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Q (ROBERT WEINER) Mr. Secretary, I want to ask you something that a lot of people don't understand and you're uniquely qualified to explain. The administration and Congress are saying there will be \$321 billion in savings from the healthcare bills that are out there. But isn't that because people and benefits are being taken away? So isn't this really just a takeaway?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Not at all, okay? And one of the flaws of the scoring on the CBO -- on this, when you look at the number of people -- is that, again, there's a lot of people, when given the option, will decide not to elect to take this healthcare because it's a bad deal. That doesn't mean people are losing healthcare. I think everybody knows Obamacare was just a giant tax hike on the economy. It slowed down the economy. It's another reason why we've continued to have sub-two percent growth for the last eight years. And this administration is 100 percent focused on creating economic growth, creating jobs, creating proper wages, and getting this economy back to 3 percent or higher.

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