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Statement from Senator Borris Miles on Obamacare Ruling

"Federal Judge Reed O'Connor has outrageously ruled that the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, is unconstitutional. This could immediately leave 17 million Americans without insurance.

"Dangerously, the ruling also allows insurers to return to business practices that included denying coverage for preexisting conditions, a change that could leave 27 percent of adults rejected for coverage without Obamacare's patient protections. Without these protections, insurers may once again start denying coverage for preexisting conditions and return to charging more based on age, gender, and profession.

" Almost one-fifth of Texans under age 64 are uninsured, that percentage is larger in Harris County. Some parts of Harris County have uninsured rates near thirty percent!

"The Texas Legislature can address these problems. Texas should lead the nation and provide coverage for preexisting conditions; ban denial on account of race, age, or profession; allow employers to cover dependents up to twenty-six years of age; ban limits on coverage payout amounts; and implement real insurance reform.

"We must take action. Governor Abbott and my fellow legislators must make protecting people with preexisting conditions and Medicaid expansion an emergency item when we meet in Austin in January."

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