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<p><u>Senior Voter #1:</u> I'd like to keep Medicare the way it is, thank you very much!</p> <p>GFX: Insurance Industry: Donated \$585,216 - Center for Responsive Politics</p>	<p>Kelly Ayotted voted for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 Ryan Budgets that would replace Medicare with a voucher program.</p> <p>Voted for the 2012 Ryan Budget</p> <p>"Senate rejects Ryan budget." The Hill, 5/25/11 The Senate on Wednesday resoundingly rejected a budget sponsored by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) that calls for significant cuts to future Medicare benefits.</p> <p>The 40-57 vote came one day after Republicans suffered an upset defeat in a special election in upstate New York where Democrats made Medicare cuts the primary issue.</p> <p>"GOP Aim: Cut \$4 Trillion." Wall Street Journal, 4/4/11 The plan would essentially end Medicare, which now pays most of the health-care bills for 48 million elderly and disabled Americans, as a program that directly pays those bills. Mr. Ryan and other conservatives say this is necessary because of the program's soaring costs. Medicare cost \$396.5 billion in 2010 and is projected to rise to \$502.8 billion in 2016. At that pace, spending on the program would have doubled between 2002 and 2016.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr. Ryan's proposal would apply to those currently under the age of 55, and for those Americans would convert Medicare into a "premium support" system. Participants from that group would choose from an array of private insurance plans when they reach 65 and become eligible, and the government would pay about the first \$15,000 in premiums. Those who are poorer or less healthy would receive bigger payments than others.</p> <p>"Rep. Paul Ryan's Medicare privatization plan increases costs, budget office says." Los Angeles Times, 4/7/11 But because commercial insurers cost more to run than government plans, the Wisconsin Republican's proposal to privatize Medicare starting in 2022 would actually spark a dramatic increase in how much the nation spends on healthcare for the elderly, according to an independent analysis by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.</p> <p>Even as the federal government cut its own spending, seniors would end up paying almost twice as much out of their own pockets — or more than \$12,510 a year, the CBO estimates. Altogether, the total</p>

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cost of insurance would be higher.

Voted for the 2013 Ryan Budget

[Motion to Proceed to Consider H.Con.Res. 112, Vote #98, 5/16/12](#)

Ayotte: Yea

Vote Total: 48-51-1

[“Senate Rejects Five Budget Plans Amid Republican Complaints.”
Bloomberg, 5/16/12](#)

The chamber rejected, on a 41-58 procedural vote, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan’s plan calling for deep cuts in government spending as well as in taxes. Five Senate Republicans opposed Ryan’s plan, among them Scott Brown of Massachusetts and Dean Heller of Nevada, both of whom face competitive election contests.

[“Look Who’s Raiding Medicare Now.” New Republic, 9/8/12](#)

It is based on the Medicare (and Medicaid) proposal in the most recent Ryan budget, since Romney hasn’t provided sufficient details for making such estimates.

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According to the CBO, people aged 65 in 2023 (the first year of the voucher) are expected to account for 4 percent of the \$1.23 trillion in Medicare spending anticipated in that year. Not all of this revenue would be newly available to private plans; some of these expenditures currently flow through private Part D plans, some of the voucher recipients would have voluntarily chosen to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan anyway, and some would not do so in any case. After making adjustments for the Part D spending and those who would have been in MA already, an estimated \$31 billion in Medicare funds would be newly available to private plans in 2023. The GAO has estimated that insurers earn profits of between 4.1% and 6.6% on revenue. Thus, the newly available private insurer revenues would generate private profits of \$1.3-\$2.1 billion in 2023. These profits would quickly mount. By 2030, new profits for private insurers would be as high as \$16 to \$26 billion.

Voted for the 2014 Ryan Budget

[S. Amdt. 433 to S. Con. Res. 8, Vote #46, 3/21/13](#)

Ayotte: Yea

[Fiscal 2014 Budget Resolution - House GOP Budget Plan, Vote #46, 3/21/13,
Congressional Quarterly](#)

Murray, D-Wash., amendment no. 433 that would replace the text of the resolution with language to provide \$2.769 trillion in new budget

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authority in fiscal 2014, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume that the spending levels required by the sequester remain in place and that non-war discretionary spending for all future years will be at post-sequester levels. It would assume that all discretionary savings from the sequester beginning in fiscal 2014 will come from non-defense programs. It would assume \$4.6 trillion in reductions over the next 10 years in both discretionary and mandatory spending. It would assume repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and a restructuring of Medicare into a "premium support" system beginning in 2024. It would call for an overhaul of the tax code, under which the alternative minimum tax would be repealed, the six current individual income tax brackets would be consolidated into two and tax credits and deductions would be eliminated or curtailed.

