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WASHINGTON - Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a 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.

U.S. Rep. Ron Kind released the following statement:

“These nonstop partisan attacks on Wisconsinites’ health care must stop. I am proud to stand up to the Administration on behalf of all Wisconsinites, and defend the access to care and patient protections so many Americans rely on,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**.

The ACA has provided critical protections for the nearly 2,500,000 people in Wisconsin living with pre-existing conditions. Wisconsin’s previous Administration co-lead the *Texas v. U.S.* lawsuit, potentially threatening Wisconsinites’ access to care. Yesterday, Governor Tony Evers and Attorney General Josh Kaul officially removed Wisconsin’s name and support from the lawsuit, and reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring the ACA remains the law of the land.

On March 25, the Trump Administration expanded the scope of its attack on the health law, asking the court in *Texas v. U.S.* not only to strike down protections for people with pre-existing conditions, but to eliminate every provision of the ACA. In January, House Democrats voted to authorize the counsel of the House of Representatives to throw its full legal weight against the suit.

The resolution adopted today states “the actions taken by the Trump Administration seeking the invalidation of the ACA’s protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and later the invalidation of the entire ACA, are an unacceptable assault on the health care of the American people,” and that the Justice Department should “cease any and all efforts to destroy Americans’ access to affordable health care; and reverse its position in *Texas v. U.S.*.”

On Friday, Rep. Ron Kind will host a roundtable with Wisconsinites potentially impacted by a rollback of patient protections in the ACA.