the nongroup market, whether purchased through the marketplaces or not, by roughly 20 percent relative to premiums under current law."***

Sources: Congressional Budget Office, *Estimate of Direct Spending and Revenue Effects of H.R. 1628, the Healthcare Freedom Act of 2017, an Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute [S.A. 667]*; Congressional Budget Office, *Options to Reduce the Federal Deficit: Repeal the Individual Health Insurance Mandate*



# Every Trumpcare Version Would Skyrocket Number of Uninsured

Uninsured in millions



Compiled by Democratic Staff on the Education and the Workforce Committee

Source: Census Bureau, *Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Selected Characteristics*, years 2001-2015; Congressional Budget Office.



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# By Every Measure, Trumpcare is Worse Than Current Law

## Number of People with Insurance ↓

Millions more people without insurance.

## Quality of Coverage ↓

Many versions of Trumpcare would severely limit coverage of essential health benefits, such as maternity care, prescription drugs, mental health services, and addiction treatment. Insurers would also again be able to put annual and lifetime caps on coverage, including in large employer plans.

## Protections for People with Preexisting Conditions ↓

By eviscerating the ACA's guaranteed comprehensive essential health benefits package, under various versions of Trumpcare insurers could charge extra for the coverage that people with preexisting conditions need, such as coverage for chemotherapy.

Source: Congressional Budget Office, *Cost Estimate of H.R. 1628, American Health Care Act of 2017*; Congressional Budget Office, *Cost Estimate of H.R. 1628, the Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017: An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute*; Congressional Budget Office, *Cost Estimate of H.R. 1628, Obamacare Repeal Reconciliation Act of 2017*; Congressional Budget Office, *Estimate of Direct Spending and Revenue Effects of H.R. 1628, the Healthcare Freedom Act of 2017, an Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute [S.A. 667]*



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## Cost of Coverage ↑

Many versions sought to impose an “age tax” on older Americans between the ages of 50 and 64. Under the House-passed bill, CBO projected that premiums for low-income, older enrollees could go up 800%.

## Jobs ↓

All else being equal in the economy, estimates showed that Trumpcare could result in 1 to 1.5 million fewer jobs, hurting workers and the economy.

## Tax Breaks for the Wealthy & Corporations ↑

Billions in tax breaks to the rich and corporations. Early estimates of the Senate bill showed that, on average, those making more than \$1 million a year would receive a tax cut of \$50,000 a year.

