

Minnesotans need to know that time and time again, Karin Housley has taken sides with special interests and big corporations over Minnesotans. When it comes to the issues that matter most, Housley will listen to them, not Minnesotans.

Minnesotans need to know that Karin Housley took sides with the big drug and insurance companies when she supported a health care plan that would increase costs of premiums, gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and allow insurance companies to charge an age tax on older people—increasing profits for drug and insurance companies. She will put the big insurers and drug companies ahead of Minnesotans.

The Republican Health Care Plan Housley Supported Would Have Guttled Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions, Allowed Insurance Companies To Support An Age Tax On Older People, And Increased Premiums

Housley Said She Was For Repeal And Replace. “Housley: Saying she was for repeal and replace, which didn’t happen due to the slim Republican margin in the Senate — ‘Which is another reason I’m running.’” [Rochester Post Bulletin, [7/10/18](#)]

CBPP: Senate Bill Would Broaden A Waiver Program “Thus Effectively Eliminating Many Of The ACA’s Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions.” “That’s because the core Senate bill would let insurers exclude crucial services from their plans and dramatically raise deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs. It would do this by broadening an existing federal waiver option under the ACA to give states near-automatic approval to eliminate or weaken virtually all consumer protections and standards related to how health insurance plans are designed in the individual and small-group markets. ...All told, the Senate bill would leave many individuals unable to find affordable, comprehensive coverage that meets their needs, thus effectively eliminating many of the ACA’s protections for people with pre-existing conditions.” [CBPP, [7/19/17](#)]

AARP Said The Republican Bill Would Charge An “Age Tax” By Allowing Insurers To Charge Older People More. “Older Americans are being unfairly targeted in the Republicans' health-care bill, AARP told CNBC on Monday. Under the new legislation, insurers would be allowed to charge older adults up to five times more than younger people. Under Obamacare, rates were capped at three times more. ‘Right now, health care is barely affordable for those people who are over age 50. Raising it any more is just what we call an 'age tax' and would just make it unaffordable for them,’ David Certner, legislative counsel and legislative policy director for government affairs at AARP, said in an interview with ‘Power Lunch.’” [CNBC, [6/26/17](#)]

CBO Said Health Care Bill “Would Increase Average Premiums[.]” “The legislation would increase average premiums in the nongroup market prior to 2020 and lower average premiums thereafter, relative to projections under current law, CBO and JCT estimate.” [CBO, [6/26/17](#)]

Bill Would Have Cut Taxes On Drug Makers And Health Insurers

Bill Cut Taxes Imposed On Drug Makers And Health Insurers. “Repeal the taxes on health insurers, prescription drug makers and medical devices. The bill seeks to lift the annual tax Obamacare imposed on drug makers and health insurers and It would also get rid of the 2.3% excise tax on the sale of certain medical devices that was put in place. The taxes would disappear in either 2017 or 2018, depending on the levy.” [CNN, [7/14/17](#)]