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<p>SHAHEEN: “It’s incredible that even in the middle of this pandemic...”</p> <p><i>O/S: Senator / Jeanne Shaheen</i></p>	
<p>SHAHEEN: “Republicans in Washington are trying to gut health care for people with preexisting conditions.”</p> <p><i>O/S: THE HILL 7/11/20 / As coronavirus surges, Trump tries / to dismantle healthcare for millions</i></p>	<p>Associated Press Headline: “Trump Administration Urges Supreme Court To End Affordable Care Act Amid Coronavirus Pandemic.” [Associated Press, 6/26/20]</p> <p>June 2020: In The Midst Of The Conoranvirus Pandemic, The Trump Administration Urged The Supreme Court To Overturn The Affordable Care Act. “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]</p> <p>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]</p> <p>If Supreme Court Agrees With The Trump Administration That The ACA Should Be Overturned, Some 20 Million Americans Could Lose Their Health Coverage. “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</p>

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<p>SHAHEEN: "In New Hampshire, that's over half a million people. We are going to fight them every step of the way."</p> <p><i>O/S: [Images of Granite Staters with pre-existing conditions]</i></p>	<p>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. [Center for American Progress, Number of Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions by Congressional District, 4/5/17]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: "Jeanne Shaheen is a leading sponsor of the resolution to stop the assault on health care."</p> <p><i>O/S: WCAX 3/8/19</i></p> <p><i>O/S: SHAHEEN "is the Senate / sponsor of the resolution." / UPI 4/2/19</i></p> <p><i>O/S: SHAHEEN: / Stop the assault on health care / WMUR 4/2/19</i></p>	<p>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. "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 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, 4/2/19]</p> <p>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. 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</p>

	<p>Republican and Demoratic districts across the country." [WMUR, 4/2/19] (VIDEO)</p> <p>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. "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, 4/2/19]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: "She's working to expand health care tax credits..."</p> <p><i>O/S: "Increase the value of tax credits... / expand to more middle class families." / Associated Press 4/2/19</i></p>	<p>Shaheen Introduced A Health Care Affordability Package To Reduce Patient Costs And Expand Access To Critical Medical Services By Lowering Premiums, Reducing Deductibles, And Driving Down Out-Of-Pocket Costs. "U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire has introduced a health care affordability package to reduce patient costs and expand access to critical medical services. Shaheen, a Democrat, says the goals are to lower premiums, reduce deductibles, drive down out-of-pocket costs and improve the health care system." [Associated Press, 4/2/19]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Part Of Shaheen's Health Care Affordability Package Would Increase The Value Of Tax Credits For Families Currently Eligible For Federal Assistance And Expand Eligibility To Include More Middle-Income Families. "U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire has introduced a health care affordability package to reduce patient costs and expand access to critical medical services. Shaheen, a Democrat, says the goals are to lower premiums, reduce deductibles, drive down out-of-pocket costs and improve the health care system. One part would

	<p>reduce deductibles and co-pays for low-income and middle-income patients by expanding the cost-sharing reduction assistance that insurers are required to provide to individuals enrolled in marketplace coverage. It would appropriate funding to reimburse insurers.” [Associated Press, 4/2/19]</p> <p>Shaheen Introduced Three Bills To Help People Who Get Insurance Through The ACA That Collectively Would Expand Who Qualifies For Tax Credits For Insurance Premiums, Reduce Deductibles And Increase Cost-Sharing Assistance, And Control Out-Of-Netowrk Costs, “U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., is introducing three bills designed to help people who get their health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. One bill would reduce deductibles and increase cost-sharing assistance, another would help control costs for patients who need out-of-network care and the third would expand who qualifies for premium tax credits. ‘What we’re trying to do is expand help for people who need help with the cost of coverage, and it would be done on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay,’ Shaheen said. ‘It would not only increase the amount of help that people get, but it would also expand those people who are eligible for that help.’” [WMUR, 4/2/19]</p> <p>Senator Shaheen Introduced S.961, The Improving Health Insurance Affordability Act Of 2019, Or “A Bill To Amend The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986 To Expand Eligibility For The Refundable Credit For Coverage Under A Qualified Health Plan.” Office of Sen. Shaheen Press Release: “The Improving Health Insurance Affordability Act increases the value of tax credits for families who are currently eligible for federal assistance, which helps offset the costs of monthly premiums, and expands eligibility for premium tax credits to include more middle-income families. In addition to making health care more affordable, a recent analysis suggests that these changes could grow enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplaces by millions of consumers and reduce premiums for those currently enrolled in the coming years.” [Congress.gov, S.961, introduced 4/1/19; CQ, S.961, introduced 4/1/19; Office of Sen. Shaheen, Press Release, 4/1/19]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: “... and taking on the big drug companies to get lower-price generics to market.”</p> <p><i>O/S: “Introduced [bills] to help / lower drug costs.” / Valley News 3/18/19</i></p>	<p>Shaheen Touted Two Bills She Introduced To Lower Prescription Drug Prices, One Of Which Would Increase Access To Low-Cost Medications By Curtailing Abuse Of The Patent System. “U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen criticized the pharmaceutical industry for putting profits above people and called for increased competition to lower drug prices on Friday during a roundtable discussion at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital. [...] The Democratic senator from New Hampshire was in Lebanon to tout two bills she’s introduced to help lower drug costs. One would eliminate government subsidies for prescription drug advertisement, while another aims to increase access to low-cost medications by curtailing abuse of the patent system.” [Valley News, 3/8/19]</p> <p>Shaheen Pushed The Biologic Patent Transparency Act, Which Targets Pharmaceutical Companies Making Extra Money By Using “Patent Thickets” To Prevent Patents From Expiring,</p>