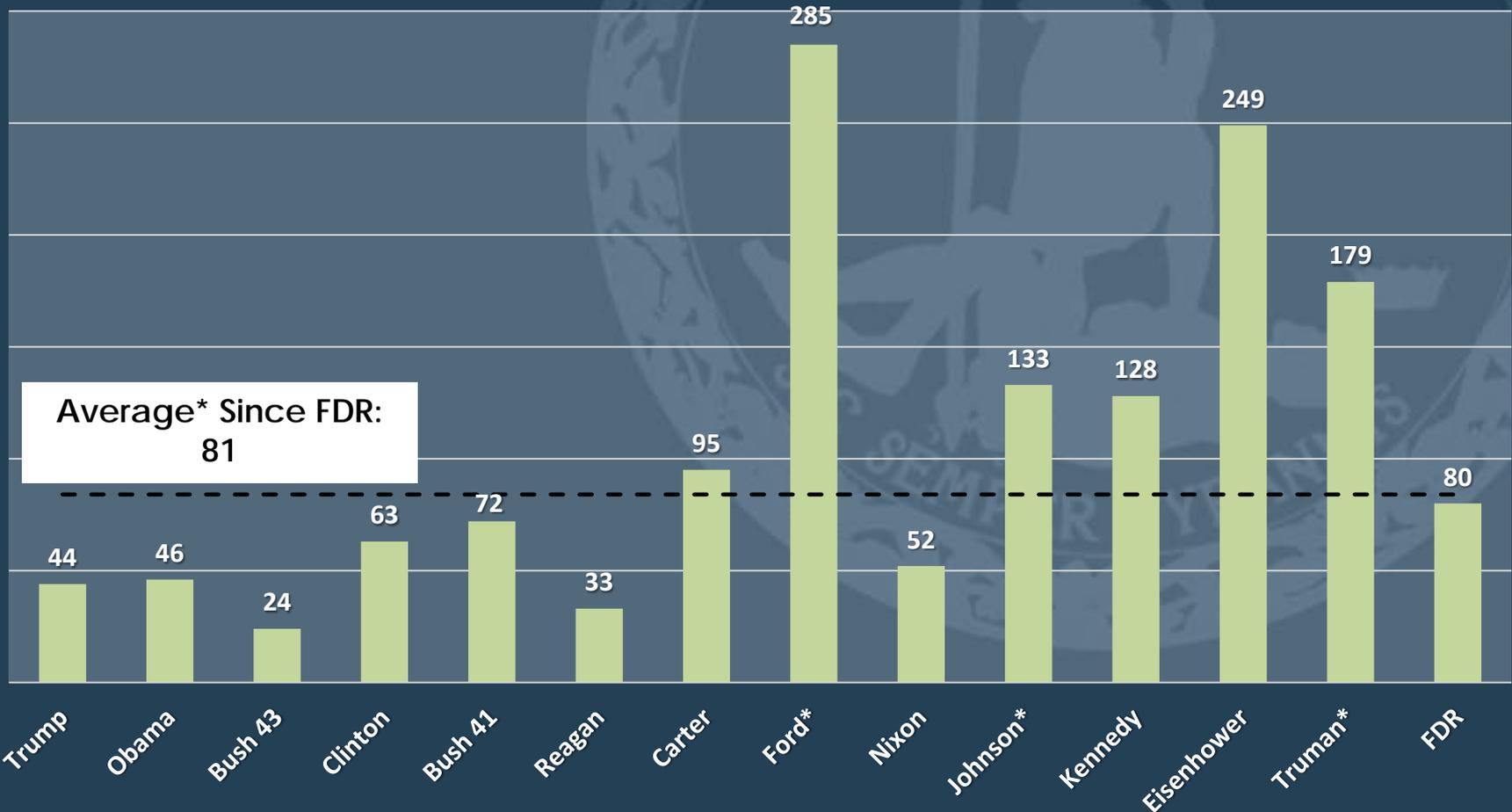
Sources: CBPP, *House GOP Health Plan Eliminates Two Medicare Taxes, Giving Very Large Tax Cuts to the Wealthy*; Commonwealth Fund, *The Better Care Reconciliation Act: Economic and Employment Consequences for States*; Commonwealth Fund, *The American Health Care Act: Economic and Employment Consequences for States*; Congressional Budget Office, *Cost Estimate of H.R. 1628, American Health Care Act of 2017*

