Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

You recently tweeted, "All Republicans support people with pre-existing conditions, and if they don't, they will after I speak to them. I am in total support." Congressional leadership has made similar arguments. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said, "There's nobody in the Senate that I'm familiar with who is not in favor of coverage of preexisting conditions."[1]

However, these words do not match the actions of your administration. Your Department of Justice has not only refused to intervene in a lawsuit brought by state attorneys general that would nullify preexisting conditions protections if successful, but also argued in a brief that guaranteeing coverage to people with health conditions and charging them the same rates should be struck down.[2] Will you match your words to your administration's actions and order the Justice Department to intervene in *Texas, et al v. U.S., et al* to defend protections for pre-existing conditions? Will you repudiate the brief arguing for the elimination of pre-existing conditions protections?

Sincerely,

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[1] https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-health-202/2018/10/19/the-health-202-trump-says-gop-wants-to-protect-preexisting-conditions-but-a-republican-lawsuit-would-eliminate-them-if-successful/5bc8b7a71b326b7c8a8d1a68/?utm_term=.06ad7eddf4a4

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