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Louisiana House Speaker Responds to Attorney General's CNN Interview

Speaker Barras Ready to work on Covering Pre-Existing Conditions

Baton Rouge, LA – Louisiana Speaker of the House Taylor Barras stands ready to work on protecting people with pre-existing conditions should the State's lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act be successful.

“Like Attorney General Jeff Landry said earlier this morning on CNN, Republicans have long believed people with pre-existing health conditions should be protected,” Barras said. “We are a party interested in expanding choices, increasing coverage, and reducing premiums.”

“Our desire is to help Louisianans get better health care. Should the litigation in Texas be successful, I would encourage the Governor to engage the Legislature immediately to review options for Louisiana. We stand ready to work on maintaining coverage for pre-existing conditions.”

Barras acknowledged having conversations with Landry about the lawsuit and its potential outcomes and thanks the Attorney General for acknowledging the Legislature's role. “I greatly appreciate the Attorney General's respect of the separation of powers and his reverence of legislation being initiated by the House and Senate.”

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