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The Honorable Scott Walker  
Governor of Wisconsin  
115 East State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

The Honorable Brad Schimel  
Attorney General of Wisconsin  
114 East State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Walker & Attorney General Schimel,

I write to you today to urge you to withdraw from the *Texas v. Azar* lawsuit, which if successful would threaten health care coverage for millions of Wisconsinites who live with a pre-existing condition. Your lawsuit to strike down the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would immediately inject chaos into health care markets in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Among the benefits and protections provided by the ACA, one of the most important is the guarantee that insurance companies cannot discriminate based on pre-existing conditions. In our state over half of Wisconsinites live with a pre-existing condition. Unfortunately your lawsuit specifically targets these protections and puts the health care of 2.4 million Wisconsinites at risk. Additionally, if your lawsuit is successful, over 220,000 Wisconsinites would be in jeopardy of losing coverage that they purchased on the ACA health insurance exchange. Wisconsin health care providers and insurers have expressed significant concern with your lawsuit and the harm it could cause health care insurance markets and individuals throughout the state. Furthermore, there are many Wisconsinites who would be appalled to learn that their taxpayer money is being used to try to deny health care coverage to their family members and neighbors with pre-existing conditions.

Although the ACA was not perfect, it has provided millions of Wisconsinites with quality health care coverage, protection from discrimination based on pre-existing conditions, and a number of other benefits and protections. Your lawsuit will threaten these protections and put quality health care coverage in jeopardy for folks throughout the state. I once again urge you to withdraw from the lawsuit and work to find bipartisan solutions to improve the quality, affordability, and accessibility of health care in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



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