



*In memory of Operation Starlite Marines August 1965*

*“Any doubts about the senseless cruelty underlying the health care agenda put forward by President Trump and Congress were put to rest last week by two government documents. The fantasy that Mr. Trump intends to fight for the health of long-suffering working people should be similarly interred”.<sup>1</sup>*

**IF YOU DON'T CARE OR DON'T HAVE TIME TO  
READ THIS OPEN LETTER  
VOTE NO ON THE AHCA**

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**Senators from Pennsylvania and Colleagues**

June 25, 2017

Greetings Fellow Pennsylvanians:

***Medicaid and food stamp program cuts will severely hurt hard working families, children, the elderly, the poor and the disabled.*** What backroom Joker created the AHCA and presented this budget? It is very encouraging though to see signs of a ***Few Good Men and Women*** in action. **The Problem Solving Caucus, 20 D, 20 R** now responds to citizen needs with the moto, **“Stop Fighting and Start Fixing”**.<sup>2</sup> Except for a few courageous individuals in the House and Senate, the record shows *repeated intent* to hurt Americans and does not bode well for the future of our country. How could those in the House pass the AHCA bill if you didn't even have the time to study it?<sup>3</sup> It is a display unimaginable disconnect with the needs of hard working Americans.

The constant carp I hear from many of you is that ***citizens receiving food stamp benefits are lazy***. Yet outside your office, across the country, single moms, laboring families, poor children often work two jobs to care for sick kids, maintain a shelter and put food on the table. More than half of our school children live in poverty<sup>4</sup> and attend school every day thanks to school meal programs. Too many of you want to Trump on these fine folks by shutting down, not improving, the original ACA, and eliminating Medicaid and Food Stamps. Food Stamps wouldn't buy the elegant meals you enjoy in your commissaries. **Shame.**

*“There are now 46.2 million poor Americans; the highest percent (15.1%) since 1993. Half of these have full time jobs; a quarter work part time and a quarter do not work at all. Sort of nullifies the rhetoric of some who say the poor and unemployed are slackers.”<sup>5</sup> Charles Blow-New York Times.*

Unless we end this disgusting hateful performance and try to build a force of **a few decent good men and women** among you to govern compassionately **“Stop Fighting and Start Fixing”**, we will, in the years remaining under this tyrant and his henchmen, slowly lose our collective souls. That is not the America I fought for nor the America *built around caring for the wellbeing and safety of its people, **the definition of good government***. Contrary to impressions radiated by those smug, celebrating, laughing faces in the Executive Branch we are not draymen toiling under a draconian corporate machine. We are law abiding citizens participating in a free and democratic society. We trust our government to **spend our taxes for the greater good of all Americans**.

**The Joker** will call again and again. But for your protection, he will continue to crush all of the laws that have made American the truly great nation that it was before the Election of 2016. We have suffered through wars, depressions, national crises, many national tragedies and hateful crimes. But we have endured. Through all of it, those Americans you call lazy, pick up the tools and return to work paying taxes, caring for their families and hoping, praying for a better day; always hopeful, ever faithful. They are the core of American productivity. Then, we see another new dark edict drop upon us by the **laughing Jokers**. It takes a little bit of our spirits, and a little bit of our flesh. It hurts us deeply.

**So please, report to work, not with the heart of the Joker, but with a constructive spirit of a leader. Come to work to build America not tear it down.** Members of the House & Senate, please represent us with a pure purpose a desire to leave a better American than when you took your watch, an old Marine Corps maxim. In spite of your lackluster, I thank you for your service to this country. *There is still room in the Problem Solving Caucus for more members.*<sup>6</sup> **Let's try to preserve the best of America together now.**

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Editorial Board, New York Times, Trumpcare Cruelty Reaffirmed, May 27, 2017

<sup>2</sup> Washington Post, Post's Opinion, “Some have classified it as treason.” May 29, 2017

<sup>3</sup> Jacob Leibenluft, Who Gets Hurt-and when-if Trumpcare becomes law? Washington Post, May 5, 2017

<sup>4</sup> Rebeca Kline, “More Than Half of American School Children Live in Poverty” Huffington Post, January 16, 2015,

<sup>5</sup> Charles Blow, Editorial, New York Times, September 17, 2011

<sup>6</sup> A copy of this letter is posted for public view on my site [www.taowriter5000.com]