# Other Presidential and Legislative Action in President Trump's First 7 Months



# President Trump has signed 44 bills into law in his first 200 days, below the average of 81 since FDR

Number of public laws enacted in a president's first 200 days



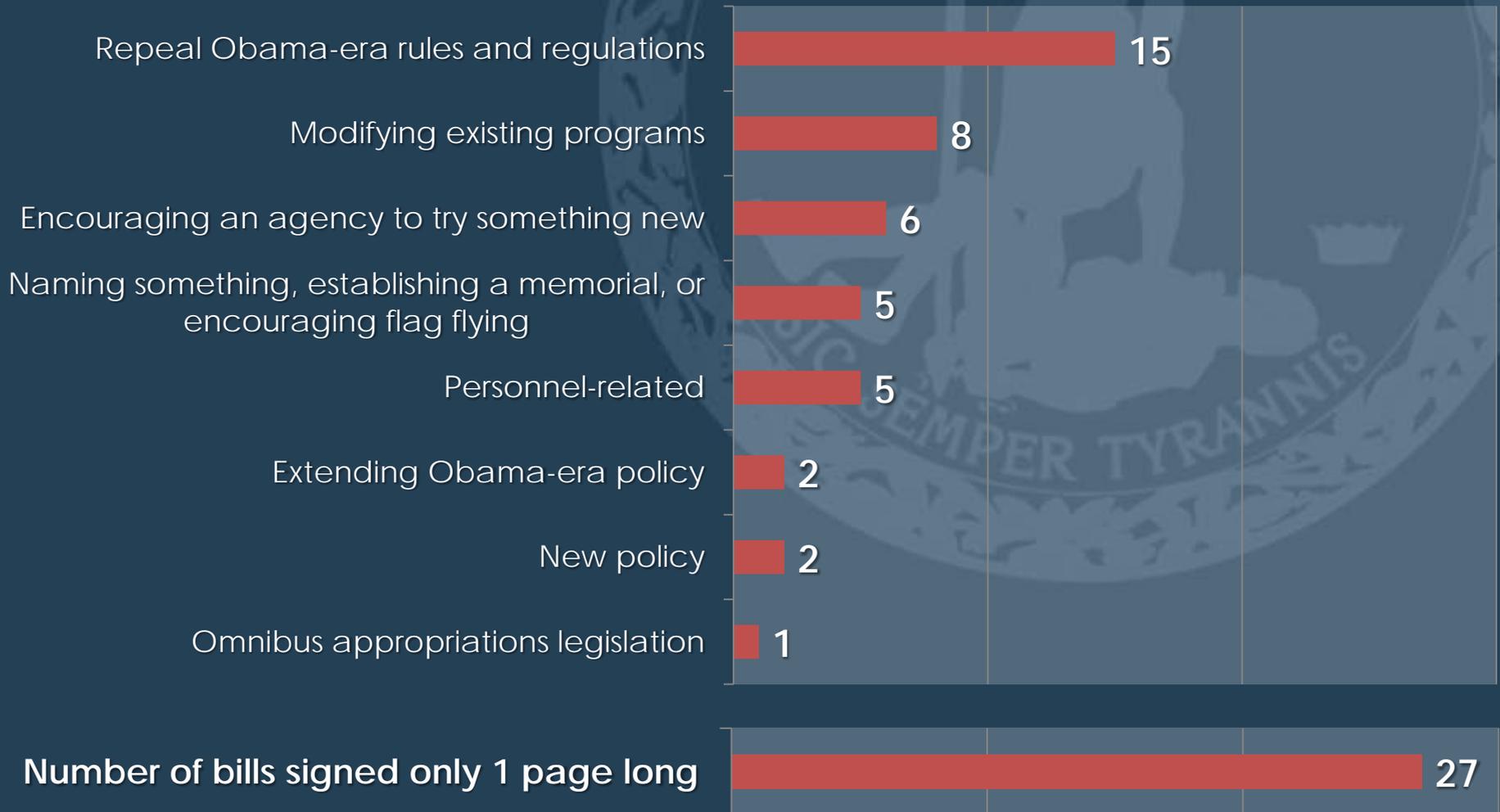
\*Ford, Johnson and Truman are not reflected in the average, as they assumed office in the middle of a legislative session

Sources: National Journal Research, 2017. Library of Congress Statutes at Large. Government Publishing Office Statutes at Large. Congress.gov.



# A Breakdown of the 44 Bills Signed Into Law by President Trump

*As of August 14, 2017*



# Workplace Safety

- **H.J. Res. 37 Rolled Back the Rule Requiring Federal Contractors to Share Information about Their Labor Law Violations, Leaving Workers of Federal Contractors More Vulnerable**
  - Passed the House on February 2, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 236-187.
  - Passed the Senate on March 6, 2017 by a party-line vote of 49-48.
  - Signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2017.
- **H.J. Res. 83 Rolled Back the OSHA Rule Clarifying Employers' Recordkeeping Violations, Leaving Workers More Vulnerable to Injury and Death**
  - Passed the House on March 1, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 231-191.
  - Passed the Senate on March 22, 2017 by a party-line vote of 50-48.
  - Signed into law by President Trump on April 3, 2017.



