

Congressman Pocan: “GOP’s newest version of Trumpcare is so bad they’ve exempted themselves from it”

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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan (WI-02) released the following statement after House Republicans introduced an amendment to the Trumpcare plan, which failed to get a vote on the House Floor last month. The amendment allows states to opt-out of popular provisions in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Protections for preexisting conditions and requirements that insurers cover basic services like maternity care, cancer screenings, and addiction treatment could be taken away. In addition, the Republicans’ amendment even exempts Members of Congress and their staff, ensuring they will keep these ACA protections.

“House Republicans showed their hand when they exempted themselves from their own plan. If this latest version of Trumpcare isn’t good enough for Members of Congress, it’s not good enough for the American people.

“The reason Trumpcare failed, was that the American people took a long hard look at what the President and Speaker Ryan put on the table and flatly rejected it. Now, House Republicans are trying to introduce a worse version of Trumpcare that will likely cause more people to lose health insurance, make it harder for people with preexisting conditions to get coverage, and leaves people at the mercy of insurance companies.”