

U.S. Rep. Kind: Votes to protect Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions and defend healthcare

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Resolution will strengthen Congress's hand to intervene against Texas v. U.S., which aims to strike down the Affordable Care Act

La Crosse - This week, **U.S. Rep. Ron Kind** voted to protect Wisconsinites' healthcare by passing a resolution that strengthens Congress's hand to intervene in *Texas v. U.S.*, a lawsuit previously led by Wisconsin's defeated Attorney General Brad Schimel and Governor Scott Walker. If successful, the lawsuit would strike down the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its protections over 2.4 million Wisconsinites living with pre-existing conditions.

"One of my biggest priorities is lowering the cost of healthcare for Wisconsinites and ensuring access to high quality care for those who need it most," said **Rep. Ron Kind**. "I am proud to vote to protect Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions, and demand an end to these nonstop partisan attacks on the health and wellbeing of Wisconsin families."

Over half of all Wisconsinites live with a pre-existing condition and could be denied coverage if insurance companies are allowed to discriminate based on pre-existing conditions. According to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, nearly 207,000 Wisconsinites purchased their health care on the ACA health insurance

exchange for 2019. Wisconsin health care providers and insurers have expressed significant concern with the *Texas v. U.S.* lawsuit and the harm it could cause health care insurance markets and individuals throughout the state.

In September of 2018, Rep. Kind called on former Attorney General Brad Schimel and former Governor Scott Walker to immediately withdraw from *Texas v. U.S.* (previously listed as *Texas v. Azar*). Recently sworn-in Governor of Wisconsin, Tony Evers, and Attorney General Josh Kaul, are actively working to mitigate the damage done by the previous administration, and protect the healthcare of Wisconsinites.