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The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has provided protections for 2.8 million Arizonans living with a pre-existing condition and has provisions that extend care to former foster youth, school-aged children, and hundreds of thousands for Arizonans. However, the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act is under review by the Supreme Court. Do you support efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act?

No

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Comments on the Affordable Care Act

We should not repeal the ACA. The ACA has expanded coverage for individuals and families. It offers protections, alternatives for health coverage, expands Medicaid and insurance through the Marketplace. Because of ACA, insurance companies can not deny coverage for pre-existing conditions; ACA limits our out of pocket costs in the case of catastrophic illness or injury; it allows parents to cover children on their plans until the age of 26; it expands coverage for Medicaid (adults and children); and addresses essential benefit coverage with some no cost preventive care. For the ACA Marketplace insurance, subsidies to reduce premiums and out of pocket costs (eligibility based on income and other) are available. The ACA is 900 plus pages and complicated; it impacts a whole system of access to care. Repealing ACA will harm individuals, families, communities and a system of healthcare.

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Medicaid is a major source of federal funds in Arizona, with every dollar of state investment drawing down \$3.20 in federal funds. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) projects a major state budget shortfall in the next state fiscal year (FY2021). Would you support cuts to Medicaid provider rates, member eligibility, or covered benefits in order to make up for state budget shortfalls?

No

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Comments on Medicaid

It is important to understand, that with expanded coverage for our population, we have expanded a system of healthcare for our state. With that said, we are not where we should be for access to healthcare for our state. In fact, Arizona has a healthcare workforce shortage and medically underserved areas in our state. If we reduce our capacity to cover people for healthcare, we negatively impact a whole system. An uninsured population will increase uncompensated care.

Uncompensated care and reduced provider rates do not cover expenses; this chips away at the capacity of our healthcare providers and therefore our system of care for everyone.

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The Invest in Education Act is a ballot proposition that restores hundreds of millions of dollars annually in K-12 education funding to solve the teacher-shortage crisis, lower class sizes, hire aides and counselors, and expand career and technical education. It raises the state income tax rate for income above \$250,000 for individuals and for income above \$500,000 for households. Do you support the Invest in Education ballot proposition to raise new resources dedicated to public schools?

Yes

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Comments on Invest in Education

Education is underfunded in Arizona. Because of the gap in solutions by leadership, a ballot initiative by the voters is needed. According to a publication by the Arizona Center for Economic Progress, January 2020, teacher shortages is 1,443 and 3,357 teacher positions don't meet standards. Teacher pay is the reason teachers leave. We have got to do something. Invest in Ed would invest in salaries, student support staff, teacher retention and more.

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The Arizona Education Progress Meter recognizes that children with access to quality, early learning opportunities are more prepared for kindergarten. As they go forward in school and in life, they are less likely to need special education or be held back a grade. They are more likely to graduate high school and go on to college. But many children start kindergarten already behind their peers. Only 21 percent of Arizona preschool-aged children today benefit from quality, early learning in child care and preschool compared to the progress meter goal of 45 percent by 2030. Will you support using state and federal child care funds to connect more young children with quality, early learning in preschool and child care to move Arizona toward the progress meter goal?

Yes

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Comments on early learning

Pre-school, quality child care and all day Kindergarten is about leaning and preparing children to be successful in school. I support early learning programs and education equity for Arizona.

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In 2018, 13 percent of children in Arizona (204,363) were being raised by their grandparents or other relatives. In many instances, these relatives have stepped up to care for children who were being abused and neglected, keeping them safe and out of the foster care system. Nationally, informal kinship caregivers keep millions of children out of the overburdened child welfare system and save taxpayers more than \$4 billion each year. Even prior to the COVID-19 crisis, these families faced barriers to securing adequate food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Before the Great Recession, kinship caregivers were able to access "child-only" benefits through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF), also known as cash assistance. These benefits helped these families meet the critical basic needs of the relative children in their care. Do you support restoring access to "child-only" TANF benefits for children who are being raised by kin?

Yes

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Comments on kinship families

The gap, as illustrated in given chart, for kinship care and foster care needs to be closed. I am sure many of us know families who have a kinship care role. Children and families must be helped.

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The events over the last few weeks have brought widespread focus on the systemic racism that is deeply embedded in our society. If elected, would you hold your colleagues and other elected officials accountable to specific criminal justice and police reforms for systemic change.

Yes

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A free space for your comments

Solution(s) are needed at a state level. Because of the stronghold our state has over cities and towns, and threats of removing funding when acting at a local level, we need thoughtful navigation to the end goal. As a native Arizonan and Latina, I have seen and lived with inequities over a lifetime. Environmental impact analysis are needed prior to project decisions. A thoughtful analysis done, like that of an environmental impact analysis, could be done with legislation/policy in terms of health, equity, criminal justice and systemic racism, etc. this is not a new idea and has potential moving forward. I would be in support of legislation to hold elected officials accountable for reforms and systemic change.

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