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North Carolinians Condemn Disastrous Decision in *Texas v. United States*, Urge Supreme Court to Take Up Case Immediately

Access to health care for North Carolinians with pre-existing conditions hangs in the balance after Circuit Court ruling to undermine Affordable Care Act



(Charlotte, NC) - Today, advocates from organizations including Protect Our Care North Carolina, Action NC, Piedmont Rising, and Little Lobbyists denounced the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals' [decision](#) in the Trump administration and Republicans in *Texas vs. United States*, a partisan lawsuit to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. The decision is a devastating blow to North Carolinians, particularly over 4 million with pre-existing conditions, who could lose their access to quality, affordable health insurance. North Carolinians called on Senator Tillis to protect their health care.

"The truth is we are all just one degree away from a cancer diagnosis. Access to screenings, treatment, and medications through the ACA are the only reasons I am alive today," said cancer survivor and health care advocate, **DonnaMarie Woodson**. "I worry about the rising costs of

cancer treatment options for myself and for other cancer patients. I worry that if the ACA is repealed, I may not be able to buy insurance again because of my pre-existing cancer history.”

“Without the Affordable Care Act, my family will either go broke or I will die.” said **Kara Konrad**.

[Video of the event can be found here.](#)

Last year, over 1.2 million people in North Carolina had some form of cancer, which in most cases is a declinable pre-existing condition. If the ACA were repealed, more than 500,000 people in North Carolina could lose their health insurance, and millions more could be denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition.