

# Liz Terwilliger for Congress

Because we need Representatives, not Politicians.



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## The Week in Review

This week found us in Wellsboro, Sayre and Troy PA.

**Wednesday** Liz and Arya enjoyed the music at the Summer Concert Series in Howard Elmer Park, Sayre. We sang and danced and talked to Valley residents. The most popular topic of conversation was whether area schools will reopen in the fall or not.



**On Thursday** Liz was at the Wellsboro Growers Market talking to vendors about the impact of the COVID19 shutdown on their businesses.

**On Saturday** we celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Mt Pisgah State Park with activities and gifts for families visiting the park.

## The Week Ahead

**Wednesday, July 8th**, we will have a table at the Lewisburg Farmers Market. The Market is at 600 Fairground Rd in Lewisburg and is open from 8am-5pm on Wednesdays.

**Thursday, July 9th**, we will be attending a Meet and Greet at the Mad Hatters Café and Co-Op in Athens, PA. Liz will be discussing ideas for change and listening to your views on the current crises, long-term frustrations, and solutions.

**Friday, July 10th**, we will be at the Sayre Farmers Market in at Howard Elmer Park in Sayre, PA from 10am-3pm.

**Saturday, July 11th**, in the afternoon, Liz will be attending the Sunfish Shuffle in support of the Northern Tier Veterans Group. You can find info on the event at [runsignup.com/Race/PA/Canton/SunfishShuffle3HourEvent](https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Canton/SunfishShuffle3HourEvent)

## We Need Action on Health Care

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Trump Administration asked the Supreme Court to overturn the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Ripping away the ACA's coverage and consumer protections without a replacement plan is irresponsible.

Overturing the ACA would eliminate health insurance for more than 20 million Americans (Katkov, 2020) including more than 46,000 Pennsylvanians in the 12<sup>th</sup> District (Micek, 2019). In addition to lost coverage, all Americans would lose specific protections provided by the ACA. These lost protections include coverage for preexisting conditions, a ban on lifetime limits on coverage, free preventative healthcare and inclusion of mental health coverage in insurance plans.

Overturing the ACA would also exacerbate social inequities by giving large tax cuts to very rich, predominantly white, households (\$198,000/year for those with incomes over \$3 million/year and \$42,000/year for those with incomes over \$1 million/year) while lower income communities and communities of color would disproportionately lose health coverage (Aron-Dine, 2020).

Congress needs to act to protect the American people. Instead of dividing Americans into two camps – Defend the ACA vs Eliminate the ACA – our “leaders” should be taking significant action.

The consumer protections in the ACA should be proposed as single issue bills. Legislators should vote yes or no on things like protecting those with preexisting medical conditions.

Ways to address inequities in healthcare access and pricing should be discussed. Action needs to be taken. The recent court decision requiring price disclosure by hospitals and insurance companies (Alonso-Zaldivar, 2020) is a step towards reigning in cost, but much more needs to be done.

Making healthcare accessible to millions of Americans who can't afford it in the absence of the ACA should be a priority.

Regardless of the Court's potential ruling, we need action.

We need change.

-Liz Terwilliger



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