# Retirement Security

- **H.J. Res. 66 and 67 Rolled Back Two Retirement Savings Rules Diminishing Workers' Ability to Save for Retirement**
  - H.J. Res. 66 Passed House on February 15, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 231-193. Passed the Senate on a party-line vote of 50-49 on May 3, 2017. Signed into law by President Trump on May 17, 2017.
  - H. J. Res. 67 Passed House on February 15, 2017 by a nearly party line vote of 234-191. Passed the Senate on a party line vote 50-49 on March 30, 2017. Signed into law by President Trump on April 13, 2017.
- **President Trump Ordered Review and Delay of the Department of Labor's Fiduciary Rule**
  - Rule ensures workers and families get unbiased advice from financial advisors when investing their hard-earned retirement savings.
  - According to the Economic Policy Institute, the Department of Labor's 60-day delay of the rule will cost workers saving for retirement \$3.7 billion.



# Wall Street

- **Reversed Planned Federal Housing Administration Mortgage Premium Cut**
  - Would have saved homeowners with an FHA mortgage \$500 a year.
- **Executive Order 13772: Rolls Back Wall Street Reforms Regulations**
- **Endorsed House-passed repeal of Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act**
  - H.R. 10, the Financial CHOICE Act, passed by the House in June, the Financial CHOICE Act rolls back protections put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, including weakening the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- **H.J. Res. 111 overturns Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rule prohibiting forced arbitration clauses in certain consumer contracts**
  - Passed the House on July 25, 2017 on nearly party line vote of 231-190 (1 Republican voting NO).
  - Now pending before the United States Senate.



# Education

- **H.J. Res 57 Rolled Back a Department of Education Rule, Breaking the Civil Rights Promise of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Jeopardizing Equitable Access to a High-Quality Education for All Students**
  - Passed House on February 7, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 234-190
  - Passed the Senate on March 9, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 50-49
  - Signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2017.
- **H.J. Res 58 Rolled Back the Department of Education Rule, Removing Transparency on Teacher Preparation Program Quality and Furthering Inequitable Access to Excellent Teachers**
  - Passed House on February 7, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 240-181
  - Passed the Senate on March 9, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 59-40
  - Signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2017.
- **Executive Order 13779: White House Initiative to Promote Excellence and Innovation at HBCUs**
  - Essentially reissues an Obama EO encouraging cooperation between the Federal Government and HBCUs.
- **DeVos Ends Opening Doors, Expanding Opportunities Grant**
  - Education Secretary Betsy DeVos ends grant awards to school districts that seek to make public schools more diverse.



# Environment

- **H.J. Res. 38 Rolled Back the Stream Protection Rule Aimed to Reduce the Harm Caused by Mountain Top Removal Mining**
  - Passed the House on February 1, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 228-194.
  - Passed the Senate on February 2, 2017 by a nearly party-line vote of 54-42.
  - Signed into law by President Trump on February 16, 2017.
- **Executive Order 13778: Reviewing the Waters of the United States Rule**
  - EPA currently reviewing the “Clean Water Rule” that clarifies which waters are to be regulated by the Clean Water Act. The review will likely result in wetlands not directly connected to a relatively permanent waterbody not being covered by the CWA instead of relying on the “significant nexus” definition of Justice Kennedy.



# Environment (cont.)

- **Executive Order 13783: Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth**
  - Prioritizes energy development on federal lands, orders review of the Clean Power Plan to regulate carbon emissions, review of social cost of carbon calculations, and withdraws Obama Presidential Memorandum directing agencies to account for climate change in federal planning.
  - The Department of Interior and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management are beginning to develop a new Outer Continental Shelf Five Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The Atlantic Coast, which was put off limits by the Obama Administration to offshore drilling, could be opened for oil and gas exploration.
- **President Trump Approved Dakota Access Pipeline and Keystone XL Pipeline**
- **President Trump has withdrawn the United States from the Paris Agreement, which is a comprehensive international agreement to address climate change**



# International Affairs

- **H.R. 3364, the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act** – Directs the President to Impose New Sanctions on North Korea, Iran, and Russia
  - Passed the House on July 25, 2017 by a nearly unanimous vote of 419-3.
  - Passed the Senate on July 27, 2017 by a nearly unanimous vote of 98-2.
  - Signed into law by President Trump on August 2, 2017.
- **H.R. 1644, the Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act** – Increases the President's Authority to Impose Sanctions Against People or Institutions Assisting North Korea in Violation of the United Nations Security Council's Resolutions
  - Passed the House on May 4, 2017 by a vote of 419-1. Currently pending in the Senate.
- **H.R. 1677, the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act** – Declares that it is United States Policy to use Economic and Diplomatic Pressure to Compel Bashar al Assad's Government to Halt Further Slaughter of the Syrian People
  - Passed the House on May 17, 2017 by Voice Vote. Currently pending in the Senate.



