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City Attorney Zach Klein Statement as Court Halts Trump-Vance Administration's Unlawful Attempt to Gut the Affordable Care Act

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today issued a statement as a federal court granted a preliminary injunction blocking implementation of the Trump-Vance administration's dangerous new rule projected to strip health coverage from more than 2.2 million people, raise costs for working families, and undermine the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) core protections.

"Today's decision is a positive step to block the Trump-Vance administration's bad deal that intentionally jacks up costs and guts healthcare coverage for millions of working people and families," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **"We will continue to leverage every legal tool we have to protect access to quality, affordable healthcare for every American."**

The lawsuit — *City of Columbus et al. v. Robert F. Kennedy Jr.* — was filed in July 2025 by Democracy Forward on behalf of a coalition that includes the City of Columbus, Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, City of Chicago, Doctors for America, and the Main Street Alliance. The plaintiffs argued that a new rule the administration sought to enact would unlawfully impose new fees, weaken coverage standards, and create barriers that would make it harder — and in some cases impossible — for people to get and keep affordable health insurance.

Today's ruling means the administration's harmful policy cannot be enforced while the case moves forward, giving relief to millions of people who rely on ACA coverage. The plaintiffs will continue to pursue their case to ensure the rule is permanently struck down and that federal protections for affordable health care remain intact for all who need them.

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