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We Must Protect Medicaid for Wisconsin Families

Madison - Rep. Anderson joined with ABC Health, the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health, Sen. Jon Erpenbach, Rep. Danny Riemer, and healthcare advocates across Wisconsin demanding that Congress and Speaker Paul Ryan protect Medicaid. In Wisconsin alone 1.1 million people rely on Medicaid for medical assistance, BadgerCare Plus, Family Care, SeniorCare, EBD programs, and long-term care. Not to mention programs for job training and employment integration for people with disabilities.

"Speaker Ryan's bill is a thinly veiled tax cut for the rich disguised as a health care plan." Rep. Anderson stated. *"We cannot turn our backs on Wisconsin families in order to drive up health insurance company profits, and the wealth of Republican donors."*

Rep. Anderson thanked health care advocates in Wisconsin for staying laser focused on protecting Medicaid and working to expand coverage in a time of political turmoil. *"It's easy to get distracted by the Russia investigations, the tumultuous foreign policy, and the complete disorganization of the White House, but we can't let Speaker Ryan off the hook"* Anderson said. *"The AHCA would be a complete disaster for working families and would put healthcare coverage at risk for 24 million people. We cannot gamble with our healthcare."*

"Ultimately though, what we must always keep in mind is that this legislation has real consequences for real people, like you, your family, your friends, your neighbors. If Republicans pass this legislation, you might one day be on the road, driving home, and get in a car accident. But you won't get the second chance I did. You won't get an opportunity to rebuild your life. There will be conversations about second mortgages, or in the worst cases, bankruptcy. You might be denied rehabilitation services that would make it possible for you to go back to work or to go to school so you can support your family. Your life would be ruined in the blink of an eye. That's what makes this legislation so cruel. It kicks you while you're down. It snatches away that glimmer of hope. And as I know, that is no small thing."

In the coming weeks Rep. Anderson will be working with state legislators on both sides of the aisle to protect Medicaid programs in Wisconsin that provide vital services across the state. *"We will need innovative solutions to protect Wisconsinites should the unthinkable happen and President Trump and Congress destroys Medicaid, a program that covers almost 70 Million people nationwide."*