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6th Congressional District Activists Join Forces to Call on Peter Roskam to Uphold the Consumer Protections of the Affordable Care Act

Joint statement of local groups on Peter Roskam’s self-proclaimed leadership role in creating health care legislation

Yesterday Politico reported that Rep. Peter Roskam has moved toward taking a leadership role in creating what he calls “an aspirational bill” that incorporates everything the GOP has sought to do on health care.

Local groups are joining together to tell Roskam that if his “aspirations” include—

- Giving huge tax breaks to the very wealthy, drug and insurance corporations instead of funding Medicaid;
- Letting insurance companies discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions like high blood pressure, asthma and diabetes;
- Taking away the essential health benefits of the Affordable Care Act;
- Charging women more than men for health benefits;
- Enabling insurance companies to impose annual and lifetime limits;
- Establishing high-risk pools for people priced out of coverage;
- Providing health insurance through health savings accounts;
- Converting Medicaid to a block-grant program; or
- Privatizing Medicare

—then his “aspirational” bill is a non-starter for his constituents.

On March 26 Roskam told WGN that he would have voted for the GOP health bill had it been called for a vote. In the 6th Congressional District, 41,400 people would have lost health care under the Trump-Ryan proposed plan.

We will educate the people of his district about his far-right position on health care reform, which endangers our lives and our livelihoods.

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