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HOUSE SET TO VOTE ON REPEAL OF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Washington, D.C.) Today the House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on H.R. 2, a bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act, the new health care law. The repeal legislation is expected to pass in the House, but is not expected to move forward in the Senate. The following is a statement by NWLC Co-President Marcia D. Greenberger:

“Those who vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act today declare their intention to take away the tangible benefits that millions of women and their families are already receiving from the new health care law. The law gives Americans more affordable health insurance without the fear of being dropped when they get sick or being denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition. And it gives women the peace of mind that comes from knowing that insurers cannot charge them more than men for the same insurance or impose lifetime caps on benefits. Indeed, those supporting repeal would return to the days when insurance companies could treat women like a pre-existing condition.

“The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the repeal bill would increase the deficit by \$230 billion over ten years and leave 32 million people uninsured. In this tough economy, we can’t afford to remove a law that will end harmful and discriminatory insurance industry practices, hold down health costs and dramatically increase the number of people getting affordable coverage.”

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To schedule an interview with NWLC Co-President Marcia Greenberger please contact a press representative noted above. To learn more about how repealing the law will hurt women and their families, NWLC has prepared state-by-state factsheets on why repealing the Affordable Care Act hurts women, available at: <http://www.nwlc.org/resource/state-state-fact-sheets-repealing-affordable-care-act-will-hurt-women> .

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