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BLHCT Statement on Trump's Health Care 'Plan'

Business group says Trump's plan is a symbolic distraction from his disastrous health care record.

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Business Leaders for Health Care Transformation (BLHCT) **President Wendell Potter** released the following statement Friday in response to President Trump's health care speech this week:

"First, President Trump has spent the last four years trying to destroy the Affordable Care Act, including the provision that protects people with pre-existing conditions from being discriminated against by insurance companies. He has repeatedly tried to mislead the American people about this. Pre-existing conditions protections are at risk because of Trump and his Republican allies.

Second, this executive order does nothing to actually protect people with preexisting conditions. If a divided U.S. Supreme Court overturns the ACA after the presidential election in November, people with asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, and other pre-existing conditions can expect to see their health insurance costs skyrocket. As his own administration admitted yesterday, Congress would still need to pass legislation restoring that provision of the Affordable Care Act.

Finally, we should not be surprised by Trump's actions this week. Trump has a habit of creating a crisis and then proposing largely symbolic solutions. His record on health care has been one of tearing down consumer protections and common sense regulations while making big and empty promises that he will bring down prices and expand access. The ACA is not a perfect law, but it accomplished lots of good across the country. It should be built upon, not torn down with no plan for replacement."

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