Pat Timmons-Goodson is fighting for a real plan to tackle COVID, make healthcare more affordable, and get us back to work safely. She believes it is downright sinful to try to take healthcare away during a pandemic and supports lowering drug prices, expanding Medicaid, and protecting pre-existing conditions.

Timmons-Goodson Supported A Second Round Of Stimulus To Fight The Coronavirus Pandemic, Including Economic Relief Checks And Housing And Food Support. “Our economy works for the wealthy rather than the working and middle class. Too many of us are working multiple jobs to afford our rent or seeing our wages stagnate while the cost of living continues to rise. Now, the coronavirus pandemic exacerbated the wealth gap. To support our working-class people and families, Pat will fight to pass legislation that will lower the cost of living and help our workers so that everyone can live without crushing prices. To make sure that all families can afford the basic necessities required to live comfortably, Pat will support: […] Helping North Carolinians affected by the coronavirus pandemic by supporting legislation that would provide another round of economic relief checks, as wells as housing and food support. North Carolinians must be supported during and not burdened by the failings of the federal government to adequately protect our country from the consequences of the pandemic.” [Patricia Timmons-Goodson for Congress, accessed 10/15/20]

Timmons-Goodson Supported Battling Coronavirus With Paid Sick Leave, Free Testing And Treatment, A Special Enrollment Period For Health Insurance, And Testing And Tracing. “Right now, we can expand access to the Affordable Care Act by reopening the enrollment period so that our friends and neighbors have a chance to get the coverage they need. Congress should provide businesses, large and small, with resources dedicated to providing paid sick leave to employees. As we try to contain this pandemic, no one should be forced to choose between losing a paycheck and putting their coworkers or the public at risk. Finally, when it comes to COVID-19, all testing and treatment should be free and widely available, not doled out solely to the those with the most money or best insurance. To contain the spread, we should encourage, not discourage, treatment, testing, and tracing. That protects us all.” [Patricia Timmons-Goodson for Congress, 5/5/20]

Timmons-Goodson Supported Lowering Drug Prices By Allowing Medicare To Negotiate Pharmaceutical Prices, Disincentivizing Price Increases That Exceed Inflation, And Capping Out Of Pocket Costs. “North Carolina depends on Medicaid, with nearly one out of every five citizens enrolled in the program — and children make up half of the recipients.2 We need to pass federal laws that push states like North Carolina to expand Medicaid and end Medicaid work requirements. It is immoral to deny Americans insurance during a pandemic and recession, and Congress must act quickly to help aid our vulnerable populations. […] Expand Medicaid and implement a public option to ensure that all Americans can live freely without undue and crushing medical bills. Strengthen and expand the Affordable Care Act, not repeal it. Ensure that every American who becomes ill due to COVID-19 has immediate and affordable care. Make prescription drugs affordable by capping out of pocket costs and passing measures to reduce drug prices, which will put people’s health and pocketbooks over drug corporations’ profits. […] The skyrocketing costs of prescriptions are a burden for too many Americans. In addition to increasing access to healthcare, we need to take on the pharmaceutical industry to ensure medicines are affordable. It is unacceptable that Americans pay more for prescription drugs than any other developed country, while pharmaceutical companies celebrate record profits and remain the most profitable companies in the healthcare industry.3 No American should debate whether they can afford their medication or pay their rent. Pat will hold pharmaceutical companies accountable by allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices, disincentivizing price hikes that exceed the rate of inflation, and capping out-of-pocket pharmaceutical costs.” [Patricia Timmons-Goodson for Congress, accessed 10/15/20]

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