

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, Attorney General Josh Hawley has made the state of Missouri a plaintiff in *Texas v. United States*, No. 4:18-cv-00167-O (N.D. Tex.); and

Whereas, approximately 2.5 million Missourians and 133 million nonelderly Americans have preexisting conditions; and

Whereas, if this lawsuit succeeds, it will become difficult if not impossible for these individuals to obtain adequate health insurance coverage; and

Whereas, this lawsuit could result in a fifty percent increase in the uninsured rate; and

Whereas, this lawsuit could negate the current policy that children be allowed to remain on their parents' insurance until age twenty-six; and

Whereas, this lawsuit could lift the ban on annual and lifetime limits; and

Whereas, this lawsuit could lift the ban on insurance discrimination against women and the elderly; and

Whereas, this lawsuit could terminate the Affordable Care Act's tax credits for small businesses' health care costs; and

Whereas, this lawsuit could eliminate the marketplace tax credits for up to nine million people; and

Whereas, by joining in this lawsuit, Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley is squarely on the side of removing protections on which many people depend to obtain health insurance; and

Whereas, denying health care to any human being simply because they have preexisting conditions or disabilities is cruel and inhumane; and

Whereas, several nonpartisan health care organizations have filed amicus briefs in opposition to the lawsuit, including the American Medical Association, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the Catholic Health Association of the United States, and the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

Whereas, the great state of Missouri should not be a party to this cruel attempt to undermine America's health care system:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Extraordinary Session of the Second Regular Session, hereby strongly urge Attorney

General Josh Hawley on behalf of all Missourians to withdraw his support for this lawsuit and instead work to ensure that millions of families across the country can continue to have access to quality, affordable health care; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley.

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