What's the Problem with Repeal and Delay?

We're going to repeal the Affordable Care Act - Obamacare - this spring!

What about the parts of Obamacare that help me? Like...

- Giving medical coverage to millions of people in or near poverty?
- Tax credits to make insurance more affordable?
- Requiring insurance to cover my pre-existing conditions?
- Making it illegal for insurers to drop me when my health care is too expensive?

Don't worry, we'll take care of all those concerns!

Oh, we'll figure all that out later!

Yup!

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We can pass a law now that will automatically repeal Obamacare in the future, maybe a few years from now.

That gives us plenty of time to figure out how to replace it!

Why can't you just wait until you've figured out these details and come up with a new program everyone can agree on?

Leverage!

See, normally, when we want to pass a bill, we need 60 out of the 100 members of the Senate to agree on it...

Otherwise, a Senator who didn't like the bill could filibuster it by refusing to let the bill go to a vote!

But if we just want to repeal a law, we can stick it into a budget bill...

...and it can't be filibustered! We only need 50 votes to pass it, including all the huge cuts to Medicaid and Medicare that we want!

Wait - couldn't the Senate still filibuster your replacement bill?

Sure, but they'll know that if they don't pass something by the time our repeal kicks in...

Time's running out - Pass this or else!

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Tell your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative that you DON'T want a ticking time bomb on your health care!

Hello - I'm one of your constituents. I live in Homewood, Illinois. I want you to know that I don't want you to pass a repeal now, replace later bill on the ACA. It would put the important protections of the ACA in real danger. Thank you!

To find out how to contact your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative, check out USA.GOV/ELECTED-OFFICIALS

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