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## **Pelosi Announces Hearing with Americans Set to Lose Patients' Rights Under GOP Repeal Plan**

Washington, D.C. – Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi announced today that the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee will hold a hearing on the impact of the Republican plan to repeal patients' rights guaranteed to millions of Americans and to put insurance companies back in charge of health decisions. This is the only hearing where parents of young children and young adults, Americans with pre-existing medical conditions, small business owners and seniors will have the opportunity to testify about the real-life effects of undoing critical patient protections.

"Americans want Congress to focus on creating jobs, strengthening the middle class, and reducing the deficit, not the Republican plan to repeal patients' rights and hand power over our health decisions back to insurance companies," Pelosi said. "This is the one and only hearing scheduled in Congress where Americans already benefiting from patients' rights can have their voices heard before the Republican planned repeal vote."

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### **House Democratic Steering & Policy Committee Hearing on GOP Legislation to Repeal Patients' Rights**

WHO: Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi  
Assistant Democratic Leader Jim Clyburn  
Congressman George Miller, Co-Chair, Democratic Steering & Policy Committee  
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, Co-Chair, Democratic Steering & Policy Committee  
Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Vice-Chair, Democratic Steering & Policy Committee  
Congressman Henry Cuellar, Vice Chair, Democratic Steering & Policy Committee  
Members, Democratic Steering & Policy Committee

WHEN: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: HVC-215

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