

# U.S. Rep. Ron Kind: On today's court hearing to protect the Affordable Care Act

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**WASHINGTON** - This afternoon, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments as part of the ongoing partisan lawsuit originally brought on by now-defeated Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel and Governor Scott Walker. This lawsuit would strike down protections for people with pre-existing conditions and the entirety of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), putting health care for 2.5 million Wisconsinites who live with a pre-existing condition and 207,000 Wisconsinites who purchased their health care on the ACA exchange at risk.

“Over half of all Wisconsinites stand to lose their coverage if this lawsuit is successful. There is too much at risk to use health care as a political football,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “The stakes are higher than ever and today serves as a reminder that we need to continue to work together to protect and improve the Affordable Care Act, not tear it down.”

 In January, Rep. Kind [voted](#) for the House of Representatives to intervene and defend the Affordable Care Act on behalf of the American people and has consistently [voted](#) to protect Wisconsinites' access to quality, affordable health care amidst these ongoing attacks.

Last September, 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*). In April, 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.