

## SRES 638

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Department of Justice should defend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148 Stat. 119) and halt its efforts to repeal, sabotage, or undermine health care protections for millions of people in the United States in the midst of the public health emergency relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

**Cosponsors** (46 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 30, 2020
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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 30, 2020
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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 30, 2020
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Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 30, 2020
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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 30, 2020
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Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 30, 2020
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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 30, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 30, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HRES 1082	Identical bill	<b>Aug 11, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jun 30, 2020)

This resolution expresses the sense of the Senate that the Department of Justice (DOJ) should defend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) in ongoing litigation. Currently, DOJ supports the ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that upheld a district court ruling that certain provisions of the PPACA are not severable from the remainder of the Act and therefore that the entire law is invalid. The Fifth Circuit's ruling is currently pending appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 30, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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