

**SHAHEEN FOR SENATE**  
**“PROTECTING”**  
**TV :30**

**AD SCRIPT**

**BACKUP**

<p>NARRATOR: “It’s incredible. Corky Messner just denied that people who have asthma or diabetes, or another illness, have a pre-existing condition.”</p> <p><i>O/S: It’s incredible.</i>  <i>O/S: “...that doesn’t / mean it’s a / pre-existing / condition.”</i>  <i>O/S: Mount Washington Senate Debate, 10/8/20</i></p>	<p><b>Messner: “There May Be 500,000 [Granite Staters] With A Health Condition For Which They’re Receiving Medical Attention, But That Doesn’t Mean It’s Pre-Existing Condition.”</b>          MESSNER: “And, and in addition, nobody, nobody should be denied health insurance because of preexisting condition. And secondly, I do want to make something very, very clear, I know in one of Jeanne Shaheen ads that she talks about 500,00 people in New Hampshire having preexisting conditions. And, and they may, there may be 500,000 people that have a health condition for which they’re, they’re receiving medical attention, but that doesn’t mean it’s a preexisting condition.” [Mount Washington Valley Economic Council Senate Debate, <a href="#">10/8/20</a>] (VIDEO)</p> <p><b>Messner Said That “There May Be 500,000 People That Have A Health Condition For Which They’re Receiving Medical Attention, But That Doesn’t Mean It’s A Pre-Existing Condition,” Saying That To Suggest So Is “Fear Mongering.”</b> “Messner took issue with a recent Shaheen ad in which she accuses Republicans of wanting to ‘gut health care’ for over half a million people in New Hampshire with such conditions. ‘There may be 500,000 people that have a health condition for which they’re receiving medical attention but that doesn’t mean it’s a preexisting condition,’ he said. ‘So that’s fear mongering.’” [Associated Press, <a href="#">10/8/20</a>]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: “Corky Messner doesn’t get it.”</p> <p><i>O/S: “Corky Messner / doesn’t get it.”</i></p>	
<p>NARRATOR: “More than a half million Granite Staters have pre-existing conditions.”</p> <p><i>O/S: “572,000 / GRANITE STATERS HAVE / PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS</i>  <i>O/S: Center for American Progress, 4/5/17</i></p>	<p><b>Over 572,000 Granite Staters Have Pre-Existing Conditions Between New Hampshire’s Two Congressional Districts, Based On 2015 American Community Survey Data And Not Counting Elderly Covered By Medicare.</b> [Center for American Progress, Number of Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions by Congressional District, <a href="#">4/5/17</a>]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: “Insurance companies used to jack up their rates and deny coverage. Corky Messner would let them do it again.”</p>	<p><b>CBPP: The ACA Enabled Millions Of Americans With Medical Conditions To Obtain Affordable, Adequate Health Coverage By Barring Insurers From Denying Coverage To People Because Of A Health Condition And Also By Requiring Insurers To Charge People The Same Premium.</b> “The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has enabled millions of Americans with medical conditions to obtain affordable, adequate health coverage in all states’ individual</p>

O/S: CORKY MESSNER / JACK  
UP RATES / DENY COVERAGE  
O/S: Center on Budget and Policy  
Priorities, 10/5/20

insurance markets. It did this not just by barring insurers from denying coverage outright to people because of a health condition, but also by requiring insurers to charge people the same premium, regardless of their health status and to provide a comprehensive array of benefits and cost-sharing protections.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [10/5/20](#)]

**CBPP: If The Trump Administration Is Successful In Overturning The ACA In Court, That Would Mean A Return The Flaw Individual Insurance Market Before The ACA, When People With Health Conditions Often Found It Impossible To Get Adequate, Affordable Health Coverage.** “The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has enabled millions of Americans with medical conditions to obtain affordable, adequate health coverage in all states’ individual insurance markets. [...] Now, the law is once again under threat, as the Trump Administration and 18 state attorneys general are asking the Supreme Court to strike down the entire ACA as unconstitutional. If successful, this would mean a return to the highly flawed individual insurance market before the ACA, when people with health conditions often found it impossible to get adequate, affordable health coverage. Insurers charged far higher premiums to people who, for example, had taken anti-depressant medications, had knee surgery, or experienced repeated sinus infections. Insurers also required people to provide detailed information about their past health issues before offering coverage. And health plans frequently lacked important benefits such as maternity care, mental health services, and prescription drugs — or charged exorbitant deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs. Repealing the ACA would cause these things to happen once again.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [10/5/20](#)]

**If Supreme Court Agrees With The Trump Administration That The ACA Should Be Overturned, Protections For People With Preexisting Conditions Could Be Put At Risk In The Middle Of The Coronavirus Pandemic.** “In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the Trump administration late Thursday urged the Supreme Court to overturn the Affordable Care Act. The administration’s last-minute filing, which was due on Thursday for a case to be argued next fall, came the same day the government reported that close to half a million people who lost their health insurance amid the economic shutdown to slow the spread of COVID-19 have gotten coverage through HealthCare.gov. The administration’s legal brief makes no mention of the virus. Some 20 million Americans could lose their health coverage and protections for people with preexisting health conditions also would be put at risk if the court agrees with the administration in a case that won’t be heard before the fall.” [Associated Press, [6/26/20](#)]

**Asked If He Supported Repealing The ACA And, If So, What He Would Like To Replace It With, Messner Answered "Yeah," And That "The Replacement [He] Would Like To See Involves Several Factors."** BIELLO: "As we wrap up Mr. Messner, I just want to clarify: So do you support repeal? And if so, do you have an idea of what you would like to see in a replacement?" MESSNER: "Yeah, well, the replacement I would like to see involves several factors." [NHPR, The Exchange, [7/9/20](#)]

