Even during a pandemic, Mowers supports ripping health care away from thousands, eliminating protections for people with pre-existing conditions, increasing pharmaceutical costs, and letting insurance companies raise premiums.


July 29, 2020: Asked If He Supported The Lawsuit To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Mowers Argued That The ACA Had “A Lot Of Problems” And Increased Health Care Premiums. WMUR’S ADAM SEXTON: “Next question coming from Ciara Lusay [sp?]. Do you support Trump’s lawsuit to repeal the ACA?” MOWERS: “Well, look, I think what’s really important when we’re talking about health care, Adam, and I apologize – I missed the name of the questioner, is that we need to make sure that we’re ensuring that we have affordable health care for middle class families. You know, I just think when I’m going out there in the district, people are looking for answers for that, they’re looking for solutions to that. Now there’s a lot of problems with the ACA. You had the individual mandate. You had the employer mandate. It did absolutely nothing to actually contain the cost of health care. In fact, health care premiums, since the ACA went into place, continue to go up. Instead, we need to be talking about ways to bring them down. How do we make prescription drugs more affordable for seniors? How do we make health care more affordable for families as well as small businesses? And, by the way, how do we make sure that individuals and families make health care decisions and not a bunch of bureaucrats sitting around Washington, DC the way Chris Pappas and the left of his party wants. They want to take away your private health care insurance, your ability to have employer-based health insurance and put a bunch of bureaucrats in charge of those health care decisions. Not me. I want to put individuals and families in charge of those decisions, and that’s a big difference there.” [WMUR, Facebook Live, 3:35, 7/29/20] (VIDEO)

October 7, 2020: Mowers Supported Repealing And Replacing The Affordable Care Act. HOST LAURA KNOY: “Quickly, Mr. Mowers, so you would support efforts to repeal the ACA, to get some clarity there?” MOWERS: “And replace it. As long as we can replace it.” [New Hampshire Public Radio, Debate, 38:34, 10/7/20] (VIDEO)

Mowers Criticized Pappas For Supporting The Affordable Care Act, Arguing It Increased Premiums. Mowers said, “That’s why we need to continue to drive down health care costs. Because, right now, because of Obamacare, because of the ACA that Congressman Pappas supports, we’ve seen some of the highest premium increases in history. It’s hurting middle class families right now. We need to expand access and drive down cost.” [New Hampshire Public Radio, Debate, 37:12, 10/7/20] (VIDEO)

Mowers Called The Affordable Care Act A “Terrible Law” And A “Debacle.” “‘The entire Democratic Party has a serious credibility problem in the wake of the unfolding Obamacare debacle. For years, Democrats have invested time and political capital pushing this terrible law and trying to convince voters that Obamacare is good for New Hampshire. But the results for working families have been disastrous.” [New Hampshire Union Leader, Column, Matt Mowers, 11/30/13]

Mowers Called The Affordable Care Act A “Terrible Law” And Opposed Medicaid Expansion In New Hampshire. “‘Today's announcement shows that if people want to temporarily keep their insurance under ObamaCare they are going to have to pay more or face a dramatic reduction in access to health care,’ said NHGOP Executive Director Matt Mowers. ‘For years President Obama, Senator Shaheen, Governor Hassan and Representatives Kuster and Shea-Porter mislead Granite Staters about the disastrous consequences of this terrible law. Due to their unwavering support for ObamaCare, thousands of Granite Staters are going to lose their insurance or be forced to pay more to maintain their coverage for only one more year. This isn't what the Democrats promised, and it is outrageous that Governor Hassan continues to try to expand ObamaCare in New Hampshire as more families are forced to suffer because of it.’” [Republican Party of New Hampshire, Press Release via Facebook, 11/15/13]
Center For American Progress Analysis: Repealing The Affordable Care Act During The Coronavirus Pandemic Would Cause 105,000 People In New Hampshire To Lose Health Insurance. According to a Center for American Progress analysis, repealing the Affordable Care Act during the coronavirus pandemic would cause 105,000 people in New Hampshire to lose health insurance. [Center for American Progress, 6/24/20]

