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**THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT DOES NOT IMPROVE HEALTHCARE ACCESS FOR
WOMEN WITH HEART DISEASE**

Washington, DC, May 5, 2017 – WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease is opposed to The American Health Care Act, because it does not improve access to quality, affordable healthcare for women with heart disease.

“Heart disease is the number one killer of women in America. Access to primary, specialty, subspecialty, and public health care, with a full range of essential health benefits, is fundamental to addressing this national health issue,” said Mary McGowan, CEO of WomenHeart. “If women with heart disease receive the prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation they need, avoidable costs will be minimized, and patients will live longer and healthier lives. On behalf of the nearly 48 million women living with or at risk for heart disease, we ask our elected officials to put aside political differences and do what is best for patients.”

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About WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease

WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease is the nation's only patient centered organization serving the nearly 48 million American women living with or at risk for heart disease – the leading cause of death in women. WomenHeart is solely devoted to advancing women's heart health through advocacy, community education, and the nation's only patient support network for women living with heart disease. WomenHeart is both a coalition and a community of thousands of members nationwide, including women heart patients and their families, physicians, and health advocates, all committed to helping women live longer, healthier lives. To receive a free online heart health action kit or to donate, visit www.womenheart.org.