NARRATOR: The House of Representatives just passed

the American Health Care Act.

If passed by the Senate and signed into law,

it will repeal many vital protections

for 52 million Americans

who have preexisting conditions.

Healthcare is a human right

and no human should be denied access to healthcare

because of a preexisting condition.

- I was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy

at 18 months of age.

- I am autistic.

- I have Larsen syndrome.

- I have cerebral palsy and OCD.

- Blindness, paralysis, high cholesterol.

- I have Ehlers-Danlos syndrome

and several related conditions

including dysautonomia and arthritis.

- Without healthcare coverage

for preexisting conditions,

I would not be able to work.

- I would not be able to pay out-of-pocket

for the durable medical equipment I use,

like my wheelchair.

- I would not be able to work

and I would not able to contribute to society.

- I would not be able to afford the mobility aids

that allow me to live an independent life.

- I wouldn't be able to get the coverage

for the physical therapy I need

to remain strong and independent.

- I would not be able to afford to rent and maintain

the ventilator and oxygen concentrator I use

to breathe every night while sleeping.

- I could not receive the weekly home nursing care

I need in order to keep me out of the hospital.

- And I wouldn't be able to afford

the treatments and medications

that help me to manage my chronic pain

and to maintain my health, my employment,

and my overall independence.

NARRATOR: Senators, we need you to listen:

- Legislation that takes away healthcare

from 24 million people

is not healthcare coverage.

- Do not continue to pit the healthy and wealthy

against the sick and the poor.

- Healthcare saved my life.

I don't want, for my friends,

a life without the dignity of care

and one that puts the blame on them

for things that are beyond their control.

I don't want that.

- Health insurance coverage of preexisting conditions

must be of equal cost and guaranteed.

- Vote NO on the American Health Care Act

and protect the lives of millions of people

with preexisting conditions.

- I would ask that you vote NO

on the American Health Care Act.

- I would tell my legislators to vote NO

on the American Health Care Act.

- Vote NO on the AHCA and any legislation

that protects profits over people.

NARRATOR: Each of the 1 in 4 Americans

with preexisting conditions

has the power to reach out to our senators

and tell them to vote NO on the AHCA.

- I am a preexisting condition.

- I am a preexisting condition.

- I am a preexisting condition.

NARRATOR: We are preexisting conditions.

Find out how to contact your senators

at RootedinRights.org/iamaprexistingcondition

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