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## **New Law Backed by Conyears-Ervin Protects Illinois Patients from TrumpCare Change**

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill.** – Illinoisans with pre-existing conditions will be protected from Donald Trump’s dangerous health care plan under a new law sponsored by state Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin, D-Chicago, requiring Illinois insurance companies to cover patients born with congenital heart disease and individuals who have battled cancer, diabetes and other diseases.

“When someone is suffering from an illness, they should not have to be concerned whether or not their insurance will cover the cost of possible life-saving treatment,” said Conyears-Ervin. “Everyone has a right to health insurance regardless of preexisting conditions or their level of income, and for Donald Trump to try and repeal a law that millions of people across our country are depending on is cruel. My measure requires insurance companies to do what’s right for Illinois patients, regardless of what Donald Trump does in Washington.”

Conyears-Ervin supported House Bill 2959, which is now law. The law will ensure that people with pre-existing conditions will still be covered by their insurance, regardless of Republicans’ attempts to repeal President Obama’s Affordable Care Act. Despite people throughout the nation protesting the repeal of the Obama-era measure, Trump and his allies in Congress have attempted multiple times to take away affordable health insurance from millions of people across the country. Conyears-Ervin is fighting to make it clear that Illinois will continue to be a leader in providing everyone with affordable health care, regardless of pre-existing conditions.

“This law will send a clear message to Washington that the people of Illinois will not allow the Republicans to play political games with people’s lives,” said Conyears-Ervin. “When people need help, you help them. By implementing this new law people with preexisting conditions will still be able to receive the care they need.”

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