Chip Roy would eliminate protections for people with pre-existing conditions and allow big insurance companies to kick millions of American’s off of their health insurance in the middle of the pandemic. It’s no wonder he pocketed $130,000 from a special interest group that’s suing to overturn the bipartisan law that protects people with pre-existing conditions.

Roy Said He Was In “Strong Support” Of A “Full, 100% Repeal” Of The ACA. “TPPF’s Center for Tenth Amendment Action Director Chip Roy stated: ‘As various healthcare reform proposals are being discussed, we would like to reiterate our strong support for full, 100-percent repeal of Obamacare and support for returning much of healthcare decision-making to the people and to the states. ‘In particular, we are aware of a number of ‘replace’ proposals that unfortunately would simply re-package Obamacare subsidies as tax credits and leave much of the onerous competition-killing regulations to the states. This will, through our research and analysis, lead to continued spikes in healthcare costs and decreasing delivery of quality healthcare. ‘We support efforts to ‘Repeal and Respect.’ Fully repeal—and then respect the people by empowering them to make healthcare decisions and buy truly affordable insurance and care. Respect the states by block-granting Medicaid so that states can innovate.’” [Texas Public Policy Foundation, Roy Press Release, 2/28/17]

Chip Roy Was The Director Of The Center For Tenth Amendment Action At The Texas Public Policy Foundation. “Chip Roy Director, Center for the Tenth Amendment Action […] Chip Roy is the vice president of strategy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.” [Texas Public Policy Foundation, accessed 8/26/20]

Roy Wanted To Fully Repeal The ACA And Permanently End The Federal Government's Involvement In Health Care. “[Survey:] How would you promote healthcare coverage that is adequate, affordable and accessible for all? [Roy:] First, I would fully repeal each and every provision and regulation from the Affordable Care Act and permanently end the federal government’s involvement in health care. The best way to promote quality healthcare and health insurance is to repeal regulations that interfere with the success of the free market […]” [Chip Roy iVoterGuide, accessed 8/12/20]

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Roy Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prohibit DOJ Funds From Being Used To Argue In Any Litigation That The Provisions Of The ACA Were Unconstitutional Or Invalid. In July 2020, Roy voted against: “Underwood, D-Ill., amendment no. 148 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the Justice Department to argue in any litigation that the provisions of the 2010 health care law and certain related provisions are unconstitutional or invalid on any grounds.” [HR 7617, Vote #175, 7/30/20; CQ, 7/30/20]
The Trump Administration’s Lawsuit Against The Affordable Care Act Would Strike Down The Entire Law, Stripping 23.3 Million Americans Of Health Care Coverage During A Pandemic. “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. […] After the tax bill became law, Texas and other states filed a federal lawsuit, claiming that because the mandate had no financial penalty, it made the rest of the law unconstitutional. U.S. District Court Judge Reed O’Connor accepted this reasoning and held that the entire law must be struck down in what one legal expert called a “partisan, activist ruling.” On appeal, a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel also ruled in December that, following the tax bill’s change to the law, the individual mandate is unconstitutional. The panel then remanded the case back to Judge O’Connor to determine which parts of the ACA, if any, can remain given their decision. Since that ruling, the Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case during its upcoming term, and, for now, the ACA remains the law of the land. ACA repeal would have disastrous consequences for the American people. In addition to the roughly 23 million people who would lose coverage, repeal would eliminate essential consumer protections, including those for people with preexisting conditions; requirements for insurers to spend premium dollars on patient care; and mandates that insurers cover prescription drugs, mental health care, and other essential health benefits.” [Center for American Progress, 6/24/20]

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or 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]

2017: Repeal Could Have Denied Coverage To As Many As 133 Million Americans. “This analysis updates that earlier study. It confirms that a large fraction of non-elderly Americans have pre-existing health conditions: at least 23 percent of Americans (61 million people) using a narrow definition based on eligibility criteria for pre-ACA state high-risk pools, or as many as 51 percent (133 million people) using a broader definition closer to the underwriting criteria used by insurers prior to the ACA. Any of these 133 million Americans could have been denied coverage, or offered coverage only at an exorbitant price, had they needed individual market health insurance before 2014.” [HHS.gov, Issue Brief, 1/5/17]


2017: Roy Reported Earning $133,542.52 In Salary From The Texas Public Policy Foundation. [Roy 2017 Candidate Financial Disclosure Report, filed 1/31/18]

The Texas Public Policy Foundation Was Part Of Texas’ Lawsuit Against The Affordable Care Act. “The case against the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act continues to move forward; on March 25, the U.S. Department of Justice sided with the Texas Public Policy Foundation and the attorneys general from 20 states, in calling for the courts to strike down the law commonly known as Obamacare. […] But in 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act set that penalty at zero—meaning that it no longer generates revenue and can no longer be considered a tax. And without that tax, by Roberts’ own logic, the ACA no longer has any constitutional basis. That’s what we at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, along with the attorneys general of 20 states, argued before a federal judge in Fort Worth last year, and he agreed. He further ruled that the individual mandate is an integral part of the ACA, and can’t be separated out.” [Texas Public Policy Foundation, 3/25/19]
Apr. 2018: The Foundation Signed Onto The Lawsuit. “This week the Texas Public Policy Foundation, on behalf of individual Texans burdened by Obamacare, filed to join the Texas-led, 20 state lawsuit challenging the Affordable Care Act as unconstitutional as amended by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.” [Texas Public Policy Foundation, Press Release, 4/25/18]


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]