Thus Preventing Cheaper Second Generation Drugs From Going To Market. “The senator was also pushing two pieces of legislation, End Taxpayer Subsidies for Drug Ads Act and the Biologic Patent Transparency Act, both of which target questionable ways pharmaceutical companies make extra money on drug sales. [...] The Biologic Patent Transparency Act addresses ‘patent thickets,’ extra layers of patents used to prevent the patent on a medicine from expiring. Biologics are a class of medicines made from living things and thus are extremely complex, fragile and difficult to make. An example of a biologic is Humira, used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's diseases, and psoriasis. The patent on Humira was set to expire in 2016, opening the door for other companies to create ‘biosimilars,’ second generation biologics using the same techniques. However, pharmaceutical companies can create thickets of overlapping patents for various stages of manufacture, extending the time period they can claim proprietorship of the drugs. AbbVie, the owner of Humira, has added as many as 75 additional patents, extending the company's sole right to market the drug to 2032. Humira costs around \$6,600 a month; in 2016 AbbVie netted \$14 billion from sales of the drug.” [Eagles Times, [3/9/19](#)]

Senator Shaheen Was An Original Cosponsor Of S.659, The Biologic Patent Transparency Act, Or “A Bill To Provide For Certain Additional Requirements With Respect To Patent Disclosures.” Sen. Shaheen Press Release: “Biologic manufacturers often seek to protect their products by using ‘patent thickets’ which range from dozens to even hundreds of patents. Too often, companies design these thickets with the intent of blocking competition, and although some of the patents may be invalid or unenforceable, expensive patent litigation can deter competitors from offering consumers lower-cost alternatives. The Biologic Patent Transparency Act would require companies to publicly disclose the web of patents that protect their biologics, making it easier for competitors to evaluate and plan for the development of generic versions of these drugs. It would also discourage late-filed patents and require the FDA to regularly publish information in its “Purple Book” on approved biologics, such as patents, exclusivity, and biosimilarity.” [Congress.gov, S.659, introduced [3/5/19](#); Office of Sen. Shaheen, Press Release, [3/7/19](#)]

Senator Shaheen Was An Original Cosponsor Of S,1169, The Ensuring Timely Access To Generics Act Of 2019, Or “A Bill To Amend The Federal Food, Drug, And Cosmetic Act With Respect To Citizen Petitions.” Sen. Shaheen Press Release: “Yesterday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Cory Gardner (R-CO), Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) introduced the Ensuring Timely Access to Generics Act of 2019, bipartisan legislation aimed at lowering prescription drug prices by increasing competition through improved oversight of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) citizen petition process. The citizen petition process allows interested stakeholders, including drug companies, to bring concerns to the FDA's attention regarding pending applications. Currently, bad actors have discovered how to exploit this process by filing citizen petitions in order to delay the approval of generic competitors and extend their patent protections. This

	<p>legislation ensures FDA's ability to reject citizen petitions if they believe that the primary purpose of the petition is to delay the approval of an application, thereby increasing competition in the marketplace and lowering costs for patients. The Senators' bipartisan legislation takes the additional step of requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish procedures for referring a petitioner to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) if they have reason to believe a petition was submitted with the primary purposes of delaying the approval of another application." [Congress.gov, S.1169, introduced 4/11/19; Office of Sen. Shaheen, Press Release, 4/12/19]</p> <p>Senator Shaheen Cosponsored S.340, The Creating And Restoring Equal Access To Equivalent Samples (CREATES) Act, Or "A Bill To Promote Competition In The Market For Drugs And Biological Products By Facilitating The Timely Entry Of Lower-Cost Generic And Biosimilar Versions Of Those Drugs And Biological Products." From Sen. Leahy's Office: "The Creating and Restoring Equal Access To Equivalent Samples ("CREATES") Act targets abusive delay tactics that are being used to block the development of more affordable, FDA-approved generic and biosimilar medicines. The CREATES Act is a market-based solution with wide, bipartisan support. [...] The CREATES Act would crack down on anti-competitive practices by: Allowing the Purchase of Samples. The first delay tactic addressed by the CREATES Act occurs when brand-name drug companies prevent potential biosimilar and generic competitors from obtaining samples of the branded product, which are necessary to develop more affordable alternatives and prove that the medicine is equivalent to the brand-name product, a prerequisite for FDA approval; Ensuring FDA Safety Standards Apply. The second delay tactic addressed by the CREATES Act occurs when brand-name drug companies whose products require a distribution safety protocol (known as a Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategy with Elements to Assure Safe Use, or 'REMS with ETASU') refuse to allow biosimilar and generic competitors to participate in the safety protocol with the explicit intent to delay competition. [Congress.gov, S.340, introduced 2/5/19; CQ, S.340, Office of Sen. Leahy, Press Release, 1/30/19]</p>
<p>SHAHEEN: "I'm Jeanne Shaheen and I approve this message."</p> <p>NARRATOR: "Making a difference protecting health care."</p> <p><i>O/S: Jeanne Shaheen / MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE</i></p>	