

# Opportunity Wisconsin: ICYMI: U.S. Sen. Johnson calls for dismantling ACA protections for pre-existing conditions

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**MADISON, Wis.**—In case you missed it, this week [Senator Ron Johnson once again advocated for repealing Affordable Care Act protections](#) for people with pre-existing conditions, and replacing them with high risk pool coverage — potentially throwing millions off their health care plans and pricing them out of insurance. This comes after Senator Johnson's [recent comments](#) stating that repealing the lifesaving law should be a top priority. Earlier this year, Opportunity Wisconsin [launched a radio ad](#) highlighting Senator Johnson's long track record of working to dismantle the Affordable Care Act.

*“There’s no question that everything is more expensive these days. But instead of helping bring down costs, Senator Ron Johnson is at it again—championing the demise of the Affordable Care Act and its life saving provisions. And that would mean higher costs for folks across the Badger State,”* **said Meghan Roh, Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director.** *“Hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites would lose health coverage. Insurance companies could increase premiums on women and people over 50. And prescription drugs would get even more expensive. Senator Johnson is helping himself, while hurting us, and it’s time for him to lower our health care costs, not increase them.”*

Last week, President Joe Biden [called out Senator Johnson’s attacks](#) on the Affordable Care Act during a national gathering of the AFL-CIO in Philadelphia, “The gentleman from Wisconsin, Senator Ron Johnson, is back at it again, trying to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, including its protections for pre-existing

conditions. Hundred million people have pre-existing conditions. The only reason the insurance company has to cover it is because of that law and they're never going to stop going after it.”

Since early 2021, Opportunity Wisconsin has been working to hold Senator Johnson accountable to his constituents and to demand he vote for policies that support Wisconsin residents. In addition to holding conversations with Wisconsin workers and families across the Badger State, Opportunity Wisconsin has [spent over \\$5 million](#) in TV ads urging Senator Johnson to focus his work in Washington on addressing the economic needs of his constituents and to stop putting his personal profits over the people of Wisconsin.