HICKENLOOPER – FIGHTING FOR COLORADO

HIGHLIGHTS

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    - As of September 2026, Hickenlooper has voted to end the war in Iran fourteen times.
- Hickenlooper has fought to reverse Trump's healthcare cuts and lower healthcare costs.
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        - Hickenlooper on the Big Beautiful Bill: "This is pure lunacy, and downright cruel."
    - July 2025: Hickenlooper helped introduce legislation to reverse the disastrous cuts to Medicaid and ACA made in the Big Beautiful Bill.
    - October, November 2025: Hickenlooper refused to vote for a government spending package that did nothing to extend ACA tax credits.
        - Hickenlooper on fighting for an extention of the ACA ePTCs: "I am fighting for people's health care."
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    - Hickenlooper's opponent said that he agreed with the war in Iran as it stands, saying "We're at war, whether we like it or not."

- Hickenlooper's opponent said about Trump's handling of trump's war in Iran: "I think it's been handled very well, actually."

- Hickenlooper's opponent supported Trump's cuts to Medicaid in the Big Beautiful Bill.
  - Hickenlooper's opponent Said About Trump's Big Beautiful Bill: "I'm appreciative of everything that i've seen in that bill."
  - Hickenlooper's opponent supported the work requirements for Medicaid in OBBBA and argued cuts were designed to prevent illegal immigrants from obtaining healthcare benefits.
- Hickenlooper's opponent said he was generally in favor of Trump's tariffs.

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Hickenlooper: "We're Fighting To End Trump's War With Iran That's Increasing Gas Prices, Fix Our Healthcare System, And Protect Our Democracy." "How does your background and experience make you best qualified to represent Colorado in the Senate for the next six years? As a laid-off geologist turned brew-pub owner, I've had an unconventional path to public office. My experiences taught me how to bring people together to take on big fights – and win. As mayor and governor, we turned our economy around, expanded healthcare, and fought climate change. In the Senate, we've saved Coloradans money by capping the cost of insulin at $35 per month for seniors and empowering Medicare to negotiate drug prices. We stopped Trump's public land sell-off. Now, we're fighting to end Trump's war with Iran that's increasing gas prices, fix our healthcare system, and protect our democracy." [Colorado Politics, 10/3/26]

Hickenlooper: "I Think The Highest Priority Is To Stop The War In Iran. That's Increasing The Gas Prices And All The Components That Make Groceries So Expensive." "Colorado voters cite affordability and high costs as a top concern, from gas and food prices to housing and childcare costs. If elected, what would you focus on first, and how would you get past the challenges that have made it difficult to bring costs down? 'Well, I think the highest priority is to stop the war in Iran,' Hickenlooper said. 'That's increasing the gas prices and all the components that make groceries so expensive.' He listed the Trump Administration's tariffs as another force behind higher prices." [Colorado Public Radio, 9/25/26]

Hickenlooper: "We Don't Need This War. We Need To Focus On Doing Better At Home." "Senate Democrats on Wednesday voiced concerns about an unpopular war with Iran as part of an effort to refocus attention on affordability and economic costs in the United States. […] Hickenlooper concluded his remarks with a simple message about priorities: 'We don't need this war. We need to focus on doing better at home.'" [Colorado Pols, 3/5/26]

Hickenlooper: "While This White House Wages War Abroad, Working Americans Are Barely Treading Water At Home." "Senate Democrats on Wednesday voiced concerns about an unpopular war with Iran as part of an effort to refocus attention on affordability and economic costs in the United States. […] Hickenlooper began his remarks with a reminder of something President Trump said himself in his inaugural address in January 2025 in criticizing his predecessor, President Joe Biden. […] This aged poorly, as Hickenlooper continued: […] And while this White House wages war abroad, working Americans are barely treading water at home." [Colorado Pols, 3/5/26]

