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WEINZAPFEL: ROKITA MISLEADS VOTERS ON PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS STANCE

Former Congressman voted more than 50 times to gut protections

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Jonathan Weinzapfel, the Democratic candidate for Indiana Attorney General, took issue with Todd Rokita's new campaign ad today, calling his pledge to "protect pre-existing conditions," dishonest and deceptive.

In the Rokita ad, which began airing this week, it claims he will protect pre-existing conditions as Attorney General. However, as a member of Congress, Rokita voted 54 times to repeal or amend the Affordable Care Act, which includes those needed protections. On the campaign trail, he has also repeatedly pledged to continue Curtis Hill's lawsuit, which seeks to declare the ACA unconstitutional, thus eliminating the existing safeguards for those with pre-existing conditions.

"Todd Rokita must think Hoosiers are stupid. That we would somehow forget his long record of opposing health care. He has consistently voted to eliminate protections for pre-existing conditions, preventive care and allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance until they are age 26," said Weinzapfel. "And, Congressman Rokita has done it all without offering a single idea for replacing the ACA or making it better. Not one."

Weinzapfel has focused much of his campaign around this issue, pledging to immediately withdraw Indiana from the Attorney General Hill's lawsuit that seeks to overturn the ACA. If successful, the lawsuit would strip away health care from both employed and unemployed Hoosiers who rely on the ACA for coverage, end protections for the estimated 2.7 million Hoosiers with pre-existing conditions and destroy the state's Healthy Indiana plan which covers low-income families.

"We are in a global public health crisis, where people are getting sick, losing their jobs and insurance and facing unprecedented economic uncertainty. We simply cannot allow health care coverage to be taken away from hundreds of thousands of our fellow Hoosiers," added Weinzapfel. "What's even more maddening is that Todd Rokita doesn't seem to care. To him this is another empty campaign promise. Another talking point to help him win an election. Its DC style politics at its worse: Say one thing and do another.

"Once again Todd Rokita's rhetoric and record don't line up and all Hoosiers should know it," added Weinzapfel, who is calling on the former Congressman to outline exactly how he would 'protect' those with pre-existing conditions, as his ad claims. Thus far Rokita has not put out a single policy position or idea as to what he would do as Indiana Attorney General.

Jonathan Weinzapfel was elected mayor of Evansville in 2003 and re-elected in 2007. After his two terms as mayor, Weinzapfel served as chancellor of the Ivy Tech Evansville campus from 2014-2019. He also served in the Indiana General Assembly as a state representative from 1999-2003. He currently works as a partner at the law firm of Jones Wallace in Evansville. Jonathan and his wife Patricia reside in Evansville and have three children.

For more information on Jonathan or his campaign for Indiana Attorney General, please visit www.WeinzapfelForAG.com. To schedule an interview, email media@weinzapfelForAG.com.

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