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Wisconsin Republicans Pass Illusions rather than Solutions

Protecting the Affordable Care Act *is* Protecting Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions

MADISON – Today, Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) voted against 2019 Assembly Bill 1 (AB 1) regarding insurance coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. While Rep. Taylor will continue to be a vocal advocate for those with pre-existing conditions and those who rely on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for coverage, AB 1 is a Republican illusion when they have the solution right at their fingertips. The ACA ensures protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions, but Republicans continue to attack it through the courts and to sabotage it at every turn. If the Republicans' federal lawsuit succeeds at gutting the ACA, access to affordable health care will be out of reach for the thousands of Wisconsinites who currently have comprehensive health care coverage. In response, Rep. Taylor issued the following statement:

“As Republican legislators continue their war on the comprehensive, affordable coverage in the ACA by insisting on continuing their lawsuit, they propose a band aid bill that doesn't guarantee affordable, accessible health care to Wisconsinites, including those with pre-existing conditions. Not only does the Republicans' band aid bill do nothing to continue important subsidies to help Wisconsinites afford health care, but it fails to guarantee that essential health services are covered, including the prescription drug coverage that is critical for individuals who have pre-existing conditions.

This bill just provides an illusion of health care coverage, and doesn't even impact one-half of the plans offered by private sector employers that are only governed by federal law. If my Republican colleagues were serious about providing real protections for the over 2 million Wisconsinites who have a pre-existing condition, they should stop their attack on the Affordable Care Act and work to strengthen and improve the ACA and health care coverage for all Wisconsinites.”