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City Attorney Zach Klein sues Trump administration to protect healthcare access for millions of working people

Filing in Federal Court challenging administration's new rule that would raise costs and deny coverage is City's 10th lawsuit against Trump during his second term

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced a lawsuit against the Trump administration for its new proposed rule by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that would drive up patient costs, raise premiums, and deny coverage to 2 million Americans who obtain their health insurance through “exchanges” created under the Affordable Care Act.

This is the third lawsuit Klein and Columbus have led against the Trump administration for its attempts to undermine access to quality, affordable healthcare for working people and the 10th lawsuit filed by Klein against Trump during the president's second term.

“The Trump-Vance administration is once again trying to sabotage the Affordable Care Act by jacking up premiums and denying coverage to millions of Americans. This is the third time President Trump has tried to roll back healthcare access for American workers, and the third time we’ve challenged his radical attacks. We intend to prevail in court a third time as well,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

Enacted in 2010, the ACA allows millions of Americans to gain access to affordable, comprehensive healthcare through insurance “exchanges” and prohibits denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions.

Under the first Trump administration, City Attorney Klein led efforts to push back on the Trump administration's attempts to undermine the ACA, and the District Court for Maryland sided with Columbus and other plaintiffs—throwing out new Trump rules. In 2025, Columbus once again sued after the second Trump administration returned to the same playbook with new rules to drive up the cost of coverage and kick people off the insurance rolls, and the court again rejected that effort. The City's latest lawsuit claims

that many of the provisions in the Trump-Vance administration's new rules mimic rules already thrown out by the courts, which remain in conflict with federal law.

“Every American deserves quality, affordable healthcare. Rolling back that access is un-American, and we must all rally behind protecting healthcare access and controlling costs instead of erecting barriers that undermine quality, increase premiums and make it harder to get insurance,” added City Attorney Klein.

Since Trump took office in January 2025, Klein has made Columbus a leading voice pushing back against the chaos, corruption, and illegal actions of the Trump administration, filing 10 lawsuits and numerous amicus briefs to challenge the president's radical actions. Klein led efforts to save SNAP benefits for 42 million Americans during the government shutdown and fought to protect millions of dollars in federal funding to help the homeless, prevent infectious disease, and invest in parks and public spaces, job training, and tools to help law enforcement solve violent crimes.

“My default position is to work with state and federal partners to benefit residents and families, but the Trump-Vance administration seems more interested in punishing adversaries than helping working people get ahead,” said Klein. **“We've sued the president 10 times now and will continue to challenge the president's lawlessness when his administration threatens the health, safety, or well-being of Columbus, our residents, or law enforcement.”**

Columbus filed its ACA lawsuit in the United States District Court for Maryland and is joined by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Maryland; the City of Chicago, Illinois; Pima County, Arizona; as well as Doctors for America and Main Street Alliance in the latest ACA lawsuit. Democracy Forward will represent the plaintiff coalition.

**Editor's note: A copy of the lawsuit can be viewed [here](#).*

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