Nick Freitas has accepted thousands from the insurance industry and supports a plan that would kick 741,000 Virginians off their health insurance during a pandemic, and deny coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, including cancer, diabetes, asthma, and Coronavirus.

**Freitas Has Taken $3,630 From The Insurance Industry For His 2020 Congressional Campaign.** [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/19/20]

**Freitas Supported Abolishing “What Remains” Of The Affordable Care Act, Which He Called A “Cancer.”** “Freitas and Jackson also leveled scorn at the Affordable Care Act, which is considered one of Obama's major accomplishments. Freitas called it a "cancer" that was designed to fail so that its supporters could replace it with a national government health care system. He and Jackson want to abolish what remains of the law, known as Obamacare. They said a competitive, market-based health care system will lead to lower prices and better services.” [Virginian-Pilot, 5/1/18]

**741,000 Virginians Would Lose Health Coverage If The ACA Were Repealed During The COVID-19 Pandemic.** [Center for American Progress, 6/24/20]

**The Affordable Care Act Protected People With Pre-Existing Conditions Including Cancer, Asthma, And Diabetes.** “According to a new analysis by the Department of Health and Human Services, 50 to 129 million (19 to 50 percent of) non-elderly Americans have some type of pre-existing health condition. Up to one in five non-elderly Americans with a pre-existing condition – 25 million individuals – is uninsured. Under the Affordable Care Act, starting in 2014, these Americans cannot be denied coverage, be charged significantly higher premiums, be subjected to an extended waiting period, or have their benefits curtailed by insurance companies. As many as 82 million Americans with employer-based coverage have a pre-existing condition, ranging from life-threatening illnesses like cancer to chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma, or heart disease. Without the Affordable Care Act, such conditions limit the ability to obtain affordable health insurance if they become self-employed, take a job with a company that does not offer coverage, or experience a change in life circumstance, such as divorce, retirement, or moving to a different state” [Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, accessed 8/19/20]

**Without The ACA, People Who Survived COVID-19 Could Be Labeled “Uninsurable” By Insurance Companies.** “COVID-19 could have stamped a person ‘uninsurable’ if not for the Affordable Care Act. The ban on insurers using preexisting conditions to deny coverage is a key part of the Obama-era law that the Trump administration still seeks to overturn. Without the law, people who recovered from COVID-19 and tried to purchase an individual health insurance policy could be turned down, charged higher premiums or have follow-up care excluded from coverage. Those considered vulnerable because of conditions such as respiratory problems or early-stage diabetes would have run into a wall of insurer suspicion.” [Detroit News, 5/3/20]