David Valadao votes with Trump 99% of the time, including for Trump’s harmful agenda on health care. Valadao voted with Trump to gut protections for patients with pre-existing conditions, create what AARP called an "age tax" where insurance companies could charge older people five times more than others, and eliminate health coverage for more than 60,000 people in our community.

2017 Session: David Valadao Voted With President Trump’s Positions 100 Percent Of The Time. [CQ, 2/12/18]

[Valadao vote chart]

2018 Session: David Valadao Voted With President Trump’s Positions 100 Percent Of The Time. [CQ, 2/25/19]

[Valadao vote chart]

Valadao Voted For Repealing The Affordable Care Act. [HR 596, Vote #58, 2/3/15; CQ Floor Votes, 2/3/15]

Trump Promised To Repeal The Affordable Care Act. “Trump is correct: At no point in time did he pledge to repeal and replace Obamacare in 61 or 64 days. Instead, he pledged to demand a repeal on Day One — even if it took a special session of Congress to make it happen. He pledged on several occasions to repeal it ‘immediately.’ The message he conveyed to his voters was very much not that ‘this is something we will get to eventually’ but that this was something that would come first on the agenda.” [Washington Post, 3/24/17]

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Preexisting 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: Valadao Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Valadao voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system.” The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; CQ, 5/4/17]

Trump Supported The AHCA. “The House voted Thursday to narrowly approve a Republican-drafted measure that would eliminate many of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act — the first step toward keeping one of President Trump’s campaign pledges and a victory for GOP lawmakers who have long railed against Obamacare, as the ACA is commonly known. The vote was 217-213. […] And Trump praised House Speaker Paul Ryan as ‘a genius,’ for engineering Thursday’s legislative win.” [NPR, 5/4/17]

AARP: Under AHCA: “Premiums For Older People Could Jump To Five Times The Amount Insurers Charge Younger Consumers, From The Limit Of Three Times The Younger Consumers’ Rate Under The Current Law.” “Seeking to justify large increases in premiums for older adults under the proposed American Health Care Act (AHCA), the Republican staff of the Joint Economic Committee
released a short paper last month entitled ‘The Myth of the Senior Tax.’ But the paper fails to grasp the severe consequences of weakening the current law that prevents insurers from charging older consumers more than three times what younger people pay. The AHCA would raise that limit: Premiums for older people could jump to five times the amount insurers charge younger consumers, from the limit of three times the younger consumers’ rate under the current law, the Affordable Care Act (ACA).” [AARP, 5/4/17]


**Under The American Health Care Act, 60,000 People Would Have Lost Coverage In CA-21.** “The 60,000 figure refers to the amount of people in Valadao’s district who would have lost health insurance if Obamacare, or the Affordable Care Act, was repealed and the AHCA implemented instead. The Republican health care law failed to pass the Senate.” [Fresno Bee, 8/6/19]

**60,500 People In CA-21 Would Lose Health Insurance Under AHCA.** According to the Center for American Progress, roughly 60,500 residents of CA-21 would lose their health insurance under the AHCA. [Center for American Progress, 5/25/17]