# Veterans

- **Choice Program Extension and Improving Veterans Health Care**
  - The Choice program was set to expire in August with nearly \$1 billion unspent in the account, but a reauthorization of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act was signed by President Trump in mid-April.
  - The House and Senate recently passed S.114 to further support the Choice program, hire additional providers, and authorize 28 leases for major medical facilities, one of which is a 155,000 square foot outpatient facility in Hampton Roads.
  - V.A. Secretary Shulkin has often spoken of 49,000 vacancies, most within health care professions. VA budget officials say the department expects to hire 7,025 new full-time equivalents in 2018.
  - In June, Secretary Shulkin unveiled the world's most advanced commercial prosthetic — the Life Under Kinetic Evolution (LUKE) arm.
- **Veterans Affairs Secretary Shulkin Launch Telehealth Initiatives**
  - The Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Health program allows veterans to share important health records with participating community health care providers.
  - The “Anywhere to Anywhere VA Health Care” initiative will empower VA to hire providers in metropolitan areas and connect them to better serve veterans in rural communities .
  - The Veteran Appointment Request app (VAR), allows veterans to use their device to schedule or modify appointments at VA facilities.
- **H.R. 2288, the Veterans Appeals Improvement & Modernization Act**
  - There are more than 450,000 pending appeals and veterans wait on average 977 days for their claim to be resolved. The House and Senate passed H.R. 2288 to reduce the complex avenues a veteran must navigate to have their appeal for disability claims decided and significantly shortens the decision making time frame.
  - House and Senate must now resolve differences before bill goes to President Trump.



# Veterans

- **Transparency and Accountability**
  - President Trump's long-promised hotline for veteran complaints officially launched in June at 855-948-2311.
  - The Access and Quality Tool provides veterans with access to patient wait time and quality of care data.
  - The Department is making public a list of adverse employee actions taken since January 20. This information is posted at [va.gov/accountability](http://va.gov/accountability) and updated weekly.
  - President Trump signed the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, which unfairly penalizes V.A. employees (many veterans themselves) in a misguided attempt to reform the V.A. This bill lowers the burden of proof to terminate a worker for misconduct, prevents administrative Judges from adjusting or mitigating an agency's proposed penalty on employees, and shortens the amount of time available for employees to defend themselves.
- **Homelessness**
  - The Department announced an extension of funding to organizations that applied for Fiscal Year 2018 grants under VA's Homeless Providers' Grant and Per Diem Program, but would be found ineligible due to new program guidelines.
- **Forever G.I. Bill**
  - The House and Senate passed H.R. 3218, the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, which guarantees veterans a lifetime benefit for the first time in the history of the GI Bill. This "Forever" G.I. bill also protects benefits when a school closes mid-semester, as occurred recently with ITT Tech, expands eligibility for guardsman, reservists, and Purple Heart recipients, improves scholarship programs for survivors and dependents, and encourages STEM education.
  - Legislation is awaiting President Trump's signature.



# Immigration

- **Executive Order 13767: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements**
  - Orders The Wall to be built along the southern border.
    - It has been estimated by DHS that such a wall would cost \$21.6 billion and take 3.5 years to complete. House passed appropriations bill includes \$1.6 billion for border wall.
- **Executive Order 13768: Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States\***
  - Seeks to disqualify “sanctuary cities” from receiving federal grants, directs the compilation of a list of crimes by immigrants, and establishes the Office for Victims of Crimes Committed by Removable Aliens.
- **Executive Order 13769: Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States\*\***
  - Lowered the number of refugees to be admitted into the United States, suspended refugee admissions for 120 days, indefinitely suspended Syrian refugees admission in to the United States, and suspended entry into the United States of those from Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.
- **Executive Order 13780: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States\***
  - Reissue of previous EO on Foreign Terrorist Entry with small adjustments in an attempt to address concerns raised by the courts.



