



OFFICE OF  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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The Honorable Cathy McMorris-Rogers  
US House of Representatives  
1035 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman McMorris-Rogers:

I am calling on you to support and defend the Affordable Care Act and the right of all Washingtonians to keep the benefits the law provides. When the U.S. House of Representatives moves to join the defense of the law in *Texas vs. United States*, you must put your constituents first and remember what is at stake.

Washingtonians are counting on you to save their health care – especially the protection against being denied coverage for a pre-existing medical condition. Many of their lives are literally on the line.

I have said time and again that the Affordable Care Act is far from perfect. But despite dozens of votes to overturn the law, opponents have never offered a viable alternative. The current law and the benefits it provides now help protect the lives of our families, friends and neighbors. People depend on guaranteed coverage for pre-existing conditions, keeping their children up to age 26 on their plans, and accessing meaningful benefits, including coverage for prescription drugs and maternity services.

However, the law is only an important first step to fixing our ailing health care system. Much more remains to be done to improve the affordability of health care for millions of Americans. You are in a position to make that happen – along with guaranteeing that existing protections remain in place.

Voters in Washington and across the country made that abundantly clear in the recent mid-term election. No issue mattered more.

Your vote will be a telling comment on whether you truly believe the people you represent deserve the health care protections and benefits they now enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Kreidler".

Mike Kreidler  
Insurance Commissioner