

STATEMENT OF SENATOR MAZIE K. HIRONO
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Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, Members of the Committee, thank you for holding today's hearing. We may not agree on much when it comes to health care, but we all agree that the legislation we are considering today will have a tremendous impact on families in every state in this nation.

Nearly every health care stakeholder--insurers, doctors, hospitals, patient groups, state governments, and others--has raised serious concerns about, or outright opposes this bill. Its details are complicated, its impact is very broad, and it's ridiculous that this will be the only hearing on this bill before the Senate votes on it.

I urge my colleagues: Let's do what's right for the millions of our constituents and their families, set this bill aside, and work together to find bipartisan agreement to strengthen the Affordable Care Act.