Beth Van Duyne talks a good game about doing what is right on health care, but the truth is after working in the Trump administration, she supports Trump's plans to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions, charge older Americans an “age tax,” and strip health care coverage from millions of people. Van Duyne sided with Trump on opening too early and without a plan, saying we should “open up even more” just weeks before North Texas COVID cases surged to their highest levels. Even now, she’s still recklessly calling for us to reopen.


Aug. 2019: Van Duyne Announced Her Departure From HUD. [Beth Van Duyne via Twitter, 8/5/19]

Van Duyne Supported Trump’s Executive Orders To Scale Back The Affordable Care Act And Expand AHPs. “Whether you agree with him or not, it’s undeniable that our new president is rapidly instituting reforms and changing the way the federal government operates. By the end of his first two weeks in the Oval Office, President Trump had signed executive orders addressing health-care reform, immigration and practically everything in between. Mainstream media used words like chaotic, confusion and unconstitutional to describe some of these actions. President Trump’s response was more or less what we saw during his campaign — ‘I meant what I said, get used to it.’ (Have we become so accustomed to politicians not fulfilling their campaign promises that when one actually does, we are left dazed and confused?)” [OZY, Van Duyne Opinion Piece, 2/6/17]

Van Duyne: “It Is Well Passed Time Congress Allowed For Associated Health Care Plans.” “It is well passed time Congress allowed for Associated Health Care plans where individuals and small businesses can band together in order to have the same purchasing power as corporations and labor unions to select plans that best fit their individual needs.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed 5/13/20]

While AHPs Were Required To Cover Pre-Existing Conditions, They Could Refuse To Cover Treatment Associated With A Pre-Existing Condition. “This means that while AHPs are required to cover people with pre-existing conditions, they can refuse to cover any treatment associated with a pre-existing condition.” [Protect Our Care, 1/30/19]

Van Duyne Expressed Opposition Toward The Affordable Care Act, Saying The Bill “Was Enacted Based On Lies, Kept Afloat Through Misappropriation Of Funds, And Has Done Profound Damage To The Health Care Of Americans.” Q: “A U.S. appeals court recently ruled the “individual mandate” of the Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional, but said other aspects of the law require further review. What changes, if any, would you make to this law?” A: “The ‘Affordable Care Act,’ more commonly known as Obamacare, was enacted based on lies, kept aloft through misappropriation of funds, and has done profound damage to the healthcare of Americans. We need to get rid of the regulations that are strangling doctor/patient relationships. Regulations are also preventing lower cost health care options with more comprehensive coverage from being offered to the American people. It is well passed time Congress allowed for Associated Health Care plans where individuals and small businesses can band together in order to have the same purchasing power as corporations and labor unions to select plans that best fit their individual needs. Additionally, we need to expand the use of health savings accounts, allow people to purchase insurance across state lines, and make healthcare plans portable so they follow the individual. The American people deserve more options, more freedom, and more choice in how they use their precious dollars to pay for their healthcare needs.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed 5/13/20]

Brookings: ‘Nearly Every ACA Replacement Plan Involves Widening The Age Rating Bands… Proposals Suggest Changing The Current 3:1 Ratio To 5:1 Or 6:1 Or Eliminating It Altogether.’ “Loosen age rating restrictions in the individual market. Nearly every ACA replacement plan involves widening the age rating bands that currently restrict insurers from setting premiums for the oldest adults in the individual market (64 year olds) that are more than three times the premium they charge a 21-year old for the same coverage. Proposals suggest changing the current 3:1 ratio to 5:1 or 6:1 or eliminating it altogether.” [Brookings, 12/13/16]
Van Duyne Celebrated The Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. [14:21] GEORGATOS: “The conservative, or just the free market answer is, the American answer is, bring in businesses that give people jobs, that instill a sense in people ‘I can be self-reliant yes I can be self-reliant, yes I can take care of my family.’ City-level same as Trump level. Do you agree with that analogy?” VAN DUYNE: “Absolutely, we have seen it work at a government level and we can do it again. You think about the things that Trump has been able to accomplish, not only and to me all of his conservative federal court appointments, but also things like trade agreements. Taking it on, looking at our tax reforms, these are things that are putting dollars back into the pockets of the middle class, basically every class, but also focusing on jobs Realizing that it’s not public sector, it’s not government, citizen, taxpayer dollars that’s going to solve everything it’s getting the private sector dollars to get to be able to work to advance families and communities all across the country.” [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, 1/2/20]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To 13 Million More Uninsured Americans. “The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than $300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]


