Even during a pandemic, Hunt supports Donald Trump and his efforts to eliminate the ACA without a replacement, which would eliminate protections for people with pre-existing health conditions and allow insurance companies to charge an age tax on healthcare.

Hunt Said He Believed “We Need To Fully Repeal Obamacare.” Q: “What government spending would you reduce in order to balance the budget?” A: “We need to have a serious conversation about our spending. Last year, we had the highest revenue this country has ever seen, and yet we added 1 trillion to our debt. We don’t have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. First, I believe that we need to fully repeal Obamacare. That alone would save us significantly. I also believe that there is enormous amounts of fraud, waste and abuse throughout all government agencies. We need to take a serious look at eliminating that.” [iVoterGuide – Candidate Profile: Wesley Hunt, accessed 8/6/20]

CNN: The Trump Administration Will Continue To Push The Supreme Court To Invalidate The Entire Affordable Care Act. “The Trump administration will continue to push the Supreme Court to invalidate the entire Affordable Care Act, President Donald Trump said Wednesday, rejecting a last-minute attempt by Attorney General William Barr to change course. ‘We're not doing anything. In other words, we're staying with the group, with Texas and the group,’ Trump told reporters in the Oval Office.” [CNN, 5/6/20]

The Affordable Care Act Limited Insurers From Charging More If An Individual Had A Pre-Existing 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]

HEADLINE: Don’t Get Fooled: The Age Tax Is a Real Thing. [AARP, 5/4/17]

Huffington Post: The Affordable Care Act Limited Insurers From Charging Older Customers More Than Three Times What They Charge Young Adults. “The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older customers more than three times what they charge younger adults.” [Huffington Post, 3/6/17]

The Affordable Care Act Established A 3:1 Limit On Age Rating Of Health Insurance Premiums. “The Affordable Care Act (ACA) established a 3:1 limit on age rating of health insurance premiums, meaning that insurance companies cannot charge older adults more than three times the amount younger adults are charged for the same coverage. This limit is a critical consumer protection that ensures older adults—specifically those ages 50 to 64 who are not yet eligible for Medicare—have access to affordable health insurance coverage.” [AARP, 1/2017]

If The Affordable Care Act Were Fully Repealed, The Health Care Market Would Return To “Insurance Companies Routinely Charged Older People Much Higher Amounts Than Younger People For The Same Coverage.” “Prior to enactment of the ACA, many older adults ages 50–64 who were not old enough to be eligible for Medicare but who did not have coverage through an employer had difficulty obtaining health insurance coverage on their own in the individual market. If coverage was available, older adults were often charged much higher premiums due to their age or a preexisting
condition, making it unaffordable and out of reach. [...] Consequently, insurance companies routinely charged older people much higher amounts than younger people for the same coverage in the individual health insurance market.” [AARP, 1/2017]

Brookings: ‘Nearly Every ACA Replacement Plan Involves Widening The Age Rating Bands… Proposals Suggest Changing The Current 3:1 Ratio To 5:1 Or 6:1 Or Eliminating It Altogether.’ “Loosen age rating restrictions in the individual market. Nearly every ACA replacement plan involves widening the age rating bands that currently restrict insurers from setting premiums for the oldest adults in the individual market (64 year olds) that are more than three times the premium they charge a 21-year old for the same coverage. Proposals suggest changing the current 3:1 ratio to 5:1 or 6:1 or eliminating it altogether.” [Brookings, 12/13/16]

Aug. 2009: Only Nine State Limited How Much Older People Can Be Charged Than Younger Ones For Individual Health Policies. “Nine states limit how much more older people can be charged than younger ones for individual health policies. […] Proposals approved by House and Senate committees would limit insurers to charging older people no more than double what younger people pay. Only nine states now restrict the range insurers can charge individuals based on age.” [Kaiser Health News, 8/31/09]

Aug. 2009: Competing Bills In Congress Contained A 5:1 Ration, Which Was Opposed By The AARP. “While none of the competing bills in Congress contains the 5:1 ratio, it is included in a policy options paper released in May by the key Senate Finance Committee, which is expected to finalize its bill after Labor Day. Even advocacy groups are split. AARP, the lobbying group for those 50 and up, opposes the 5:1 ratio but supports a 2:1 ratio.” [Kaiser Health News, 8/31/09]