

WisDems: Walker's long history of undermining protections for pre-existing conditions

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Walker Lawsuit Creating "Chaos" and Threatening Protections for Pre-Existing Conditions just his latest attack on Wisconsinites' health care

When it comes to health care, Scott Walker must think Wisconsin voters have a *verrry* short memory. Yesterday, Walker spent his latest Twitter rant claiming to be a strong defender of Wisconsinites' health care.

But if he's such a champion for health care, then why do we keep seeing headlines like these:

[WPR](#): Health Care Official: Striking Down ACA Would Create 'Chaos'

[Journal Sentinel](#): States' request to immediately suspend Affordable Care Act dismays Wisconsin health insurers

That's right. Scott Walker is still actively working to sabotage health care in Wisconsin. And [here's why](#) everyone in Wisconsin should care:

*The lawsuit targets the most popular provision in the ACA: **protections for pre-***

existing conditions. *Right now, insurers are prohibited from denying coverage or charging more for certain conditions.*

Walker's lawsuit, if successful, would gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions. And when you look at his record, it shouldn't surprise you that Walker is once again attacking pre-existing conditions:

- Walker repeatedly [cheered](#) on GOP efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act throughout his time as governor, which would have repealed protections for people with pre-existing conditions.
- Just last year he enthusiastically supported the Graham-Cassidy bill, which [undermined](#) protections for pre-existing conditions, [calling](#) it a "winner all the way around."
- Walker [toyed](#) with the idea of seeking a waiver from federal requirements to protect people with pre-existing conditions.
- When he ran for President, he pledged to [repeal](#) the Affordable Care Act "on day one."

When you combine that with his [refusal](#) to expand BadgerCare, and his delayed implementation of market stabilization policies, it's clear that affordable health care is not a priority for Walker.

Or you could just look at his tweets. Walker [did not tweet](#) about "pre-existing conditions" *even once* before 2018. Now he wants us to think he cares? Get real.

"Scott Walker has spent his career refusing to stand up for people with pre-existing conditions. There's no reason Wisconsinites should trust him on this issue now" said DPW Spokesperson Alex Japko. **"With this lawsuit, Walker is still fighting to undermine health care protections in Wisconsin. It's time Wisconsin elect a governor who will stand up for affordable health care, instead of suing to rip it away."**