April 22: Van Duyne Touted Governor Abbott’s Plan’s To “Safely Reopen” The Economy. “Yesterday, @GovAbbott announced initial plans to start to safely reopen the TX economy. He also said there are nearly 500K job openings in TX, including @Fidelity, @LockheedMartin, & UT Southwestern Medical who are looking for workers in the DFW area.” [Beth Van Duyne via Twitter, 4/22/20]

April 27: Van Duyne Celebrated Reopening, Saying She “Loved Seeing The Support For Local Businesses, Jobs And Our Economy,” And Reposted Photos Of Colleyville Residents Going To Local Restaurants. “The weather this past weekend was amazing - one of the best parts of spring in Texas. Folks in Colleyville didn’t let it go to waste as they enthusiastically went back out to restaurants offering patio service. Love seeing the support for local businesses, jobs, and our economy!” [Beth Van Duyne via Twitter, 4/27/20]

April 27: Gov. Abbott Was Criticized For Not “Present[ing] A Clear Plan” Due To The Lack Of Widespread Testing In The State, Which Experts Said Was “Essential” To Reopening. “Abbott's new order comes as questions continue to persist about Texas' low testing level and what is being done to increase capacity. State Rep. Chris Turner of Grand Prairie, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, said in a statement that Texas is ‘near last in the nation on per capita testing and Gov. Abbott didn’t present a clear plan how that’s going to change, even though experts agree that widespread testing is essential to any reopening plan.’ ‘We don't know the magnitude of the problem,’ U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-El Paso, said during a Texas Democratic Party conference call after Abbott's news conference. ‘Without robust testing, then we continue to remain in the dark.’” [Texas Tribune, 4/27/20]

April 27: Gov. Abbott Announced Expanded Capacity For Certain Businesses But Did Not Provide Details. “Abbott's announcement Monday also came with news for entities that have been allowed to stay open through the pandemic, such as churches. He said his latest rules allow them to ‘expand their capacity even more’ as long as they follow social distancing practices. The details of that expansion were not immediately available.” [Texas Tribune, 4/27/20]

May 18: Van Duyne Pushed For Texas To “Open Up Even More.” “Let’s keep buying local, practicing safe measures, and drive this virus out so we can open up even more. Let’s do this Texas!” [Beth Van Duyne via Twitter, 5/18/20]
Dallas County COVID-Related Deaths Rose In June And July, Peaking The Week Of July 21. [Dallas County, 8/27/20]

Tarrant County Cases Rose In June And July, Peaking In Mid-July. [Tarrant County – COVID-19, 8/31/20]

HEADLINE: “Texas Reports 58 Coronavirus Deaths In One Day, A Record.” [Houston Chronicle, 5/14/20]

HEADLINE: “COVID-19 Cases, Deaths Surge As Abbott Pushed Forward On Reopening Texas.” [Reform Austin, 5/18/20]

HEADLINE: “Coronavirus Cases And Deaths Jump In Texas As State Reopens.” [Forbes, 5/120]

HEADLINE: “Dallas County Eclipses 5,000 Total Coronavirus Cases, Reports 2 More Deaths.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/7/20]

Aug. 22: Van Duyne Said Shutting Down Was Not The Answer. “Many industries have safely returned to work because the answer is not to shut the whole country down. We must work together to minimize risk while protecting our vulnerable populations, educating our students and getting America back to work.” [Beth Van Duyne via Twitter, 8/22/20]

Sep. 23: Van Duyne Posted An Article Reporting That COVID-19 Outbreaks In Schools Were “Yet To Arrive,” Calling It “Good News For Our Students Who Need To Be In The Classroom” And “Good News For Parents Who Are Trying To Get Back To Work.” “Good news for our students who need to be in the classroom, good news for the teachers as they continue the already challenging job of educating during this pandemic and good news for parents who are trying to get back to work to support their families.” [Beth Van Duyne via Twitter, 9/23/20]