Voters and Voters on the go need to see that Christy Smith won’t take a dime from big pharmaceutical companies in this race because she is focused on working with local leaders from both parties and first responders to ensure seniors and families have access to the affordable health care they need and are still able to pay the bills at the end of the month. Mike Garcia wants to let big insurance companies hike up the price of life-saving drugs and deny care to people with preexisting conditions.

**Smith Pledged To Not Accept Contributions From Corporate PACs And Lobbyists.** “Proud to say this campaign is Corporate PAC and Lobbyist free.” [ChristyforCA, Twitter, 1/29/19]

**Smith Voted For $500 Million In Emergency Funding In Response To COVID.** “Smith released the following statement upon her vote to pass emergency funds to address our current public health crisis: ‘Today, my Assembly colleagues and I took swift, decisive action to meet the unprecedented challenges this public health crisis has presented. In the coming weeks, I will work closely with our local partners to make sure these funds are properly targeted and disbursed, in addition to providing whatever service or resource assistance needed from the community. I thank the Governor for his concise problem solving and collaboration with the Legislature.’ [...] Important provisions include: Up to $500 million for purposes related to the March 4, 2020 State of Emergeny declaration.” [KTHS, 3/16/20]

**The Legislation Passed With Unanimous Bipartisan Support.** “The new spending approved unanimously in the Assembly and Senate on Monday will also be used to provide hotel beds to those experiencing homelessness in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among the unsheltered.” [LA Times, 3/16/20]

**Smith: “I’ll Work With Both Parties To Make Health Care Affordable, Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions And Lower Drug Costs.”** “I’ll work with both parties to make health care affordable, protect people with pre-existing conditions and lower drug costs,’ Smith says in the ad. ‘My mom couldn’t afford the medicine and care she needed, I’m running for Congress to make sure you can.’” [The Hill, 1/23/20]

**Smith Helped Secure $450,000 In Funding For The Bella Vida Senior Center And $700,000 For The Simi Valley Free Clinic.** “Assemblywoman Christy Smith, D-Santa Clarita, is set to host a resource fair and present a $450,000 check to the Bella Vida Senior Center next week, officials said. [...] The funds round out the $700,000 that Smith secured for the Simi Valley Free Clinic and the $397,000 obtained for the College of Canyons modernization of Boykin Hall, according to officials.” [KTHS, 9/27/19]

**Smith Sponsored Legislation That Would Create A Temporary Sales Tax Exemption For Emergency Preparation Items.** “This bill, on and after January 1, 2021, until January 1, 2023, would exempt from those taxes the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, emergency preparation items, as defined, sold or purchased during the 3-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the Saturday before the last Monday in June and ending at midnight on the last Monday in June.” [California Legislative Information, AB-1837, 2/18/20]

**2019: Garcia Supported Repealing The ACA.** “Like Knight, Garcia opposes abortion and new restrictions on guns, and he supports repeal of the Affordable Care Act.” [LA Times, 11/15/19]

**NPR: Before The Affordable Care Act, 9 Percent Of Insurance Policies Didn’t Cover Prescription Drugs.** “Before the Affordable Care Act went into effect, insurance companies routinely found ways to avoid paying for expensive health care. Beyond refusing to cover people with existing medical conditions, they sold policies that excluded coverage for some medical care, including prenatal care, childbirth and mental health care. According to the Century Foundation, 9 percent of policies didn’t even cover prescription drugs.” [NPR, 3/23/17]

**Repealing The ACA Would Increase The Cost Of Prescription Drugs By $1,000 Per Year For 5 Million California Seniors While Giving Pharmaceutical Companies An Additional $2.8 Billion.**
“Striking down the ACA would also transfer billions of dollars from seniors to pharmaceutical companies. Eliminating the ACA’s branded drug fee would cut taxes for pharmaceutical companies by $2.8 billion each year. At the same time, at least 5 million seniors would pay at least $1,000 more per year, on average, for prescription drugs because eliminating the ACA would reopen the Medicare ‘donut hole’: a range of beneficiaries’ drug spending where the Medicare prescription drug benefit initially provided no coverage, requiring beneficiaries to pay 100 percent of the costs.” [Center of Budget and Policy Priorities, 11/4/19]

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Preexisting Condition. “In the old days, insurance companies had ways to avoid selling policies to people who were likely to cost more than insurers wanted to spend. They might deny them coverage outright, or exclude coverage for a known condition, or charge so much that insurance became unaffordable. The Affordable Care Act boxes out the old insurance practices with a package of legal moves. First, it says point-blank that carriers ‘may not impose any preexisting condition exclusion.’ It backs that up with another section that says they ‘may not establish rules for eligibility’ based on health status, medical condition, claims experience or medical history.” [Politifact, 10/17/18]