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Shuster Votes to Protect Personal Choice in Health Care

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement on a Republican motion to repeal the Democrats’ individual health care mandate. The motion failed 187-230 with 21 Democrats voting with the Republicans:

“Requiring every American to buy government approved health insurance or pay a fine will increase the overall cost of quality health care for small businesses and lower income families. Like so many other government plans, the penalty for the individual mandate follows the hellish path of good intentions by falling to those who can least afford it to pay the bill.

The fact that only 21 Democrats voted to support the repeal glaringly shows that rank and file Democrats are still not listening to the majority of Americans who oppose one-size-fits-all government mandates, especially when their family’s health is involved.”

What makes the Republican motion to repeal the individual mandate even more interesting is that it was discussed at length on the Internet by regular Americans taking part in America Speaking Out. America Speaking Out is a brand new Republican initiative that allows Americans to log onto a website and propose solutions to America’s challenges. This specific initiative can be viewed [here](#).

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