

SENATOR CAPITO MAKES HEADLINES UNLOADING ON OBAMACARE REPEAL PLANS

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WASHINGTON (BY: JEFF STEIN, VOX.com) - Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) released an extraordinary attack on her own party's plan to repeal Obamacare on Tuesday, saying she rejected it because "I did not come to Washington to hurt people."



“As I have said before, I did not come to Washington to hurt people. For months, I have expressed reservations about the direction of the bill to repeal and replace Obamacare. I have serious concerns about how we continue to provide affordable care to those who have benefited from West Virginia’s decision to expand Medicaid, especially in light of the growing opioid crisis. All of the Senate health care discussion drafts have failed to address these concerns adequately.

“My position on this issue is driven by its impact on West Virginians. With that in mind, I cannot vote to repeal Obamacare without a replacement plan that addresses my concerns and the needs of West Virginians.”

After support for Republicans’ Better Care Reconciliation Act crumbled Monday night, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell proposed that Republicans simply repeal Obamacare altogether and come up with a replace bill at a later date.

That plan was in big trouble [within hours](#). Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) quickly came out against it, and with Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) still recovering from surgery in Arizona, Capito’s defection ensures that McConnell doesn’t have the 50 votes he needs to advance the bill — at least not until McCain returns.

But perhaps even more consequential than Capito coming out against “clean repeal” of Obamacare is her strident, moral condemnation of the bill’s impacts on her state’s Medicaid patients — and what that suggests about the bill’s possible path forward.

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