Ashley Hinson voted to allow insurance companies to offer healthcare plans that could deny coverage to the 1,200,000 Iowans with pre-existing conditions, such as asthma, diabetes or cancer. Then she received thousands of dollars of campaign funds from the political action committee for an insurance company that profited from the plans. Now she says, “I don’t think every American wants health insurance.”

March 2018: Hinson Voted To Allow The Sale Of Some Insurance Plans That Evaded Essential Health Benefits Requirements And Could Deny Coverage Based On Pre-Existing Conditions. In March 2018, Hinson voted for “an act relating to health plans established by associations of employers or sponsored by certain agricultural organizations.” According to the Des Moines Register, “the legislation would give small employers more freedom to band together to buy health insurance for their workers through ‘association health plans.’ It effectively would allow insurance carriers to resume selling small-employer policies that don’t meet Affordable Care Act rules, also known as Obamacare, such as those requiring coverage for maternity care or addiction treatment…The new coverage could offer relatively low premiums for young and healthy consumers, but people with pre-existing health problems could once again be charged more or denied coverage.” The bill passed by a vote of 69-30 with one absent or non-voting member. [SF 2349, Final Vote, Page 650 3/21/18; Des Moines Register 3/27/18]

The Bill Allowed Small Employers To Band Together To Create “Association Health Plans” That Did Not Meet ACA Requirements To Provide Coverage For Essential Health Benefits Like Maternity And Addiction Care. “The legislation would give small employers more freedom to band together to buy health insurance for their workers through ‘association health plans.’ It effectively would allow insurance carriers to resume selling small-employer policies that don’t meet Affordable Care Act rules, also known as Obamacare, such as those requiring coverage for maternity care or addiction treatment.” [Des Moines Register 3/27/18]

The Bill Included Legislation To Allow The Iowa Farm Bureau To Sell Insurance Plans That Did Not Comply With The ACA, And Could Deny Coverage Based On Pre-Existing Conditions. “The bill was merged last week with another proposal that would allow the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to work with Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield to sell health insurance plans that don't comply with the federal Affordable Care Act to its own members. The bill says the plans are not considered health insurance and therefore can't be regulated like health insurance. The new coverage could offer relatively low premiums for young and healthy consumers, but people with pre-existing health problems could once again be charged more or denied coverage. It aims to help people who buy individual health policies, because they aren't offered coverage via an employer or a government program, such as Medicare or Medicaid.” [Des Moines Register 3/27/18]

The Hill HEADLINE: “Iowa To Sell Health Plans That Can Disqualify People Based On Pre-Existing Conditions.” [The Hill, 10/4/18]

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There Were 1,288,400 People In Iowa Living With Pre-Existing Conditions. [Center for American Progress, 10/2/19]

Hinson Received $500 From WellPAC During Her Runs For State Representative. Hinson received $250 from WellPAC on 8/16/18 and $250 from WellPAC on 9/21/16. [Iowa IECDB State/Local Campaign Disclosures Reports, accessed 6/4/19]
**Hinson Received $5,000 From WellPAC During Her Run For Congress.** In September 2019, Hinson received $5,000 from WellPAC to her congressional campaign committee. [Federal Election Commission, 9/25/19]

**Hinson: “I Don’t Think Every American Wants Health Insurance.”** HOST: “Do you believe that access to affordable health care and guaranteed health care coverage should be considered a right of every American?” HINSON: “Well, I think access to health care is very important, insurance is a different thing. I don’t think every American wants health insurance and I don’t think that’s something the government has to provide to every American.” [Iowa Public Radio, 9/15/20]