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Mammogram Factcheck

Q: What bill did Jan Angel sponsor to cut access to mammograms?

A: Angel co-sponsored **HB 1361: Eliminating mandated health care benefits under state law** - a bill that would have overturned the stronger WA state requirements for health insurance plans, including a requirement that mammograms and cervical cancer screenings are covered.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1361&year=2011>

Even after the Affordable Care Act takes effect, there will still be women in Washington who will need access to this state care because 1) not everyone will sign up for the ACA right away, 2) even after a woman signs up, it takes time for coverage to go into effect, and 3) there are some populations for whom the Affordable Care Act offers no coverage.

Q: But Jan Angel says, "There is no way I would ever take any kind of a cancer screening from any women or men."

A: This is false. Jan Angel voted against a budget that protected family planning, including breast health checks and cervical cancer screenings

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?year=2011&bill=2127>

She also co-sponsored a bill to block the Affordable Care Act, which will increase access to mammograms and cancer screenings for more than 300,000 Washington women. <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1804&year=2011>

Jan Angel also voted against implementation of the Affordable Care Act for those same 300,000 Washington women.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5122&year=2011>

Q: Still, her campaign says, "She is against the federal legislation (ACA), but supported a bill that would rely on its mandates."

A: **This is incredibly misleading and is an attempt to run from her record.** The bill she supported which would rely on federal mandates is the same bill that would have cut state access to mammograms and cancer screenings.

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The bill says, "The legislature further finds that the mandated health care benefits provided under federal law adequately protect consumers. Furthermore, under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care

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& Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, health care carriers will be required to offer essential health benefits.”

Essentially, Jan Angel voted against the state mammogram benefits because the ACA will cover those benefits, but she also voted against the ACA and co-sponsored a bill to block implementation. She cannot both claim that the ACA would cover mammogram access and (and thus protects her co-sponsorship of a bill to cut funding access) and also not support the ACA.