

TO: All Interested Parties  
FROM: Piedmont Rising Action  
RE: Tillis Rubber Stamping Anti-Health Care Supreme Court Nominee

*Just hours after the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Senator Tillis [committed](#) to vote to confirm anyone Trump nominates to replace her before November 3rd. Tillis has hypocritically switched his position from 2016, when he [insisted](#) that the Senate should not confirm new Supreme Court Justices during a presidential election year.*

*Trump's [short list](#) of [potential nominees](#) includes an alarming number of hyperpartisan individuals who are certain to rule against the Affordable Care Act when *California v. Texas* is heard by the U.S. Supreme Court this November, leaving health care for millions of North Carolinians at serious risk.*

**Amy Coney Barrett**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

**Amy Coney Barrett has fought to [repeal](#) health care for tens of millions of people and block access to birth control in her attacks on the Affordable Care Act.**

- Barrett is an outspoken advocate for [invalidating the ACA](#). “She criticized Chief Justice John Roberts for his decision to uphold Congress’s authority to enact large portions of the ACA. According to Barrett, ‘Roberts pushed the Affordable Care Act beyond its plausible meaning to save the statute.’”
- Barrett wrote [in favor of](#) the dissent in *King v. Burwell*, where the Court affirmed tax credits that [nearly 6.4 million](#) Americans rely on to pay for their health coverage.

**Kate Comerford Todd**

Deputy White House Counsel

**Kate Comerford Todd worked for the legal arm of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as the group “spent nearly a decade and millions of dollars fighting to [overturn the Affordable Care Act](#).”**

- During Comerford Todd's time with the U.S. Chamber, the group [backed](#) a Republican bill that would have repealed critical portions of the ACA. The bill would have left over [500,000 North Carolinians](#) without health care coverage.
- Comerford Todd worked in the U.S. Chamber Litigation Center when the U.S. Chamber of Commerce [filed an amicus brief](#) challenging the Affordable Care Act in 2011.
- Comerford Todd was hired by the U.S. Chamber in [June 2011](#). She left to join the Trump Administration in [early 2019](#).

### **Britt Grant**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

**Britt Grant, as Solicitor General for the state of Georgia, [challenged the Affordable Care Act](#). She filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court that sought to take away critical tax subsidies that [nearly 6.4 million](#) Americans in 34 states rely on to pay for their health care.**

- Grant “argued that only customers of [state-run exchanges](#) can receive subsidies that offset the cost of their insurance,” meaning North Carolinians would not have qualified for cost-saving tax credits when seeking coverage through the ACA.
- While Grant worked for the Office of the Georgia Attorney General, she contributed to an amicus brief supporting an Indiana law that [blocked Medicaid reimbursements](#) for health providers that provide abortion care. The law was later blocked by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, which noted that “Medicaid regulations give program participants the power to select their own health care provider.”

### **Diane Sykes**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

**Diane Sykes worked to overturn the Affordable Care Act's requirement that insurance companies provide coverage for contraception. Access to affordable contraception is [absolutely essential](#) for individual health and reducing out-of-pocket health care costs.**

- “In 2013, Sykes wrote the opinion in *Korte v. Sebelius*, which held that both for-profit corporations and their individual owners may [challenge the Affordable Care Act’s contraception mandate](#), and that the mandate —substantially burdens the religious practice of closely-held corporations whose owners have religious objections to contraception, a view later endorsed by the Supreme Court in *Hobby Lobby*.”
- [More than half](#) of people who use oral contraception do so, at least in part, for medical reasons unrelated to preventing pregnancy.

**Sarah Pitlyk**

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

**Sarah Pitlyk is committed to working against the [Affordable Care Act](#) and has made clear she would rule against the law on the U.S. Supreme Court.**

- “Pitlyk’s public statements echo this Administration’s [hostility to the ACA](#) and call into question her ability to properly enforce the law. In an opinion piece for the *National Review*, Pitlyk called the Supreme Court’s upholding of the ACA a ‘disastrous ruling’ and an ‘unprincipled decision,’ while praising then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh for ‘vigorously criticizing the law.’”

**About Piedmont Rising Action**

Piedmont Rising Action is a project of Piedmont Rising: a 501(c)4 issue advocacy organization built by and for North Carolinians to advocate for lower insurance premiums and prescription drug costs and to ensure that more people have access to safe and affordable health care.

Launched in September 2020, Piedmont Rising Action will include organizing and engagement of voters highlighting Tillis’ record of failure as a United States Senator to protect access to health care and the harm his special interest driven agenda has caused North Carolina families. [www.piedmontrising.org/piedmont-rising-action](http://www.piedmontrising.org/piedmont-rising-action)