Young Kim supports Trump’s efforts to take away health insurance from millions and gut protections for pre-existing conditions while raising premiums for the rest of us.

**Kim Said Obamacare “Has Given Us Nothing But Broken Promises” And Supported Repealing It.** At A Chamber of Commerce forum on March 29, 2018 Kim said [1:09:55] “The intent of Obamacare was to ensure that there is access for all Americans to be insured. But what it did at the end of the day is that it has given us nothing but broken promises. While it may have given a lot Americans access to health care, it has given less than acceptable quality health care. The premiums have gone up and there is a penalty clause if you don’t have the health care. This is an inability to give the original intent of the promise. […] [1:11:05] But I will not ask for a complete repeal unless there is a solution that can be sensible and ensure all Americans by providing good quality care with not, premiums should not be too much for this. […] [1:11:28] Until I see a good replacement, complete repeal is not the way to do it.” [Chamber of Commerce Forum, YouTube, 4/10/18]

**Trump Promised To Repeal The Affordable Care Act.** “Trump is correct: At no point in time did he pledge to repeal and replace Obamacare in 61 or 64 days. Instead, he pledged to demand a repeal on Day One — even if it took a special session of Congress to make it happen. He pledged on several occasions to repeal it ‘immediately.’ The message he conveyed to his voters was very much not that ‘this is something we will get to eventually’ but that this was something that would come first on the agenda.” [Washington Post, 3/24/17]

**Repealing The Affordable Care Act Was Expected To Strip Health Care From 23 Million Americans.** “Tomorrow, the Trump administration and 18 Republican governors and attorneys general will file their opening briefs with the Supreme Court in California v. Texas—the health care repeal lawsuit. The lawsuit, criticized across the political spectrum as a ‘badly flawed’ case, threatens to upend the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and strip 23.3 million Americans of their health coverage, according to new CAP analysis—about 3 million (15 percent) more than was forecast before the coronavirus pandemic.” [Center for American Progress, 6/24/20]

**The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Preexisting 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]

**CNN: “Dismantling Obamacare Would Likely Mean Higher Premiums, Deductibles And Cost-Sharing For The 57 Million Senior Citizens And Disabled Americans Enrolled In The Program.”** “Dismantling Obamacare would likely mean higher premiums, deductibles and cost-sharing for the 57 million senior citizens and disabled Americans enrolled in the program. It would also bring back the infamous ‘donut hole’ in Medicare’s prescription drug coverage.” [CNN, 1/12/17]

**Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Eliminate Protections From Insurance Company Payout Caps That Would Result In Individuals Facing Enormous Out-Of-Pocket Costs Once They Reached Their Insurance Cap.** “The 156 million Americans who get coverage through an employer, as well as the roughly 15 million enrolled in Obamacare and other plans in the individual insurance market, are protected from caps that insurers and employers used to limit how much they had to pay out in coverage each year or over a lifetime. Before the A.C.A., people with conditions like cancer or hemophilia that were very expensive to treat often faced enormous out-of-pocket costs once their medical bills reached these caps. While not all health coverage was capped, most companies had some sort of limit in place in 2009. A 2017 Brookings analysis estimated that 109 million people would face lifetime limits on their coverage without the health law, with some companies saying they would cover no more than $1 million in medical bills per employee. The vast majority of people never hit those limits, but some who did were forced into bankruptcy or went without treatment.” [New York Times, 7/9/19]