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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Sues Trump Administration for Sabotaging the Affordable Care Act

Columbus suing President Trump for "unconstitutionally sabotaging" the ACA, increasing costs of health coverage

COLUMBUS— Today, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced that Columbus is the lead plaintiff in a suit against the Trump Administration for intentionally and unlawfully sabotaging the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In systematically attacking the health law, President Trump is increasing the cost of health coverage and the number of uninsured Americans, and is violating his constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

The 130 page complaint--filed on behalf of Columbus, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio, Baltimore, Maryland, Chicago, Illinois, and citizens in Charlottesville, Virginia--outlines the Trump Administration's intentional actions to sabotage the ACA and jeopardize access to affordable, quality health insurance. After the President's allies in Congress repeatedly failed to repeal the ACA, the Administration has worked to discourage enrollment, raise prices, sow uncertainty in insurance markets, and eliminate choices for quality health insurance.

"We're suing the Trump Administration for their premeditated and intentional destruction of the Affordable Care Act," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. "President Trump's actions are resulting in higher premiums, more uninsured people, and hurting the city's budget and families in Columbus. We believe the President is violating his constitutional duty to faithfully execute the law, and we're holding him accountable."

The suit challenges the Administration's attempts to sabotage the ACA under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Take Care Clause of the U.S. Constitution, and asks the court to order the President and his Administration to faithfully execute the law.

President Trump <u>announced</u> his Administration's goal is to dismantle the ACA by executive action alone, until "<u>Obamacare is finished</u>." By attempting to undermine the duly enacted Affordable Care Act, the Administration's actions violate both the Administrative Procedure Act and the Take Care Clause of the Constitution.

A copy of the suit can be viewed <u>here</u>.