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| <p>51% under 65 have a pre-existing condition Center for American Progress, 4/5/17</p> | <p>More than half of people under 65 in Upstate New York have pre-existing conditions like diabetes and asthma.</p> | <p>Over Half Of Non-Elderly Residents Of New York’s 21st Congressional District Have Pre-Existing Conditions. In April of 2017, the Center for American Progress published a report breaking down the numbers of Americans with pre-existing conditions by congressional district and state. According to the data accompanying the report: 289,000 nonelderly residents or 51% of the nonelderly population of New York’s 21st congressional district have pre-existing conditions. [Center For Responsive Politics, 4/5/2017]</p> <p>Over Half Of Non-Elderly New York Residents Have Pre-Existing Conditions. In April of 2017, the Center for American Progress published a report breaking down the numbers of Americans with pre-existing conditions by congressional district and state. According to the data accompanying the report: 8,398,900 nonelderly residents or 51% of the nonelderly population of the State of New York have pre-existing conditions. [Center For Responsive Politics, 4/5/2017]</p> <p>Current Law Under The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) Prevents Insurance Companies From Refusing To Cover Patients With Pre-Existing Conditions Such As Asthma, Diabetes, Or Cancer. A website for the Department of Health and Human Services explains: "Under current law, health insurance companies can’t refuse to cover you or charge you more just because you have a “pre-existing condition” — that is, a health problem you had before the date that new health coverage starts. These rules went into effect for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2014." According to the HHS website, "Health insurers can no longer charge more or deny coverage to you or your child because of a pre-existing health condition like asthma, diabetes, or cancer. They cannot limit benefits for that condition either. Once you have insurance, they can't refuse to cover treatment for your pre-existing condition." [HHS, About the ACA, Pre-Existing Conditions accessed]</p> |

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| Rep. Claudia Tenney Does Not Stand with Us | But Claudia Tenney doesn't stand with us. | |
| <p>Tenney Stood with Corporate Special Interests</p> <p>\$665,682 to Tenney's Campaign <i>Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 10/14/18</i></p> <p>Oil Billionaire Koch Brothers</p> | <p>Instead, Tenney stood with the corporate special interests that have given over half a million dollars to her campaign, like the oil billionaire Koch brothers...</p> | <p>Claudia Tenney Took \$665,682 In Campaign Contributions From Business PACs In Her First Term. According to campaign finance records compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, Claudia Tenney received \$665,682 in campaign contributions from business PACs during the 2018 election cycle. [Opensecrets.org accessed 10/16/2018]</p> <p>Claudia Tenney Took \$10,000 From Koch Industries PAC. According to FEC campaign finance records, Claudia Tenney received \$10,000 in contributions from Koch Industries, INC, Political Action Committee (KOCHPAC) during the 2018 election cycle, broken up into four contributions of \$2,500 on 3/31/2017; 6/22/2017; 12/20/2017; and 3/30/2018. [FEC.gov accessed 10/16/2018]</p> <p>Americans For Prosperity Is "The Main Political Arm Of The Influential Koch Network." In June of 2014, the Washington Post reported: "Americans for Prosperity, the main political arm of the influential Koch network, said it will not endorse either party's candidate or put any money into the U.S. Senate race in Virginia after immigration hard-liner Corey A. Stewart's victory in the Republican primary Tuesday." [Washington Post, 6/14/2018]</p> <p>Claudia Tenney Voted With AFP 100% Of The Time On Energy & Environmental Issues. According to the group's scorecard Claudia Tenney has voted with Americans for Prosperity 100% of the time on energy and environmental issues during her career in congress. [AFP Scorecard accessed 10/16/2018]</p> <p>Claudia Tenney Voted With AFP 100% Of The Time On Health Care & Entitlements Issues. According to the group's scorecard Claudia Tenney has voted with Americans for Prosperity 100% of the time on health care and</p> |

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| | | <p>entitlements issues during her career in congress. [AFP Scorecard accessed 10/16/2018]</p> |
| <p><u>Claudia Tenney</u> Gut Protections for Pre-Existing Conditions <i>HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; CQ, 5/4/17, Politifact, 5/24/17</i></p> | <p>Voting to gut protections for pre-existing conditions.</p> | <p>Claudia Tenney Voted For The American Health Care Act That Which Would Result In 23 Million Fewer Americans With Health Insurance By 2026. In May 2017, Claudia Tenney voted for the American Health Care Act which would have significantly repealed portions of the Affordable Care Act by cutting Medicaid, cutting taxes on the rich, removing safeguard for pre-existing conditions and defunding Planned Parenthood. The overall legislation would have in part, also according to Congressional Quarterly, “ma[d]e extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would [have], in 2020, convert[ed] Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide[d] fixed federal payments to states and end[ed] additional federal funding for the 2010 law’s joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. [...] It would [have] allow[ed] states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits.” The vote was on passage. The House passed the bill by a vote of 217 to 213. [House Vote 256, 5/4/17; Congressional Quarterly, 5/4/17; Kaiser Family Foundation, 5/17; Congressional Actions, H.R. 1628]</p> <p>Congressional Budget Office Projected 20 Percent Increases In Health Insurance Premiums For Single Policyholders In The First Year Under The GOP Health Care Bill. On May 24, 2017, the Congressional Budget Office published an analysis of H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act of 2017. According to the report: “CBO and JCT projected premiums for single policyholders under H.R. 1628 (before any tax credits were applied) and compared those with the premiums projected under current law for policies purchased in the nongroup market. H.R. 1628, as passed by the House, would tend to increase such premiums before 2020, relative to those under current law—by an average of about 20 percent in 2018 and 5 percent in 2019, as the funding provided by the act to reduce premiums had a larger effect on pricing.” [Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate of HR 1628, 5/24/2017]</p> |

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| | <p>PolitiFact Florida: Conservative Claims That AHCA Protects Pre-Existing Conditions Rated Mostly False. In May of 2017, PolitiFact Florida reported: “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 Florida/Tampa Bay Tribune, 5/24/2017]</p> <p>Current Law Under The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) Prevents Insurance Companies From Refusing To Cover Patients With Pre-Existing Conditions Such As Asthma, Diabetes, Or Cancer. A website for the Department of Health and Human Services explains: "Under current law, health insurance companies can't refuse to cover you or charge you more just because you have a "pre-existing condition" — that is, a health problem you had before the date that new health coverage starts. These rules went into effect for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2014." According to the HHS website, "Health insurers can no longer charge more or deny coverage to you or your child because of a pre-existing health condition like asthma, diabetes, or cancer. They cannot limit benefits for that condition either. Once you have insurance, they can't refuse to cover treatment for your pre-existing condition." [HHS, About the ACA, Pre-Existing Conditions accessed 9/14/2018]</p> <p>Leading Patient Organizations: “People With Pre-Existing Conditions Could Be Denied Coverage.” A May 1, 2017 joint press release by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and 9 other patient advocacy organizations said, “Weakening protections in favor of high-risk pools would also undermine the ban on discrimination based on health status. The individuals and families we represent cannot go back to a time when people with pre-existing conditions could be denied coverage or forced to</p> |
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| | | choose between purchasing basic necessities and affording their health care coverage. Given these factors, we oppose the latest draft of the AHCA. We urge Members of Congress to reject this legislation.” [American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network joint press release, 5/1/2017] |
| <p>Claudia Tenney Cares About Special Interests</p> <p>NOT US</p> | <p>Claudia Tenney cares about the special interests, not us.</p> | |
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