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## Sen. Jen Jordan, Georgia Women Condemn Disastrous Decision in *Texas v. United States*, Urge Senator Loeffler to Protect Women's Health Care



**ATLANTA –** Today, Georgia legislators and advocates denounced the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals' [decision](#) in *Texas vs. United States*, a partisan lawsuit to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. The decision is a devastating blow to Georgians, particularly women, who could lose protections afforded by the ACA and access to quality, affordable health insurance.

Women's health advocates discussed the consequences of the lawsuit, called on Senator Kelly Loeffler to stand up for her constituents, and urged the Supreme court to take action on the case immediately. **Speakers included State Senator Jen Jordan, State Senator Nan Orrock, State Representative Pat Gardner, NARAL State Director Laura Simmons, and Jarah Cotton, a Georgian with a pre-existing condition.**

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"This lawsuit is the Republican health care plan. And the court decision brings it one step closer to ripping health care coverage away from hundreds of thousands of Georgians. One of the first things our new Senator Kelly Loeffler can do to protect hardworking Georgians, especially women, is to come out strongly against the Texas lawsuit to eliminate the Affordable Care Act," said **Liz Ernst, state director of Protect Our Care Georgia.**

“Every Georgia Republican who fails to denounce this lawsuit, including Senator Loeffler, owns its consequences and needs to explain to their constituents why they support taking away their health care and raising their costs,” said **State Senator Jen Jordan**. “Before the ACA, insurers would charge women up to 50% more than men for the same coverage, and being a woman of child-bearing age was essentially a pre-existing condition.”

“If the ACA is overturned, key protections for women will be ripped away overnight. I appeal to our new Senator, Kelly Loeffler: having served on the board of Grady Hospital and also on the board of a prominent mental health facility in Georgia, you know as well as I do the importance of ensuring women have access to quality, affordable health insurance no matter their financial circumstance. Please, Senator Loeffler, stand up for women and reject this lawsuit,” said **State Representative Pat Gardner**.

**State Senator Nan Orrock** said, “People across Georgia and the United States spoke out when efforts were made to undermine the ACA in Congress. It is absolutely critical that our new senator in Washington hear the pleas of Georgia families to do the right thing and protect women’s access to health care coverage. I hope that Georgians across the state will send a message to their senators: do the right thing, protect the ACA, and protect women’s access to health care.”

“I was diagnosed with lupus recently, so as I’ve been adjusting to college, I’ve also had to deal with all kinds of health issues. Without the Affordable Care Act, I would not have health insurance today. I am currently on my parents’ insurance, but beyond age 26, the ACA is what has given me the wherewithal to know that when I am 26, I will be able to find health insurance,” said **Jarah Cotton, a Georgian with a pre-existing condition**.

“Because of the ACA, 60 million women now have access to birth control with no out-of-pocket expenses. That means that the ACA has saved money for women and their families; in 2013, it saved women \$1.4 billion on birth control pills alone,” said **Laura Simmons, NARAL State Director**. “We are in a state that is facing a health care crisis – we have the worst maternal mortality rates in the country. We need to be focusing on how to increase access to health care, not chip away at that access.”