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**Bacon Sticks Nebraskans with Nation's 3rd-highest Health Care Costs
Premiums Skyrocket; Families Could Pay \$500 more per month**

Omaha, Neb—As a result of the Republican Tax Plan, which gutted the Affordable Care Act, health premiums in Nebraska's Second Congressional District have skyrocketed and will now be the third highest in the country. An ardent supporter of health care repeal, Bacon voted for this destructive bill, and should be given the credit he deserves for increasing health care costs to Nebraska families.

The Center for American Progress released a new analysis of healthcare premium increases for 2019. They find that in the Second District in 2019:

- The average 40-year old will pay \$1,970 more for their healthcare;
- The average family of four will pay \$6,250 more;
- The average 55-year old couple will pay \$6,870 more.

Don Bacon is directly responsible for the increased cost of healthcare premiums in this district. Bacon has repeatedly voted to sabotage the Affordable Care Act—including voicing a “hell yes” on a bill that would have gutted protections for pre-existing conditions, increased premiums, and imposed an age tax on older Americans.

“Middle-class families are already paying too much for medications and healthcare coverage. Now they will have to pay even more,” said Eastman. “After saying ‘hell yes’ to gutting pre-existing condition protections, Don Bacon owns every penny in increased

healthcare costs for Nebraska families. He has failed, yet again, to act in the best interest of this district, choosing to fall in line with the Republican administration at the expense of the middle class. Our healthcare system is broken, and Don Bacon is making it worse.”

Kara is the former President and CEO of Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance and the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors of Metropolitan Community College. She is the Democratic nominee running for Congress in Nebraska’s Second District.

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