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# Kohl Calls on Grothman to Oppose Graham-Cassidy

**Bill would lead to weaker coverage and higher costs, devastating Wisconsin families**

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Senate Republicans have renewed their efforts to once again rush through a devastating health care bill without holding a single committee hearing or studying a single CBO estimate. At town hall events on Sunday, Glenn Grothman signaled that while he had more to learn about the bill, he could be supportive of what he termed 'greater flexibility' for the states.

Based on expert analysis, if enacted, the Graham-Cassidy legislation would:

- Lead to higher premiums for individuals with pre-existing conditions, with cancer patients seeing as much a \$142,000 increase in premiums.
- Cause up to *32 million* individuals to lose their health insurance coverage.
- Institute an 'age tax' that sees older Americans paying five times more once they turn 55.
- Remove essential health benefits requiring coverage in areas such as pregnancy, substance abuse, or mental health.
- Cut Medicaid further, threatening seniors, those with disabilities, and families with children.

In light of this looming threat against the health care of hard-working Wisconsin families, Dan Kohl calls on Glenn Grothman to publicly oppose this bill.

"Glenn Grothman has yet another opportunity to do the humane thing on health care." said Dan Kohl. "As the impacts of Graham-Cassidy become clear, elected leaders such as Glenn Grothman have a moral obligation to stand up for their constituents health. Instead of trying to jam through yet another partisan health care scheme, Glenn Grothman should be working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to fix and strengthen our current healthcare system. Instead of fighting for a political win, Glenn Grothman should be fighting to make sure that hard-working families don't lose their health coverage."