PolitiFact: Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Repeal Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions. “To understand Pureval’s health care claim, we need to start with the basics of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, signed by President Barack Obama. It required most Americans to have health insurance, and health insurers had to cover any patient who applied and paid premiums. Some of those premiums were covered by taxpayer subsidies. The act, known in shorthand as both the ACA and Obamacare, prohibited charging premiums based on an applicant’s health status or prior medical conditions. It allowed insurers to charge higher premiums for their oldest members, but no more than three times as high as premiums charged for the youngest members. Republicans including Chabot disliked the ACA from the start. It was economically unsustainable, they said, and while Obama claimed premiums would go down, they went up for a number of families, and some were forced to buy coverage they didn’t want. Furthermore, congressional critics said, it was an assault on the ideals of free markets and individual choice. So they tried to repeal it. They voted multiple times, generally garnering enough votes for passage in the House, which Republicans retook in the late 2010 election, but failing in the Senate. Chabot voted with the majority. Therefore, Pureval says, Chabot voted to strip protections from people with pre-existing conditions. […] The Truth-O-Meter can only measure what a politician says and what he or she did. The connection between the ACA and pre-existing conditions was eminently clear throughout the repeal debate.” [PolitiFact, 9/12/18]

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Re-Open The Medicare Prescription-Drug Doughnut Hole. “There’s a Medicare prescription-drug coverage abyss that is playfully referred to as the ‘doughnut hole,’ though there is nothing sweet or amusing about it. But thanks to the Affordable Care Act, which had a rocky launch last week, Medicare beneficiaries will see that gap shrink again in 2013 and each year until 2020.” [Wall Street Journal, 10/06/13]

The Centers For Medicaid And Medicare Services Found That Closing The Medicare Donut Hole Saved Seniors And People With Disabilities $8,926,354,113. According to Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services data, closing the Medicare donut hole saved seniors and people with disabilities $8,926,354,113. [Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services, October 2013]
Centers For Medicaid And Medicare Services: Closing The Medicare Donut Hole Saved Seniors And People With Disabilities $8.9 Billion On Prescription Drugs. “ObamaCare has saved seniors and people with disabilities nearly $9 billion in prescription drug costs, according to data touted Tuesday by the Obama administration. According to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, 7.3 million people who reached the ‘doughnut hole’ in their Medicare prescription drug coverage have saved $8.9 billion on their prescription drugs since the law was enacted in 2010. That’s an average savings of $1,209 per person.” [The Hill, 11/26/13]

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Could Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise By At Least 20 Percent In The First Year Following The Repeal. “Some 18 million people would lose health insurance coverage, and premiums would rise by 20 to 25 percent within the first year after repeal, according to projections outlined by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office in January and based on a previous bill to repeal key provisions of Obamacare.” [Boston Globe, 7/18/17]

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Repeal The Medical Loss Ratio Rules, Which Prevented Insurers From Overcharging Payments On Premiums. “Consumers could be hurt by the rollback of the ACA rule preventing insurers from overcharging for premiums, which has forced insurance companies to rebate $1.37 billion in 2019 alone. […] If a full repeal takes place, the quality of individual coverage and the stability of the market will further degrade. In addition to the return of medical underwriting, there would be no national safeguard to prevent insurers from raising premiums while providing less coverage. Under the ACA’s medical loss ratio (MLR) rules, insurers must pay rebates to consumers if they overprice premiums relative to actual medical costs. Moreover, insurance companies that do not spend at least 80 to 85 percent of premium funds on medical care must issue rebates to consumers. Since 2011, insurers have returned approximately $5.3 billion in excessive premiums to policyholders, averaging $663 million per year. MLR rules protect consumers in all markets, including those covered by employer-sponsored insurance. In 2019, insurance companies have paid out a total of $1.37 billion in rebates, including rebates for 2.3 million people with large-group coverage through an employer. In Texas alone, insurers have paid $91.9 million in rebates. Without the ACA, however, insurers could charge exceedingly high prices and use the revenue for executives’ salaries, advertising, marketing, and other means of maximizing profits at the expense of enrollees.” [Center for American Progress, 12/19/19]