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Foundation Calls Push to Undo Affordable Care Act Irresponsible

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut condemned the actions of the United States Justice Department to support the Texas v U.S. legal case that seeks to devastate the entire Affordable Care Act (ACA).

“This action puts everyone at risk for huge increases in health care costs and major reductions in coverage,” stated Frances G. Padilla, president of Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut. “And hundreds of thousands of Connecticut residents could lose their health insurance all together.”

The Foundation applauded the actions of Attorney General William Tong to join with a coalition of 21 state attorneys general to defend the ACA in the courts.

The sabotage of the ACA at the federal level makes it all the more urgent that states take bold action to protect and improve access to health care. The Foundation supports the efforts of legislative leaders and State Comptroller Kevin Lembo to build creative state-based solutions.

“The unrelenting, irresponsible effort by the Trump Administration to destroy the ACA, has literally put people’s lives on the line. That is why our state must pass a public option to ensure that vulnerable small businesses and individuals have access to quality, affordable health care,” said Padilla.

Several public option bills are moving forward in the current Connecticut General Assembly legislative session, the most comprehensive of which are HB 7267 and SB 134.

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut’s mission is to serve as a catalyst that engages residents and communities in shaping a democratic health system that provides universal access to quality, affordable health care and promotes health in Connecticut. We believe that health care is a fundamental right and that our work is part of a broader movement for social and economic justice.

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