Michelle Fischbach and DC special interests supporting her are lying about Collin Peterson because they know she supports repealing the ACA while she has no replacement plan taking away protections for people with pre-existing conditions. The truth is Collin is America’s most independent Congressman who always does what’s best for Western Minnesota including supporting protecting people with pre-existing conditions.

2018: Fischbach And Her Running Mate Campaigned On Moving Away From The Affordable Care Act And Embracing A Free Market Health Care System. “Pawlenty and Fischbach also highlighted their support for stringent immigration enforcement, medical care price transparency, and moving Minnesota away from Affordable Care Act-related provisions toward a more private health insurance market. Pawlenty emphasized his support for repealing the state’s taxes on Social Security benefits, as Minnesota is one of only a few states to do so.” [Free Press, 6/4/18]

2020: Fischbach Referred To Obamacare As a “Disaster.” “We must fix our broken health care system to give American families better access to high-quality, affordable health care plans. Obamacare was a disaster that took important health care choices away from millions of Americans.” [Michelle Fischbach for Congress, accessed 6/15/20]

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Pre-existing 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]


2017: Rep. Peterson Had Highest Bipartisan Legislation Score. “Rep. Collin Peterson, a Democrat serving in his 27th year in the U.S. House, had the highest bipartisan legislation score in 2017, according a study by Georgetown University. The nonpartisan analysis shows Peterson’s track record of working across the aisle on a variety of issues for his congressional district and to rural America. Peterson represents most of farm and lakes country in all of western Minnesota.” [Twin Cities Pioneer Press, 12/18/19]

Peterson Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Appropriated Funds To Implement The August 2018 Rule On Short-Term Limited-Duration Insurance Plans. In June 2019, Peterson voted for: “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds made available under the bill for the implementation, administration or enforcement of an August 2018 rule issued by the Departments of the Treasury, Labor, and Health and Human Services related to short-term limited-duration insurance plans.” The amendment was adopted 236 to 188. [HR 2740, Vote #283, 6/13/19; CQ, 6/13/19]

The Trump Administration Rule Allowed Short Term Health Plans To Be Sold For Up To 3 Years; The Obama Administration Had Limited To 90 Days. “Insurers will again be able to sell short-term health insurance good for up to 12 months under final rules released Wednesday by the Trump administration. This action overturns an Obama administration directive that limited such plans to 90 days. It also adds a new twist: If they wish, insurers can make the short-term plans renewable for up to three years. […] But the plans could also raise premiums for those who remain in the Affordable Care Act marketplace — and the short-term coverage is far more limited.” [Kaiser Health News, 8/1/18]

Short Term Plans Could Discriminate Based On Pre-existing Conditions, And Exclude Essential Health Benefits. “Short-term plans are less expensive because, unlike their ACA counterparts, which cannot bar
people with preexisting health conditions, insurers selling these policies can be choosy — rejecting people with illnesses or limiting their coverage. Short-term plans can also set annual and lifetime caps on benefits, and cover few prescription drugs. Most exclude benefits for maternity care, preventive care, mental health services or substance abuse treatment.” [Kaiser Health News, 8/1/18]

Peterson Voted Against Adding An Amendment To Include A Finding That The 2018 Guidance Did Not Permit The Health And Human Services Department To Waive Protections For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions. In May 2019, Peterson voted against: “Walden, R-Ore., motion to recommit the bill to the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would include in the bill a finding that the 2018 guidance related to Section 1332 waivers does not amend Section 1332 of the 2010 health care overhaul and does not permit the Health and Human Services Department to waive protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions. It also adds a finding that the guidance stipulates that any Section 1332 waivers must ensure that access to coverage under state plans would be ‘at least as comprehensive and affordable’ as would be provided under the Affordable Care Act.” The motion failed by a vote of 182-231. [HR 986, Vote #195, 5/9/19; CQ, 5/9/19]

Peterson Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Health And Human Services And Treasury Departments From Taking Action To Reduce “Affordability” Of Insurance For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions. In May 2019, Peterson voted for: “Malinowski, D-N.J., amendment that would prohibit the Health and Human Services and Treasury departments from taking any action that would reduce the affordability, for individuals with preexisting conditions, of health insurance at least as comprehensive as the ‘essential health benefits packages’ defined under the 2010 health care law.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 302-117. [HR 986, Vote #193, 5/9/19; CQ, 5/9/19]