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LETTER TO EDITOR

Collins betrayed Maine

Did Sen. Susan Collins just [become our "Gypo Nolan" friend](#) with her vote for the \$1.4 trillion tax bill? With her deep Irish roots, Collins must know about Gypo Nolan in the classic film of betrayal, "[The Informer](#)," in which Nolan betrays his best friend for 20 pounds to the British police.

Although Collins voted [to defeat an earlier attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act](#), she voted in the middle of the night to betray the people of Maine she once sought to protect. The Congressional Budget Office warned that the repeal would cause 13 million people [to lose health insurance](#) over the next decade and would [drive up the cost of insurance premiums](#) by 10 percent.

This will be the first federal income tax modification in American history that will [raise income taxes on the working poor, while simultaneously providing a large tax cut to the wealthy](#) according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Collins' [vote was cast](#) on a day when [another headline](#) captured even more attention: "Trump in shock as Flynn flips." For many Mainers, the headline might read: "Supporters in shock as Collins flips."

The story of Gypo Nolan concludes with scenes of retribution and salvation. The next chapter for Collins and the people of Maine remains to be written.

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