["Medicare in Ryan's 2014 Budget." Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/5/13](#)

The Ryan budget would replace Medicare's guarantee of health coverage with a flat premium-support payment, or voucher, that beneficiaries would use to purchase either private health insurance or a form of traditional Medicare. Premium support would apply to all new beneficiaries starting in 2024 and to all other beneficiaries who chose to participate.

[Motion to Proceed to Consider H. Con. Res. 34, Vote #77, 5/25/11](#)

Ayotte: Yea

Vote Total: 40-57-3

Insurance companies have supported Paul Ryan and would benefit from his Ryan Budget

["Ryan Ranks as Top House Fundraiser With Backing by Banks." Bloomberg, 8/12/12](#)

Ryan's budget proposal to end traditional Medicare for future generations would benefit private insurers, an industry that has been one of Ryan's top campaign contributors over the years.

Insurance employees and their families have given \$815,328 to Ryan's election efforts over his career, more than any other industry, according to data from the Center for Responsive Politics, a Washington-based group that tracks donations.

Employees of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., based in Milwaukee, and their families have been Ryan's top donors throughout his political career, giving more than \$89,000.

Insurance companies have lobbied on the Ryan budget

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	<p>H. Con. Res. 34 – Lobbying, Center for Responsive Politics AFLAC Inc. American Health Care Association Aetna Western New York Healthcare Assn Kindred Healthcare Healthcare Association of New York State Genesis Healthcare America’s Health Insurance Plans</p> <p>Lobbying Report – Genesis Healthcare, Q2, 2011 <i>Specific Lobbying Issues</i> H. Con. Res 34 Proposed Medicare FY 12 SNF PPS Rules...; Proposed Medicare Accountable Care Organization Rules</p> <p>Lobbying Report – America’s Health Insurance Plans, Q2, 2011 <i>Specific Lobbying Issues</i> Medicare, Medicaid, ACA issue – HCon Res 34</p> <p>The insurance industry has given Ayotte \$585,216 over the course of her federal career</p> <p>Insurance – Money to Congress, Center for Responsive Politics <i>Career</i> Kelly Ayotte - \$585,216</p>
<p><u>Voter #2:</u> We’ve gotta get rid of the tax breaks to Big Oil...</p> <p>GFX: Big Oil & Gas: Donated \$416,000 Center for Responsive Politics</p>	<p>Ayotte voted to protect tax breaks for big oil companies</p> <p>Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 2204, Vote #63, 3/29/12 Ayotte: Nay</p> <p>Oil and Gas Tax Breaks – Cloture, Vote #63, Congressional Quarterly, 3/29/12 Motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the bill that would roll back certain tax preferences for large oil and gas companies. The bill would use revenue generated from eliminating certain oil and gas tax incentives to pay for an extension of some renewable-energy tax credits and incentives.</p> <p>“Senate defeats bill to strip subsidies from oil companies.” Boston Globe, 3/29/12 Senate Republicans, including Scott Brown of Massachusetts, today foiled President Obama’s plan to strip \$24 billion in tax subsidies from the country’s largest oil companies, potentially fueling an election-year issue among voters disgruntled by escalating gas prices.</p>

