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**ICYMI:
Jill Biden and Kamala Harris Slam Trump's Attempt to Invalidate the
Affordable Care Act, Hear the Impact from Wisconsin Families**



Yesterday, Jill Biden, Senator Kamala Harris, and State Representative Robyn Vining hosted a roundtable discussion on Donald Trump's newly renewed efforts to invalidate the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Trump's efforts would mean [more than 200,000 Wisconsinites](#) would be kicked off their health insurance coverage. Also joining the discussion were two families who've benefited from the ACA's protections for pre-existing conditions. Key excerpts are included below:

"When [my sister] got sick, she didn't have enough insurance to cover her treatment. It was only because of the ACA that she was able to find a plan she could afford. It was that law that made it possible for her to get covered even though she had a pre-existing condition. [...] 20 million Americans got covered – including more than 200,000 Wisconsinites [...] It's not an exaggeration to say that this law saved my sister's life. [...] The ACA was a huge step forward – but it was always meant to be a starting point, a foundation on which we can build. [...] We need to keep protecting on it and building on it. And that's Joe's plan...because he believes health care is a right, not a privilege."
– **Jill Biden**

"Obviously, this administration is trying to take health care away from millions of Americans. That's it. It's actually not more complex than that. [...] We need what [Biden] so uniquely has, which is empathy for the American people and an understanding of what suffering is like" – **Senator Kamala Harris**

"When I was pregnant with my first child, we lost our health insurance. Our private health insurance determined that my pregnancy was a pre-existing condition. [...] I have come to fight that no other

mother should ever experience what it feels like to lose their health care when they're pregnant.”
– **State Representative Robyn Vining**

“My daughter is still on our insurance. And she's only on our insurance because of the ACA. She's 25 years old. [...] The cap – that was our fear. If ACA was not approved, we were worried about the lifetime cap – because I would have reached it by now, and I would have been without insurance and we would have gone bankrupt at this point. [...] We pray that Joe Biden gets elected. [...] [Repeal of the ACA] is a constant worry with our girls.” – **Julie Buckholt, retired educator with a rare autoimmune disease**

“What we didn't have to worry about is getting kicked off of our insurance because Casimir cost too much, because of the ACA. We didn't have to worry about running up against a lifetime or annual benefit cap because the ACA got rid of those. We didn't have to worry about how much we would have to pay out of pocket because the ACA capped that. And of course, we didn't have to worry, if and when Casimir got better, he would be discriminated against by insurance companies because he was unlucky enough to get cancer at the age of 17. Because of the ACA, I could concentrate on caring for my child – and that was a huge, huge gift.” – **Jennie Neary, mother of a child with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma**

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: Kamala Harris, Jill Biden back Obamacare, warn of 'brutal fight' during virtual event for Milwaukee

Harris joined Biden's wife, Jill, during an event focused on the Affordable Care Act, the signature achievement under President Barack Obama and then-vice president Biden.

Late Thursday, [the Trump administration asked the U.S. Supreme Court](#) to overturn the ACA, known as Obamacare. The court is to hear oral arguments in the fall in a case brought by Texas and 17 other states to declare the law unconstitutional.

“Obviously, this administration is trying to take health care away from millions of Americans,” said Harris, who is a contender to join Biden on the Democratic ticket. “That's it. It's actually not more complex than that.”

Harris said that the country needs Biden and his leadership.

“We need what he so uniquely has, which is empathy for the American people and an understanding of what suffering is like,” she said.

CBS 58: Dr. Jill Biden hosts roundtable in Wisconsin

Dr. Jill Biden's virtual visit focused on the Affordable Care Act, something former VP Joe Biden has vowed to defend and strengthen if elected.

“No one should have to pay premiums they can't afford,” Dr. Biden said.

Dr. Jill Biden slammed the Trump administration for asking the Supreme Court to strike down the Affordable Care Act, and says as president, Joe Biden will expand it.

“He's going to make sure drug companies start negotiating with Medicare to bring down prescription drug prices,” she said.