



**OPPO DUMP:**  
VULNERABLE FLORIDA  
REPUBLICANS ON HEALTH CARE

## JASON BRODEUR

As the chair of the Health Innovations Subcommittee in the Florida House, former Representative Brodeur had the power to decide what bills were heard and which died. He killed bills to require health insurances cover telemedicine services, to charge nursing homes a civil penalty if their residents died of abuse or neglect, and to allow children who apply for KidCare to receive immediate medical treatment.

Rep. Brodeur also voted to privatize Medicaid and block Medicaid expansion, which left 800,000 Floridians without health care. Between 2012 and 2017, Brodeur voted to cut \$174 million from the county health departments local health needs budget.

### Legislative Action

Killed bills to:

- ✓ Require health insurance cover telemedicine services. [[HB 167](#)]
- ✓ Charge nursing homes a civil penalty if residents die from abuse or neglect. [[HB 563](#)]
- ✓ Require nursing homes that appear on the state's watch list, including those who did not meet minimum inspection standards, to post that information publicly. [[HB 787](#)]
- ✓ Allow children who apply for KidCare to receive immediate coverage and treatment while their application is processed. [[HB 917](#)]

Voted to:

- ✓ Block Medicaid expansion, which would have given 800,000 Floridians health coverage. [[SB 2a](#)]
- ✓ Cut \$110 million from county health department from the previous legislative budget. [[HB 5001](#), 2012]
- ✓ Cut \$10 million from county health department from the previous legislative budget. [[SB 1500](#), 2013]
- ✓ Cut \$28 million from county health department from the previous legislative budget. [[SB 2500A](#), 2015]
- ✓ Cut \$17 million from county health department from the previous legislative budget. [[HB 5001](#), 2016]
- ✓ Cut \$9 million from county health department from the previous legislative budget. [[SB 2500](#), 2017]
- ✓ Privatize Medicaid. [[HB 7107](#), [HB 7109](#)]
- ✓ Block cities and counties from requiring employers provide sick leave. [[HB 655](#)]
- ✓ Introduce work requirements for Medicaid. [[HB 751](#)]
- ✓ Urge Congress to establish Medicaid block grants [[HM 7033](#)]
- ✓ Ban local governments from requiring employers provide sick leave. [[HB 655](#)]
- ✓ Stop the insurance commissioner from being able to stop health insurance rate increases. [[SB 1842](#)]
- ✓ Limit the number of times Floridians using Medicaid could go to the emergency room. [[HB 5301](#)]
- ✓ Cut Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals by \$510 million. [[SB 2000](#), 2011]
- ✓ Cut Medicaid reimbursements for nursing homes by \$38 million. [[HB 5001](#), 2012]
- ✓ Cut Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospitals by \$404.9 million. [[HB 5001](#), 2012]

## BRYAN AVILA

Representative Avila has spent his time in the Legislature voting to block Medicaid expansion, which kept 800,000 Floridians from accessing health care. He also urged Congress to establish Medicaid block grants, which would undermine Medicaid funding, and, between 2015 and 2017, he cut \$54 million from the county health departments local health needs budget.

### Legislative Action

Voted to:



- ✓ Block Medicaid expansion, which would have given 800,000 Floridians<sup>ii</sup> health coverage. [[SB 2a](#)]
- ✓ Cut \$28 million from county health department local health needs from the previous legislative budget. [[SB 2500A](#), 2015]
- ✓ Cut \$17 million from county health department local health needs from the previous legislative budget. [[HB 5001](#), 2016]
- ✓ Cut \$9 million from county health department local health needs from the previous legislative budget. [[SB 2500](#), 2017]
- ✓ Cut \$160 million from South Florida Hospitals.<sup>iii</sup> [[SB 2500](#), 2017]
- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]
- ✓ Introduce work requirements for Medicaid. [[HB 1367](#), [HB 751](#)]
- ✓ Urge Congress to establish Medicaid block grants. [[HM 7033](#)]
- ✓ Remove dental care from Florida's Medicaid program. [[HB 819](#)]
- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]

## JACKIE TOLDEO

Representative Toldeo voted to allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. She also urged Congress to establish Medicaid block grants, which would undermine Medicaid funding, and, in 2017, cut \$9 million from the county health department local health needs budget.

Toledo even voted to eliminate a panel of doctors that was created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg<sup>iv</sup>.

## Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Cut \$9 million from county health departments from the previous legislative budget. [[SB 2500](#), 2017]
- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]
- ✓ Cut \$91.7 million from Tampa-area hospitals.<sup>i</sup> [[SB 2500](#), 2017]
- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]
- ✓ Introduce work requirements for Medicaid. [[HB 751](#)]
- ✓ Urge Congress to establish Medicaid block grants. [[HM 7033](#)]

## Positions

Toledo Said That She Strongly Agreed That Congress Should Repeal The Affordable Care Act. [Jackie Toledo – iVoterGuide, accessed [8/7/20](#)]

Toledo Said That She Strongly Disagreed That It Was The Government's Responsibility To Ensure That Everyone Has Health Care. [Jackie Toledo – iVoterGuide, accessed [8/7/20](#)]

## CHUCK CLEMONS

Representative Clemons voted to cut \$9 million from county health departments from the previous year's budget, allow the sale of junk insurance plans that don't have to cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. Clemons also urged Congress to establish Medicaid block grants, which would undermine Medicaid funding.

## Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Cut \$9 million from county health departments from the previous year's budget. [[SB 2500](#), 2017]
- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]
- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]
- ✓ Introduce work requirements for Medicaid. [[HB 1367](#), [HB 751](#)]
- ✓ Urge Congress to establish Medicaid block grants. [[HM 7033](#)]

## Positions

Clemons strongly disagreed that "It is the government's responsibility to be sure everyone has health insurance." [ivoterguide, [2018](#)]

Clemons supported allowing health insurance to be sold across state lines. [ivoterguide, [2018](#)]

## JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN

Representative Fernandez-Barquin voted to allow the sale of junk insurance plans that don't have to cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. He also voted to eliminate the panel of doctors that was created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at a St. Petersburg hospital<sup>iv</sup>, and introduce work requirements for Floridians using Medicaid.

## Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]
- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]
- ✓ Introduce work requirements for Medicaid. [[HB 1367](#)]
- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]

## Positions

Fernandez-Barquin Said That He Disagreed That It Was The Government's Responsibility To Ensure That Everyone Has Health Insurance. [Juan Fernandez-Barquin – iVoterGuide, accessed [8/7/20](#)]

## VANCE ALOUPIS

During his time in the State House, Representative Aloupis voted to eliminate the panel of doctors created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at a St. Petersburg hospital<sup>iv</sup>, stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent, and allow the sale of junk insurance plans that aren't required to cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits.

### Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]
- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]

## ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ

Representative Rodriguez sponsored a bill to eliminate the panel of doctors that was created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at a St. Petersburg hospital<sup>iv</sup>. He also voted to allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits.

### Legislative Action

Sponsored bills to:

- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]

Voted to:

- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]
- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]

## MIKE CARUSO

Representative Caruso voted to eliminate the panel of doctors that was created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at a St. Petersburg hospital<sup>iv</sup>, stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent, and allow the sale of junk insurance plans that aren't required to cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits.

### Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]
- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]

## ELIZABETH FETTERHOFF

Representative Fetterhoff voted to allow the sale of junk insurance plans that don't have to cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. She also voted to eliminate the panel of doctors created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at a St. Petersburg hospital.<sup>iv</sup> She also introduced work requirements for Floridians using Medicaid.

### Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [[SB 322](#)]
- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]
- ✓ Introduce work requirements for Medicaid. [[HB 1367](#)]

### Positions

Fetterhoff Said That She Disagreed With The Statement That It Is The Government's Responsibility To Ensure That Everyone Has Health Insurance. [Elizabeth Fetterhoff – iVoterGuide, accessed [8/7/20](#)]

Fetterhoff Said That She Believed That Government Intervention In Healthcare Created Barriers To Adequate, Affordable, And Accessible Insurance For All. According to iVoterGuide, when Fetterhoff was asked, "how would you promote healthcare coverage that is adequate, affordable and accessible for all?" she responded, "Government intervention always increases the problem." [Elizabeth Fetterhoff – iVoterGuide, accessed [8/7/20](#)]

## CHIP LAMARCA

Representative LaMarca voted to allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. He also voted to eliminate the panel of doctors that was created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at a St. Petersburg hospital<sup>iv</sup>, and to ban doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent.

### Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [[HB 1059](#)]
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [[HB 7039](#)]

- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [\[SB 322\]](#)

## DANIEL PEREZ

Representative Perez voted to introduce work requirements for Floridians receiving Medicaid, to allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. He also voted to eliminate the panel of doctors that was created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at a St. Petersburg hospital.<sup>iv</sup>

### Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [\[SB 322\]](#)
- ✓ Introduce work requirements for Medicaid. [\[HB 751\]](#)
- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [\[HB 1059\]](#)
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [\[HB 7039\]](#)

## ANA MARIA RODRIGUEZ

Representative Rodriguez to allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. She also voted to eliminate the panel of doctors that was created to review children's heart surgery programs after a large number of deaths at a St. Petersburg hospital.<sup>iv</sup>

### Legislative Action

Voted to:

- ✓ Allow the sale of junk insurance plans that may not cover pre-existing conditions, maternity care, or emergency room visits. [\[SB 322\]](#)
- ✓ Stop doctors from prescribing medication without parental consent. [\[HB 1059\]](#)
- ✓ Eliminate the Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel, a panel of doctors that visited hospitals to review children's heart surgery programs. [\[HB 7039\]](#)

<sup>i</sup> Center for American Progress, [8/07/19](#)

<sup>ii</sup> Miami Herald, [6/06/15](#)

<sup>iii</sup> Miami Herald, [5/05/17](#)

<sup>iv</sup> Tampa Bay Times, [2/26/20](#)