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**Statement of New York State Alliance for Retired Americans
President Barry Kaufmann on CBO Scoring of AHCA**

“It’s no surprise that the Congressional Budget Office’s scoring of the American Health Care Act’s impact reveals that this ill-conceived legislation would be devastating for the health care that tens of millions of Americans depend on, and have severe negative consequences for the economy,” said Barry Kaufmann, president of the nearly 500,000-member New York State Alliance for Retired Americans.

“NYSARA is particularly distressed that seniors will suffer by the undermining of Medicare and Medicaid along with a callous and opportunistic approach to pricing sick and elderly people out of the market for purchasing health insurance coverage.

“Nearly every reputable analysis has reached similar conclusions and its harm is apparent to almost everyone but the slim majority of members of the House of Representatives who voted for it, including seven members of the New York congressional delegation (**Lee Zeldin (R/CD 1); Peter King (R/CD 2); John Faso (R/CD 19); Elise Stefanik (R/CD 21); Claudia Tenney (R/CD 22); Tom Reed (R/CD 23); and Chris Collins (R/CD 27)**). It’s not acceptable that representatives blindly took action before this analysis was completed and at least some admitted that had not read what they were voting on.”

“Americans deserve better,” Kaufmann said. “The House leadership needs to stop putting politics ahead of people and instead work on improving our health care system.”

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The New York State Alliance for Retired Americans represents nearly 500,000 retired individuals and organizations across New York and advocates on issues affecting senior citizens.