Sean Parnell's top priority is fully repealing the Affordable Care Act, including protections for people with preexisting conditions. He called the ACA “an absolute, unabashed...train wreck,” and says that “literally ANYTHING” would be better than the ACA, including no replacement at all, and he has repeatedly praised Trump's handling of the coronavirus.

**Parnell Said He Supported The Affordable Care Act’s Repeal.** “Parnell responded that despite supporting the law’s repeal, he would still aim to protect people being denied coverage for pre-existing conditions.” [Tribune Review, 9/26/20]

**Parnell Criticized The ACA And Called It A “Disaster.”** TWEET “@TheDemocrats forced #Obamacare on the American People. Premiums skyrocketed. People lost their doctors. It was a disaster. And after all that chaos, Biden says this? @ConorLambPA is about to endorse @JoeBiden for President. These irresponsible people don’t belong in government.” [Sean Parnell, Twitter, 1/5/20]

**Parnell Called The ACA An “Absolute, Unabashed, Catastrophically Expensive Train Wreck.”** TWEET: “#Obamacare is an absolute, unabashed, catastrophically expensive train wreck.” [Sean Parnell, Twitter, 3/3/14]

**Parnell Commented On Senator Elizabeth Warren’s Warnings On The Disastrous Effects Of ACA Repeal By Saying “Literally ANYTHING” Would Be Better.** TWEET: “How can she say this with a straight face?! Literally ANYTHING is an improvement on Obamacare.” [Sean Parnell, Twitter, 5/5/17]

**VIDEO: Parnell Said That President Trump Did A “Pretty Great Job” Recognizing The Threat Of COVID-19 Early On.** “[1:07] Nobody has taken this virus, and Andrew [Parnell’s campaign manager, can probably attest to that, I’ve been in his ear all the time like you gotta prepare for this, this is gonna be worse than we think. Our leaders aren’t ready for this, or at least our Congress isn’t ready for it. I think the President has done a pretty great job in recognizing this threat early on.” [Sean Parnell Town Hall, 4/2/20]

**VIDEO: When Discussing Responses To The COVID-19 Pandemic, Parnell Said Trump Has Done An “Incredible Job.”** “[:35] It’s a great point and you know, the President uses wartime analogies for this, were at war with the virus, right? Well, there are two different kinds of war. There is total war where casualties are high and infrastructure is completely wiped off the face of the earth, and collateral damage is through the roof. Or there are more surgical strikes. Which is what the U.S. Military, what I have done with my time with the U.S. Military—surgical strikes. Well thought out, well targeted strikes, to me I’d like to see a more surgical approach. Moving past the April 30th date, I’d like to see a more surgical response to our pandemic strategy. [...] I do trust the President, I really do, I think he’s done an incredible job. There’s not a candidate on the Republican or Democrat side who could do two hours of press conference every single night for the last three weeks like this man has done. I think he’s up top the task. We’ll see, I think he’s thinking past April 30th.” [Sean Parnell Town Hall, 4/2/20]

**Parnell: “It’s Time To Rally Around” The President And “Face This Threat Unified.”** TWEET: “Swine Flu infected nearly 61 million people in the US & caused 12,469 deaths. The difference is that Republicans by & large rallied around President Obama in an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. Just stop. It’s time to rally around our @POTUS & face this threat unified.” [Sean Parnell, Twitter, 3/12/20]
Parnell even supports Trump's plan to cut Social Security by eliminating the payroll tax, risking the benefits for the 2.1 million Pennsylvania seniors who need the help to make it through these troubling times.

**Parnell Supported Payroll Tax Relief For Employers And Employees For The Remainder Of 2020.** “1) Payroll tax relief for the employer & employee for the remainder of 2020.” [Sean Parnell, Twitter, 3/21/20]

**Parnell Touted Trump’s Payroll Tax Holiday.** “Donald J. Trump signed an order that: 1) gives a $400/week benefit to unemployed Americans 2) extends student loan relief 3) extends protections for evictions 4) payroll tax holiday for people who make less than 100k a year.” [Sean Parnell, Facebook, 8/8/20]

**Trump Directed The Treasury Department To Allow Employers To Defer Payroll Taxes.** “One of the Trump administration’s latest efforts to help workers amid the coronavirus pandemic is off to a rocky start. President Trump signed a memo last month directing the Treasury Department to allow employers to defer payroll taxes from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31 for employees making less than $4,000 on a biweekly basis.” [The Hill, 9/7/20]

**Trump Said He Wanted To Make Payroll Tax Cuts Permanent.** “Trump signed an executive order on Aug. 8 to give Americans who earn less than $100,000 a temporary break from paying payroll taxes. But those taxes will have to be paid back next year. “If I’m victorious on Nov. 3, I plan to forgive these taxes and make permanent cuts to the payroll tax,” Trump said at the time. Trump’s comments were interpreted to mean either that he planned to make it so those funds did not have to be paid back, or that he planned to permanently eliminate the payroll tax.” [CNBC, 8/25/20]

**Payroll Tax Cuts Could Deplete Funding For Social Security.** “While that means some workers will take home bigger checks, others worry that such a change could deplete funding for Social Security, which relies on those taxes. Now, a letter sent this week by Social Security Chief Actuary Stephen Goss estimates that if a permanent payroll tax cut were put in place, it could deplete the program’s funding by mid-2023. That’s based on the change taking effect for earnings starting on Jan. 1, 2021. […] Payroll taxes are used to provide funding to Social Security and Medicare. Currently, employees pay 6.2% for Social Security on income up to $137,700 as of 2020. They also pay an additional 1.45% toward Medicare.” [CNBC, 8/25/20]

**A Permanent Payroll Tax Cut Could “Completely Decimate Social Security.”** “After receiving Goss’ letter, Van Hollen issued a statement rejecting the prospect of a permanent payroll tax cut, saying it would ‘completely decimate Social Security.’ ‘This analysis makes clear – this is another thinly veiled attempt to gut Social Security and go after the American people’s hard-earned benefits,’ Van Hollen said. ‘We can’t let Trump get away with this and will do everything in our power to prevent this disastrous policy from ever going into effect.’” [CNBC, 8/25/20]

**More Than 2.1 Million Pennsylvanians Over The Age Of 65 Received Social Security Benefits.** [Social Security Administration, Pennsylvania Congressional Statistics, December 2019]