	<p><b>Messner Believed Government Should Not Be Involved In The Health Care Market, Not Even As A Facilitator Of The Exchanges.</b> “Corky Messner, the Republican running against U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen as she seeks a third term, is adamant that government should not be involved in the health insurance market, not even as a facilitator of the ‘exchanges’ where individuals can shop for insurance.” [Insurance News Net, <a href="#">9/29/20</a>]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: “Jeanne Shaheen is fighting to protect health care coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.”</p> <p><i>O/S: PROTECT / Health care for people with / pre-existing conditions</i></p> <p><i>O/S: WMUR, 4/2/19; Seacoast Online, 2/22/19</i></p>	<p><b>WMUR: Saying That The Trump Administration’s “Assault On Health Care Cannot Go Unanswered,” Shaheen And Senate Democrats Introduced A Resolution In Support Of The Affordable Care Act After Trump Ordered The Attorney General To Join A Lawsuit To Overturn The ACA.</b> SHAHEEN: "We are here this morning to say that we oppose the trump administration's effort to overturn health care for Americans..." REPORTER: "Flanked by her fellow Democrats on the steps of the Supreme Court, New Hampshire Senator Jeanne Shaheen Chastised Republicans for the latest bid to throw out the Affordable Care Act. The President last week ordered the Attorney General to join in a lawsuit seeking to have the entire law declared unconstitutional. Shaheen says that will put millions of Americans at risk of losing their health care." SHAHEEN: "This assault on American's health care cannot go unanswered." REPORTER: "One way Democrats plan to answer is by introducing a resolution in the House and Senate in support of the Affordable Care Act." [...] SHAHEEN: "There are a lot of reasons to work together to fix our health care system, more than 20 million reasons, and they live in Republican and Demoratic districts across the country." [WMUR, <a href="#">4/2/19</a>] (VIDEO)</p> <p><b>Shaheen Pushed Her Legislation, The “Protecting Americans With Pre-Existing Conditions Act, Which Would Block The Trump Administration From Using Federal Tax Credits To Promote “Junk” Insurance Plans That Would Leave Those With Pre-Existing Conditions Vulnerable To Increased Costs.</b> “U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen is pushing legislation to protect people from being led into purchasing what she calls ‘junk’ health-care plans. Shaheen, D-N.H., held a meeting with a group of public health officials at Exeter Hospital Friday to discuss the state of health care delivery, especially to more vulnerable populations. The senator said the Protect Americans with Pre-existing Conditions Act is intended to block the Trump administration from using federal tax credits to promote enrollment in certain health care plans, which she referred to as “junk” plans because they may leave people with pre-existing conditions vulnerable to increased costs because their coverage is inadequate.” [Seacoast Online, <a href="#">2/22/19</a>]</p> <p><b>United Press International: Shaheen Was The Senate Sponsor Of A Resolution Asking The U.S. Justice Department To Reverse Its Stance In Court That The Affordable Care Act Should Be Overturned.</b> “Congressional Democrats spoke at the steps of the Supreme Court Tuesday before a largely symbolic vote on a resolution asking the Justice Department to reverse its stance that the Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional. Last week, the</p>

	<p>Justice Department told the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals that it sided with O'Connor's ruling on the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare. 'We need our Republican colleagues to come to the table and defend their constituents instead of the president,' U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., who is the Senate sponsor of the resolution, said Tuesday. 'Ensuring the health and safety of the American people should transcend politics.'" [UPI, <a href="#">4/2/19</a>]</p> <p><b>Senator Shaheen Led A Resolution, Cosponsored By Every Democratic Senator, That Would Reverse The Department Of Justice's Decision To Not Defend The Affordable Care Act And Argue For It's Complete Repeal In The Texas Vs. United States Case.</b> "U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) led all 47 Senate Democrats today on a Senate resolution that would reverse the Department of Justice's (DOJ) recent decision to side with U.S. District Court Judge Reed O'Connor's ruling that deems health care protections enjoyed by millions of Americans unconstitutional. This latest act of health care sabotage from the Trump administration could result in 133 million Americans losing protections for pre-existing conditions, millions more Americans without health insurance, soaring prescription drug spending for seniors, and as many as 118,000 Granite Staters losing health care coverage. After Congressional Republicans zeroed out the tax for failure to meet the ACA's health insurance coverage requirement in their partisan tax legislation, the State of Texas challenged the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act in the Texas vs. United States lawsuit. Instead of defending the law and its vital health care protections, the Trump administration's Department of Justice chose to side with Texas and the states challenging our health care law last summer, arguing that pre-existing condition protections are unconstitutional. Late last year, U.S. District Court Judge Reed O'Connor sided with Texas and ruled to strike down the entire current health care law. Now, the DOJ has expanded its position, arguing on the side of Judge O'Connor that the entire Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional. The resolution introduced by Shaheen and cosponsored by all 47 Senate Democrats outlines the dire consequences of this politically-motivated action for hard-working American families and proclaims the DOJ's decision must be reversed." [Office Of Sen. Shaheen, Press Release, <a href="#">4/2/19</a>]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: "We can count on Jeanne Shaheen."</p> <p><i>O/S: Jeanne Shaheen / MAKING A DIFFERENCE / FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE</i></p>	
<p>SHAHEEN: "I'm Jeanne Shaheen and I approve this message."</p>	

