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Mike Collins voted seven times for Donald Trump's Iran War, causing gas prices to skyrocket.	**Collins voted for the Iran war seven times** H.Con.Res.38 - Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Islamic Republic of Iran., 119th Congress, Roll Call #85, 3/5/26 Collins (R-GA), Nay H.Con.Res.40 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran., 119th Congress, Roll Call #114, 4/16/26 Collins (R-GA), Nay H.Con.Res.75 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran., 119th Congress, Roll Call #170, 5/14/26 Collins (R-GA), Nay H.Con.Res.86 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran., 119th Congress, Roll Call #199, 6/3/26 Collins (R-GA), Nay H.Res.1398, 119th Congress, Roll Call #231, 6/30/26 Collins (R-GA), Aye H.Con.Res.89 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran., 119th Congress, Roll Call Vote 282, 7/23/26 Collins (R-GA) - Nay H.Con.Res.93 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran, 119th Congress, Roll Call Vote 307, 9/15/26 Collins (R-GA) - Nay **War caused gas prices to skyrocket** "No relief in sight for U.S. drivers as gas and diesel prices surge," CBS, 9/17/26 Gasoline and diesel prices continued to surge on Thursday, with energy experts warning that those costs are likely to climb in the days ahead amid festering geopolitical conflicts overseas. "Consumers should plan on higher prices for longer," said Patrick De Haan, a petroleum expert at GasBuddy, which tracks U.S. fuel prices.

	The national average for gasoline jumped 7 cents overnight to $4.44 a gallon, according to AAA, up nearly 50% since before the Iran war started in February. Diesel, essential for transporting food and other goods around the U.S., hit a record $6.40, up 77 cents since the beginning of September.
Mike Collins voted with Donald Trump to double health insurance premiums for more than a million Georgians.	**Collins voted against extending health care tax credits** H.R.1834 - Breaking the Gridlock Act, 119th Congress, Roll Call #11, 1/8/26 Collins (R-GA), Nay "U.S House votes to extend Affordable Care Act health care subsidies," AJC, 1/9/2026 With the help of 17 Republicans, none from Georgia, the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday signed off on a bill that would extend the expiring Affordable Care Act coverage subsidies for three more years. [...] That includes U.S. Reps. Buddy Carter and Mike Collins, who both voted against the bill Thursday. **Allowing ACA tax credits to expire would more than double health insurance premiums** "ACA Marketplace Premium Payments Would More than Double on Average Next Year if Enhanced Premium Tax Credits Expire," KFF, 9/30/2025 ACA Marketplace Premium Payments Would More than Double on Average Next Year if Enhanced Premium Tax Credits Expire [...] Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced premium tax credits are set to expire at the end of this year. Enhanced premium tax credits were introduced in 2021 and later extended through the end of 2025 by the Inflation Reduction Act. The enhanced tax credits both increased the amount of financial assistance already eligible ACA Marketplace enrollees received as well as made middle-income enrollees with income above 400% of federal poverty guidelines newly eligible for premium tax credits. Since the introduction of the enhanced premium tax credits, enrollment in the Marketplace has more than doubled from about 11 to over 24 million people, the vast majority of whom receive an enhanced premium tax credit. If enhanced tax credits expire, many Marketplace enrollees will continue to qualify for a smaller tax credit, while others will lose eligibility altogether and be hit by a "double whammy" of losing their entire tax credit and being on the hook for rising premiums. **1.4 million Georgians rely on ACA premium tax credits** "Estimated Total Premium Tax Credits Received by Marketplace Enrollees," KFF, 2025

Location	Number of Marketplace Enrollees Receiving Advanced Premium Tax Credits
Georgia	1,408,787

[“Sticker shock for Georgians as ACA Marketplace enhanced tax credits set to expire,” Jess Mador, WABE, 12/10/2025]

> A majority of the roughly 1.5 million Georgians with coverage in the state would be affected if enhanced premium tax credits that have made Marketplace plans more affordable since 2021 expire at the end of the year.

President Trump refused to extend ACA subsidies

["GOP ‘big beautiful bill’ poised to deliver ‘shock’ to ACA marketplace, health policy experts say," CNBC, 3/6/26]

> Policies in the “big beautiful bill” — including cuts to Medicaid — and the expiration of enhanced premium tax credits will lead about 15 million people to lose health insurance, the CBO estimated in June when scoring the impact of the legislation.

[“GOP moves to let Obamacare subsidies expire as Trump promises ‘money to the people’,” Politico, 12/9/25]

> Republican leaders on Capitol Hill are moving decisively away from extending key Obamacare tax credits that help more than 20 million Americans pay for health insurance — following direct cues from President Donald Trump while also stoking ire among many in the GOP who fear severe political repercussions.
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> In a Monday interview with POLITICO, Trump refused to endorse a continuation of the expiring subsidies, even as his administration faces mounting pressure to address rising costs for Americans. He instead laid out his own vision for health care: “I want to give the money to the people, not to the insurance companies.”

[“Trump says he would 'rather not' extend Obamacare tax credits 'at all,’” NBC News, 11/25/25]

> President Donald Trump told reporters Tuesday that he doesn’t want to extend expiring subsidies under Obamacare, also known as the Affordable Care Act, delivering a major blow to prospects of averting sharp premium hikes next year.
> [...]
> “I’d rather not. Somebody said I want to extend them for two years. I don’t want to extend them for two years. I’d rather not extend them at all,” Trump told reporters on Air Force One en route to Florida when he was asked whether he plans to extend the funds.

Collins voted for OBBBA

	H.R. 1, 119th Session, Roll Call #190, 7/3/2025 Collins (R-GA), Aye **OBBBA did not extend ACA tax credits** "What are premium tax credits?," Tax Policy Center, October 2025 After 2025, enhancements made by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and extended by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 will expire, as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), or 2025 reconciliation act, did not extend the enhancements. "By the Numbers: Harmful Republican Megabill Will Take Health Coverage Away From Millions of People and Raise Families' Costs," Policy Brief, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, updated 8/27/2025 Roughly 15 million people will lose health coverage and become uninsured by 2034 because of the Medicaid and ACA marketplace cuts in the Republican megabill, **the law's failure to extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace coverage,** and other harmful ACA marketplace rule changes, according to CBO estimates. [...] An additional 4.2 million will lose marketplace coverage because the law failed to extend the premium tax credit enhancements, which lower annual premiums by more than $700, on average, for people who receive them.
As reported by the local press on tv, **[CLIP]** "more than a million Georgians are facing higher insurance premiums," **[CLIP]** "premiums have doubled or even tripled what they were," **[CLIP]** "some face as much as a 600% increase."	**"more than a million Georgians are facing higher insurance premiums"** WSB, 1/1/26 [0:00] ANCHOR: "More than a million Georgians are facing higher insurance premiums." **"premiums have doubled or even tripled what they were"** WRDW, 1/5/26 [0:00] ANCHOR: "About one point four million Georgians are now stuck trying to figure out how to afford healthcare premiums without the Affordable Care Act subsidies. They're seeing premiums have doubled or even tripled what they were." **"some face as much as a 600% increase."** WSB, 1/2/26 [0:07] ANCHOR: "Some face as much as a 600% increase."