With Nick Freitas, it’s a pattern. He took thousands from corporate special interests and was one of the only Republicans to vote against over 100 bipartisan bills in the Virginia Legislature. Twice Freitas was the only member of either party of the Virginia House to oppose health insurance coverage for autism. And Freitas even opposed legislation requiring background checks for daycare employees.

Freitas Has Taken Over $28,000 From Corporate Special Interests. Since 2015, Freitas’ campaigns for state legislature have received $28,318.97 from corporate entities, LLCs, and corporate PACs. [Virginia Department of Elections, via Follow the Money, accessed 9/13/19]

2019: According To Virginia’s Legislative Information Service, Freitas Cast 39 House Votes Floor Votes In The Virginia House Of Delegates In Which He Was In The Superminority, One Of 10 Or Less In A Vote Category. [Virginia’s Legislative Information System, accessed 6/18/20]

2020: According To Virginia’s Legislative Information Service, Freitas Cast 84 House Votes Floor Votes In The Virginia House Of Delegates In Which He Was In The Superminority, One Of 10 Or Less In A Vote Category. [Virginia’s Legislative Information System, accessed 6/18/20]

2020: Freitas Cast The Sole Vote Against A Bipartisan Initiative To Expand Insurance Coverage For Diagnosis And Treatment Of Autism. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1503. “Requires health insurers, corporations providing health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder under insurance policies, subscription contracts, or health care plans issued in the individual market or small group markets. The existing requirement that such coverage be provided for policies, contracts, or plans issued in the large group market is not affected. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 97-1-1. The Governor approve the measure. [HB 1503, House Floor Vote (Passage, 2/24/20]

February 2019: Freitas Cast The Sole Vote Against Extending Health Insurance Coverage For Treatment Of Autism In People Above The Age Of 10. In February 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2577. “Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals of any age. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age 10. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2020.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 97-1-1. The Governor approve the measure. [HB 2577, House Floor Vote (Passage, 2/5/19]
Freitas Was One Of Only 21 Senators To Vote Against Requiring A Fingerprint Background Check For Religious Organizations Operating Licensed Day Cares, Which Risked Millions In Federal Funding To Subsidize Day Care For Low-Income Families. In February 2017, Freitas voted against HB 1568. The Daily Press reported, “The state added a fingerprint background check requirement for licensed day cares two years ago as part of a broad set of reforms that followed the death of at least two children. Legislators exempted day cares tied to religious organizations, though, and small day cares operated out of family homes as part of a compromise on the bill. [...] But when the compromise passed, legislators noted a 2017 deadline to end the exemption or face the loss of at least some of the federal funding used to subsidize day care for low-income families. [...] Voices for Virginia Children, which is pushing the expanded fingerprint checks, said a minimum of $2.7 million is at risk. [...] State regulations already require church day care workers to have a background check on their name. House Bill 1568 would add the fingerprint check required at secular day cares.” The measure passed the House on a vote of 73 – 21. It was approved by the Governor. [Daily Press, 1/17/17; HB 1568, House Floor Vote (Passage), 2/3/17]