After taking contributions from the insurance industry and drug companies, Zeldin voted to repeal the ACA, taking away protections for people with preexisting conditions, and voted against lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

Zeldin Voted For The American Health Care Act- The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Zeldin voted for repeal and replace major parts of the Affordable Care Act. According to the New York Times, the bill "would eliminate tax penalties for people who go without health insurance. It would roll back state-by-state expansions of Medicaid, which covered millions of low-income Americans. And in place of government-subsidized insurance policies offered exclusively on the Affordable Care Act’s marketplaces, the bill would offer tax credits of $2,000 to $4,000 a year, depending on age. [...] The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the first version of the bill would trim the federal budget deficit considerably but would also leave 24 million more Americans without health insurance after a decade. Average insurance premiums would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher in 2018 and 2019, but after that, they would be lower than projected under current law." The bill passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; New York Times, 5/4/17]

The American Health Care Act Repealed The Affordable Care Act. “The American Health Care Act — Republicans’ proposal to repeal and replace Obamacare — passed the House in a close vote Thursday afternoon. [...] Some of Obamacare’s signature features would be gone immediately, such as the tax on people who don’t purchase health care, known as the ‘individual mandate.’ Other protections, including the provision that allows young adults to stay on their parents’ plan through age 26, would survive. States would have the option to get waivers from two of Obamacare’s requirements: that insurers cover ‘essential health benefits,’ and that they charge the same price to everyone regardless of their health history. That would get rid of a key protection for people with preexisting conditions. An amendment added to the AHCA in late April allows states to opt out of Obamacare’s ‘community rating’ requirement — which says that all people, healthy and sick, should be charged the same prices — for people who do not maintain continuous health insurance coverage.” [Vox, 5/4/17]

Politifact Found That AHCA "Would Weaken Protections" For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions. “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [Politifact, 5/24/17]

Zeldin Voted Against the Elijah Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act. In 2019, Zeldin voted against HR 3. According to the Baltimore Sun, “...House Democrats on Thursday pushed through legislation that would empower Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices and offer new benefits for seniors. The vote along party lines was 230-192.” [HR3, #682, 12/12/19; Baltimore Sun, 12/12/19]

CBO: H.R. 3’s Negotiation Provision Would Reduce Drug Prices By 55 Percent. “CBO then estimated net spending for drugs with the international prices selected for negotiation under title I [of H.R. 3]. CBO estimates that reducing prices to 114 percent of the AIM price, on average, would reduce—by nearly 55
percent—the prices for the first group of drugs subject to negotiation.” [Congressional Budget Office, 10/11/19]

In The 2016 Cycle, Zeldin Received $103,995 From The Insurance Industry. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/28/20]

Zeldin Received $462,487 From The Insurance Industry Throughout His Career As Of July 2020. [Center For Responsive Politics, accessed 7/22/20]

In The 2016 Cycle, Zeldin Received $8,000 From The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/28/20]

Zeldin Received $48,427 From The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry Throughout His Career As Of August 2020. [Center For Responsive Politics, accessed 8/26/20]

In The 2016 Cycle, Zeldin Received $17,400 From The Pharmaceutical/Health Products Industry. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/28/20]

Zeldin Received $84,092 From The Pharmaceutical/Health Products Industry Throughout His Career As Of August 2020. [Center For Responsive Politics, accessed 8/26/20]

607,000 New Yorkers Would Lose Health Insurance Coverage In 2019 Under ACA Repeal. [Center for American Progress, 7/9/19]

16,000 Residents Of NY-01 Would Lose Health Insurance Coverage In 2019 Under ACA Repeal. [Center for American Progress, 10/2/19]

305,400 Residents Of NY-01 Have A Pre-Existing Conditions. [Center for American Progress, 10/2/19]