Handel bragged about voting with Donald Trump ninety-eight percent of the time, fought for Trump’s health care plan which would leave nearly 30 million Americans without health insurance and eliminate health care for people with pre-existing conditions even during a pandemic. She even supported the horrific policy of separating children from their parents.

FiveThirtyEight: Handel Voted With Trump 98.4 Percent Of The Time. [FiveThirtyEight – Tracking Congress in the Age of Trump (Karen C. Handel), 5/18/20]

Handel Said She Was Proud Of The Fact That She Stood With Trump And Bragged About Her “Trump Support Rating” Being At 98 Percent. HANDEL: “I’m proud of the fact that I’ve stood with President Trump. I have one of the strongest Trump support ratings of any member in Congress at 98 percent.” [Tracking Footage: Cobb County Republican Party Event, accessed 6/18/20]

Handel Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act. “A former Georgia secretary of state and chair of the Fulton County Commission, Handel said she’s eager to address what she sees as a national fiscal crisis perpetuated by the Obama administration, first by repealing the Affordable Care Act, sometimes known as ‘ObamaCare.’ Handel cites a number of reasons for its repeal, saying that 3.5 million Americans have received health insurance cancellation notices on their private policies, the high cost to taxpayers of the Affordable Care Act web site and the higher cost of medical care.” [Albany Herald, 4/26/14]

Trump Pushed The Supreme Court To Overturn And Permanently End The Affordable Care Act. “The Trump administration asked the Supreme Court late Thursday to overturn the Affordable Care Act — a move that, if successful, would bring a permanent end to the health insurance program popularly known as Obamacare and wipe out coverage for as many as 23 million Americans.” [New York Times, 9/24/20]

EPI: 29.8 Million People Would Lose Their Health Insurance If The Affordable Care Act Were Repealed. “Across the country, 29.8 million people would lose their health insurance if the Affordable Care Act were repealed—more than doubling the number of people without health insurance. And 1.2 million jobs would be lost—not just in health care but across the board.” [Economic Policy Institute, 2017]

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: Repeal Could Have Denied Coverage To As Many As 133 Million Americans. “This analysis updates that earlier study. It confirms that a large fraction of non-elderly Americans have pre-existing health conditions: at least 23 percent of Americans (61 million people) using a narrow definition based on eligibility criteria for pre-ACA state high-risk pools, or as many as 51 percent (133 million people) using a broader definition closer to the underwriting criteria used by insurers prior to the ACA. Any of these 133 million Americans could have been denied coverage, or offered coverage only at an exorbitant price, had they needed individual market health insurance before 2014.” [HHS.gov, Issue Brief, 1/5/17]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate $23.4 billion for various border security activities.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler’s bill, H.R. 6135, the Keep Families Together Act, which I am proud to cosponsor. This thoughtful proposal would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from separating
children from their parents, of course, except in extraordinary circumstances, and limit the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill prohibiting immigrant family separations. The motion was agreed to 233-191. [HR 6136, Vote #285, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18; Congressional Record, 6/21/18]