**Beth Van Duyne talks a good game about doing what is right on health care, but the truth is that in the middle of a pandemic she 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.**

**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]

**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 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]