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	<p>“Senate Votes to Keep Oil and Gas Tax Subsidies.” Roll Call, 3/29/12 After almost a week of political jockeying, the Senate today rejected legislation that would repeal tax breaks for the biggest five oil companies and would extend 19 renewable energy tax subsidies that expired at the end of 2011 or are near expiring.</p> <p>Big Oil companies lobbied on the vote</p> <p>S. 2204 – Repeal Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act – Maplight Opposed this bill: Major (multinational) oil & gas producers</p> <p>Lobbying Report – Exxon Mobil, Q1, 2012 <i>Specific Lobbying Issues:</i> S. 2204</p> <p>Lobbying Report – BP America, Q1, 2012 <i>Specific Lobbying Issues:</i> S. 2204</p> <p>Lobbying Report – Chevron USA Inc, Q1, 2012 <i>Specific Lobbying Issues:</i> S. 2204</p> <p>Ayotte has taken \$432,483 from the oil & gas industries over the course of her career</p> <p>Top Industries – Kelly Ayotte, Center for Responsive Politics <i>Career</i> Oil & Gas: \$432,483</p>
<p>Narrator: Getting Kelly Ayotte to side with us... shouldn't be this hard.</p> <p>GFX: Ayotte voted for \$24 billion in tax breaks for Big Oil Boston Globe, 3.29.12; S. 2204, Vote #63, 3.29.12</p>	<p>Ayotte voted to protect tax breaks for big oil companies</p> <p>Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 2204, Vote #63, 3/29/12 Ayotte: Nay</p> <p>Oil and Gas Tax Breaks – Cloture, Vote #63, Congressional Quarterly, 3/29/12 Motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the bill that would roll back certain tax preferences for large oil and gas companies. The bill would use revenue generated from eliminating certain oil and gas tax incentives to pay for an extension of some renewable-energy tax credits and incentives.</p> <p>“Senate defeats bill to strip subsidies from oil companies.” Boston Globe, 3/29/12 Senate Republicans, including Scott Brown of Massachusetts,</p>

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<p><u>Voter #3:</u> You vote for the thing the Koch brothers want. Aren't you supposed to work for us?</p> <p>GFX: Ayotte voted with Koch backed agenda 83% Americans for Prosperity Scorecard</p>	<p>Ayotte has an 83% lifetime rating from Americans for Prosperity</p> <p>"Sen. Kelly Ayotte – Scorecard." Americans for Prosperity <i>Lifetime Rating</i> 83%</p> <p>Americans for Prosperity is a top Koch Brothers group</p> <p>"The Koch Brothers have funded 44,000 ads in the 2014 election." Washington Post, 9/4/14</p> <p>A half-dozen groups with ties to libertarian billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch have funded almost 44,000 ads in battleground states ahead of this November's midterm elections, according to a new report from the Center for Public Integrity and the Kantar Media Group/CMAG.</p> <p>The six non-profit groups -- Americans for Prosperity, the American Energy Alliance, Concerned Veterans for America, the Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, Generation Opportunity and the 60 Plus Association -- have run 43,900 television ads from Jan. 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. Americans for Prosperity alone has run more than 27,000 ads, which is significantly more than groups like American Crossroads/Crossroads GPS -- groups with close ties to former Bush White House political svengali Karl Rove.</p>
<p><u>Narrator:</u> Kelly Ayotte... looking out for the other guys, not you.</p> <p>GFX: Kelly Ayotte. Looking out for the other guys. Not you.</p>	<p>Ayotte has received massive support from special interests and dark money</p> <p>Dark Money Spending, Center for Responsive Politics <i>New Hampshire Senate</i> Against Dem: \$1,560,150 For Repub: \$800, 527</p> <p>Outside Spending – New Hampshire Senate, Center for Responsive Politics <i>Super PACs</i></p>

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	<p>Ending Spending Action Fund: \$1,339,541 John Bolton Super PAC: \$100,000</p> <p>Top Industries – Kelly Ayotte, Center for Responsive Politics</p> <p><i>Career</i></p> <p>Security & Investment: \$1,693,664 Real Estate: \$650,309 Lawyers/Law Firms: \$634,329 Insurance: \$573,666 Lobbyists: \$563,948 Pharmaceuticals/Health Products: \$364,610 Oil & Gas: \$416,093</p> <p>Ayotte has an 83% lifetime rating from Americans for Prosperity</p> <p>“Sen. Kelly Ayotte – Scorecard.” Americans for Prosperity</p> <p><i>Lifetime Rating</i></p> <p>83%</p>
<p><u>Narrator:</u> End Citizens United is responsible for the Content of this advertising.</p> <p><u>GFX:</u> Paid for by End Citizens United, endcitizensunited.org, and not authorized by any candidate or candidate’s committee. End Citizens United is responsible for the content of this advertising.</p>	