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SENATOR NATHAN JOHNSON FILES LEGISLATION PROTECTING PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR MILLIONS OF TEXANS

"I want people to be as healthy as possible, for as long as possible, and at as little cost as possible, which means access to preventive health care services," said Senator Nathan Johnson (D-Dallas). "Right now, because of a judicial decision working its way through the courts, those are in jeopardy."

AUSTIN, TX – In anticipation of the impending decision in <u>Braidwood Management Inc. v. Becerra</u>, Senator Nathan Johnson filed SB 2247 to protect and preserve preventive health care coverage for more than 6.8 million Texans.

Access to <u>preventive health care services</u> keeps people healthy while avoiding higher costs of acute health care. The anticipated decision in *Braidwood* jeopardizes millions of Texans' access to <u>screenings</u> for cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure, and depression.

Senate Bill 2247, Preventive Care in Insurance Code, seeks to mitigate the effects of the potential loss of guaranteed preventive care coverage to millions of Texans by incorporating the ACA's preventive care requirements into the Texas Insurance Code.

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About Senator Nathan Johnson: Re-elected with bipartisan support in 2022, Senator Johnson proudly represents almost a million Dallas County residents in the growing and rapidly diversifying Senate District 16. Johnson currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence; Senate Committee on Business & Commerce; Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; and Senate Committee on Administration.

