Van Duyne cheered when Texas opened 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 in the middle of a pandemic and wants to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions, discriminate against people when they get sick, charge an “age tax” on older Americans, and strip health care coverage from millions of people.

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.
Tarrant County Cases Rose In June And July, Peaking In Mid-July.

[Tarrant County – COVID-19, 8/31/20]

[Dallas County, 8/27/20]
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]

The World Health Organization Declared The COVID-19 Outbreak A Pandemic. “The COVID-19 viral disease that has swept into at least 114 countries and killed more than 4,000 people is now officially a pandemic, the World Health Organization announced Wednesday.” [NPR, 3/11/20]

Van Duyne Celebrated The Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “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]

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 Supported Trump’s Executive Orders To Scale Back The Affordable Care Act. “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]
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 afloat 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]

AARP: The AHCA Would Impose An “Age Tax” Allowing Insurance Companies To Charge People Between The Ages Of 50 And 64 Rates Up To Five Times Higher. “The AHCA would impose an unfair and unacceptable ‘age tax.’ It would allow insurance companies to charge people between the ages of 50 and 64 (those too young for Medicare) five times what they can charge younger consumers.” [AARP, 3/15/17]