Hickenlooper: "Americans Want Safety. They Want Justice. They Want To Be Able To Pay Their Bills. Instead, What They're Getting Is Cover-Ups, Corruption, And Chaos." "Senate Democrats on Wednesday voiced concerns about an unpopular war with Iran as part of an effort to refocus attention on affordability and economic costs in the United States. […] 'Americans want safety. They want justice. They want to be able to pay their bills. Instead, what they're getting is cover-ups, corruption, and chaos.' – Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-Denver)." [Colorado Pols, 3/5/26]

Hickenlooper On The War In Iran: "This Is Probably The Worst Time You Could Have Picked To Create A Confrontation That Has The Effect Of Basically Locking Down The World's Energy Production." "Prices were higher on the Western Slope, with Vail posting the highest price per gallon at $4.70. The lowest was recorded in Durango, at $4.27. The state's highest average price was in June 2022, at $4.92 a gallon. It's just more money shelled out by consumers and small businesses, said U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper, who convened the roundtable to listen to the tales of how higher prices are impacting Coloradans. 'Everybody's got to get to work and all of a sudden, they just took a pay cut

because of this war,' Hickenlooper said. 'This is probably the worst time you could have picked to create a confrontation that has the effect of basically locking down the world's energy production. And it's the first time many of us have seen in our lifetime that it affects everybody.'" [The Colorado Sun, 5/6/26]

HICKENLOOPER INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO END THE WAR IN IRAN

August 6, 2026: Hickenlooper Introduced S.J.Res.211 To End The War In Iran. [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res.211, introduced 8/6/26]

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2026, HICKENLOOPER HAS VOTED TO END THE WAR IN IRAN FOURTEEN TIMES

September 24, 2026 Marked The 14th Vote The Senate Took In An Attempt To End The War In Iran. "After a week in which more Republicans have emerged to call for an end to the war in Iran, the Senate failed to adopt a House-passed war powers resolution on Thursday by a vote of 49-50. […] The Senate has voted on an Iran War Powers Resolution 14 times, but have only passed it only once. The Senate first adopted a House-passed Iran War Powers resolution in late June when Sens. Collins, Murkowski, Paul and Bill Cassidy voted for it while Sens. Mitch McConnell and Dave McCormick missed the vote, clearing the way for the resolution's passage." [Good Morning America, 9/24/26]

- **March 4, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 104, Roll Call Vote 46, 3/4/26]
- **March 18, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 118, Roll Call Vote 58, 3/18/26]
- **March 24, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 116, Roll Call Vote 69, 3/24/26]
- **April 15, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 123, Roll Call Vote 79, 4/15/26]
- **April 22, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 114, Roll Call Vote 88, 4/22/26]
- **April 30, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 184, Roll Call Vote 113, 4/30/26]
- **May 13, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 163, Roll Call Vote 118, 5/13/26]
- **May 19, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.R.Res. 185, Roll Call Vote 129, 5/19/26]
- **June 16, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 172, Roll Call Vote 174, 6/16/26]
- **June 23, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, H.Con.Res. 86, Roll Call Vote 184, 6/23/26]
- **June 24, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 185, Roll Call Vote 192, 6/24/26]
- **July 23, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 180, Roll Call Vote 207, 7/23/26]
- **July 30, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, S.J.Res. 181, Roll Call Vote 216, 7/30/26]
- **September 24, 2026: Hickenlooper Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To End The War In Iran.** [United States Senate, 119th Congress 2nd Session, H.Con.Res.89, Roll Call Vote 244, 9/24/26]

HICKENLOOPER HAS FOUGHT TO REVERSE TRUMP'S HEALTHCARE CUTS AND LOWER HEALTHCARE COSTS

JUNE 2025: HICKENLOOPER INTRODUCED AMENDMENTS TO THE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT MEDICAID AND TO PERMANENTLY EXTEND THE ACA TAX CREDITS

