

U.S. Rep. Kind: Meets with Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions to discuss what's at stake

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Trump Administration and Justice Department are putting pressure on the courts to dismantle Affordable Care Act, threatening access to care and patient protections

La Crosse – Today, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind met with Wisconsinites living with pre-existing conditions, seniors, students, and young people to discuss his fight to defend Wisconsinites' health care and ensure the Affordable Care Act is strengthened – not repealed.

“The health care and patient protections that Wisconsinites rely on are under attack. I’m fighting to defend our health care, lower costs and make our system stronger for all Americans,” said Rep. Ron Kind.

This week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bipartisan resolution condemning the Trump Administration’s participation in the Texas v. U.S. health care lawsuit seeking to strike down protections for people with pre-existing conditions and the entirety of the Affordable Care Act, and calling on the Department of Justice – as Wisconsin just did – to reverse its position in the case.

Nearly 2.5 million Wisconsinites live with a pre-existing condition, and 207,000 purchased their health care for 2019 on the ACA health insurance exchange. Nationally, 130 million people live with a pre-existing condition.

The Affordable Care Act has important patient protection provisions that would be eliminated if the President carries out his threat to replace the landmark health legislation. Some of the provisions at stake are:

- Coverage for preexisting conditions
- Lower health care costs
- Young adults covered by their parent's insurance plans
- Access to essential health benefits including maternity care, mental health and substance use treatment
- Freedom from discrimination based on age, sex, gender or sexual identity
- Lifetime and annual limits on out-of-pocket costs
- BadgerCare funding

Rep. Kind's office is open and ready to help any Wisconsinite with questions about their healthcare or navigating the health care Marketplace. Wisconsinites can call his office toll-free: 1-888-442-8040, or visit his website: kind.house.gov.