# Civil Rights

- **Switched sides on Texas Voter ID Law case**
  - *Texas NAACP v. Steen* challenges SB 14, Texas' strictest-in-the-nation voter ID law. The Texas law dramatically limits the type of identification that voters could present in order to cast a ballot at the polls. Experts estimate that under the new law more than 600,000 registered Texas voters and many more unregistered but eligible voters, did not have an ID approved under the new law.
  - Obama Administration filed a Voting Rights Act claim that the Texas Law was enacted with the intention of discriminating against minority voters.
  - Trump Administration, under Attorney General Jeff Sessions, reversed positions and dropped this claim.
  - April 10, 2017: Federal District Court in Texas once again ruled that Texas legislators enacted the new law with the intent to discriminate against minorities.
- **Reconsideration of Police Consent Decrees**
  - Since 2009, the Justice Department has opened 25 investigations into law enforcement agencies to determine if citizens' civil rights were violated.
  - DOJ has enforced 14 consent decrees, which are negotiated formal reform agreements with cities to address these violations.
  - On April 4, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has ordered DOJ to undertake a comprehensive review of all police reform activities, including any existing or contemplated consent decrees.



# Other Presidential Actions

- **Executive Order 13765: Minimizing The Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Pending Repeal**
  - Seeks prompt repeal of the ACA and directs the Secretary of HHS to exercise any authority available to waive or delay provisions or requirements of the ACA that may impose a fiscal burden on any state or a cost, fee, or tax on any person.
- **Executive Order 13771: Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs**
  - Two regulations must be repealed for every one new regulation issued.
- **Executive Order 13772: Core Principles for Regulating the United States Financial System**
  - Seeks to weaken Wall Street reforms made under Dodd-Frank.
- **Reintroduction of Mexico City Policy**
  - Blocks federal funding for non-governmental organizations that provide abortion counselling or referrals, advocate to decriminalize abortion, or expand abortion services.



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# Legislation Introduced by Your Congressman



- **H.R. 15 – Raise the Wage Act**
  - Gradually increases the Federal Minimum Wage to \$15/hr over 7 years then indexes future increases based on Median Hourly Wage of All Employees
- **H.R. 1242 – 400 Years of African-American History Commission Act**
  - Establishes a federal commission to develop and carry out activities throughout the United States to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619
  - Passed the House on May 1, 2017
- **H.R. 1748 – Opening Doors for Youth Act**
  - Helps at-risk and opportunity youth with employment opportunities and develop opportunities for youth to successfully transition from school to work



- **H.R. 1809 – Juvenile Justice Reform Act**
  - Lead Democratic Cosponsor with Rep. Jason Lewis (R-MN)
  - Reauthorizes and Reforms the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
  - Passed the House on May 23, 2017
- **H.R. 1903 – Robert C. Byrd Mine Safety Protection Act**
  - Improves mine safety and closes glaring loopholes in the nation's mine safety laws that could help save miners' lives. Also makes it more difficult for corporate management to put profits and production ahead of the safety of miners.
- **H.R. 2435 – Justice Safety Valve Act**
  - Would apply the current "safety valve" provision to all federal crimes, restoring proportionality, fairness, and rationality to federal sentencing by allowing federal judges to tailor sentences on a case-by-case basis.



- **H.R. 2475 – Rebuild America’s Schools Act**
  - Bill authorizes \$100 billion in new investments to create over 1.9 million jobs by addressing critical physical and digital infrastructure needs in schools.
- **H.R. 2486 – Equity and Inclusion Enforcement Act**
  - Amends Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to allow individuals to bring suits against school districts that implement practices and policies that have a disparate impact based on race, color or nationality.
- **H.R. 2583 - The BUILD Resilience Act**
  - Directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development to invest \$1 billion a year in resilience of housing and infrastructure to help communities like Hampton Roads implement projects and strategies to reduce regional vulnerability to natural threats, including sea level rise and recurrent flooding.



- **H.R. 2650 – Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act**
  - Restores workplace protections for older workers through amending the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act
- **H.R. 3222 – Do No Harm Act**
  - Introduced with Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy III
  - Clarifies application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to ensure that no one can seek a religious exemption from laws guaranteeing fundamental civil and legal rights



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