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Nevada Healthcare Advocates Condemn Disastrous Decision in *Texas v. United States,* Urge Supreme Court to Take Up Case Immediately

Access to health care for Nevadan families and Nevadans with Pre-Existing Conditions hangs in the balance after Circuit Court ruling to undermine

Affordable Care Act

(Las Vegas, NV) - Today, healthcare advocates from across Nevada 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 Nevadans, particularly the 1.2 million individuals with pre-existing conditions and the hundreds of thousands of individuals covered under Medicaid expansion, who could lose their access to quality, affordable health insurance.

Participants praised Reps. Horsford, Lee, and Titus for signing on to a <u>House resolution</u> condemning the administration's support of the lawsuit, and thanked Reps. Horsford, Lee, and Titus for their work to protect Nevadans. Participants urged the Supreme Court to take action on the case immediately.

"Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, Nevada had the largest percentage decrease of uninsured children across the nation. Because of the Administration's attempt to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, the number of uninsured children in Nevada has increased. The Administration would like the public to believe that they are responsible for protecting people with pre-existing conditions. This lawsuit to dismantle the protections under the Affordable Care Act prove otherwise," said Alex Camberos with the Children's Advocacy Alliance.

We have to make sure that insurance companies aren't allowed to just deny people coverage because they happen to have a pre-existing condition. I have been in the fight for the Affordable Care Act since before it was passed. I'm going to continue fighting, not just for myself and my families but for the 135 million Americans with pre-existing conditions and deserve to have access to quality healthcare", claimed healthcare advocate Allison Stephens

"The only reason the Trump administration and Republicans would object to the Supreme Court taking up this case is their desire to send it back to a partisan judge who will wait until after the election to rip apart the health care law. It's been clear all along that Republicans just want to overturn the law but they want to hide their actions from voters in an attempt to avoid political consequences in an election year. The Supreme Court has a clear duty to hear this case and

get the politics out of our health care system. The court can finally put an end to the terrible uncertainty created by this lawsuit that hangs over the health care of millions of Americans," added Andes Ramirez with Protect Our Care Nevada.