

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald Trump
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Dear President Trump,

During your 2019 State of the Union Address, you said, “The next major priority for me, and for all of us, should be to lower the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs — and to protect patients with pre-existing conditions.” We strongly agree with these goals. Unfortunately, your remarks to the American people are now directly contradicted by the recent actions taken by your Administration to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions and the entire Affordable Care Act.

As you know, in December 2018, a federal district court judge from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas broke with other court rulings and struck down the Affordable Care Act as unconstitutional on account of a 2017 change eliminating the penalty on uninsured people. The *Texas, et al v. U.S., et al.* decision represented a disastrous outcome for Americans with pre-existing conditions and put patients at risk of being priced-out of health insurance and losing vital health protections.

As the case moves to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, your Administration has now taken the unprecedented action of urging the court to uphold the decision to strike down the only law in the land protecting people with pre-existing conditions. The decision to rescind all the protections afforded by this landmark legislation would eliminate healthcare for millions of people, cause mass disruption across the U.S. healthcare system, and most importantly take away critical healthcare protections. You made repeated promises to protect Americans with pre-existing conditions, but the recent actions of your Administration show that you are reneging on your promises. Make no mistake: if the *Texas* decision is upheld, your Administration will be directly responsible for gutting pre-existing conditions coverage, reversing the ban on lifetime and annual coverage limits, and ripping healthcare away from millions of Americans.

We request that you immediately direct the Department of Justice to reverse course and stop requesting that courts strike down the law that protects pre-existing conditions coverage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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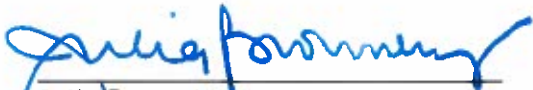
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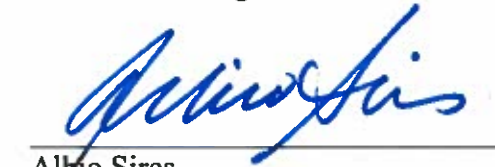

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