June 2025: Hickenlooper Submitted A Motion To Commit To The Big Beautiful Bill That Would Strike Any Provision That Cut Funding For Medicaid And The ACA Which Protected Access For The 7 Million Small Businesses Workers Who Depend On Medicaid, And 4 Million Small Businesses Workers Who Depend On The ACA Exchange. "Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following motions to commit for the bill H.R. 1 be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: […] A motion to commit the bill H.R. 1 to the Committee on Finance of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that— (1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and (2) would strike any provision that cuts funding for Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act which— (A) protects access for the 7,000,000 small businesses workers who depend on Medicaid coverage; and (B) protects access for the 4,000,000 small businesses who depend on the Affordable Care Act exchanges." [United States Senate, 119th Congress 1st Session, H.R.1, Hickenlooper Motion to Commit, submitted 6/28/25]

June 2025: Hickenlooper Helped Introduce An Amendment To The Republicans' Reconciliation Bill To Permanently Extend The Affordable Care Act Enhanced Premium Tax Credits. "SA 2696. Mr. OSSOFF (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Warnock, Mr. Hickenlooper, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Lujan) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2360 proposed by Mr. Thune (for Mr. Graham) to the bill H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14; as follows: At the appropriate place, insert the following: SEC. _____. EXTENSION OF ENHANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDITS. (a) In General.--Section 36B(b)(3)(A)(iii) is amended--(1) by striking ``, and before January 1, 2026", and (2) by striking ``2021 through 2025" in the heading and inserting ``years after 2020". (b) Effective Date.--The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025." [United States Senate, 119th Congress 1st Session, H.R.1, S.Amdt.2696, submitted 6/30/25]

JULY 2025: HICKENLOOPER VOTED AGAINST THE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL THAT WOULD REDUCE MEDICAID SPENDING AND CAUSE MILLIONS TO GO UNINSURED BY 2034

Hickenlooper Voted Against The One Big Beautiful Bill. [United States Senate, 119th Congress 1st Session, H.R.1, Record Vote 372, 7/1/25]

Congressional Budget Office: The Big Beautiful Bill's Final Version Would Reduce Medicaid Spending By $911 Billion. "On July 4, President Trump signed into law a budget reconciliation package once called the 'One Big, Beautiful Bill' that made major reductions in federal health care spending to offset part of the costs of extending expiring tax cuts. The Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) latest cost estimate shows that the reconciliation package would reduce federal Medicaid spending over a decade by an estimated $911 billion (after accounting for interactions that produce overlapping reductions across different provisions of the law) and increase the number of uninsured people by 10 million." [KFF, 7/23/25]

The Big Beautiful Bill Was Expected To Cause More Than 14 Million People To Go Uninsured By 2034. "President Trump signed into law on July 4, 2025 a budget reconciliation package (formerly called the 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act') that will make significant changes to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplaces. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that, relative to its estimates of insurance coverage prior to the law being enacted, the law will increase the number of people without health insurance in 2034 by 10 million, because of changes to Medicaid (7.5 million), the ACA Marketplaces (2.1 million), and other policies and interactions among different provisions (0.4 million). These legislative changes come at a time when enhanced premium tax credits for ACA Marketplace enrollees are set to expire later this year. When combining the impact of the reconciliation law with that of the expected expiration of the ACA's enhanced premium tax credits, CBO estimates show that the number of uninsured people will increase by more than 14 million in 2034. That estimate does not account for the effects of the Trump administration's ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule finalized earlier this year, so the overall change in the number of uninsured people could be even larger." [KFF, 8/20/25]

Hickenlooper On The Big Beautiful Bill: "This Is Pure Lunacy, And Downright Cruel." WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans hauled President Donald Trump's big tax breaks and spending cuts bill to passage Tuesday on the narrowest of votes, pushing past opposition from Democrats and their own GOP ranks after a turbulent overnight session.

[…] Both of Colorado's U.S. senators — Democrats John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet — voted 'no' on the bill. 'This is pure lunacy, and downright cruel,' Hickenlooper said in a written statement." [The Colorado Sun, 7/1/25]

JULY 2025: HICKENLOOPER HELPED INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO REVERSE THE DISASTROUS CUTS TO MEDICAID AND ACA MADE IN THE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

July 2025: Hickenlooper Helped To Introduce The Restoring Essential Healthcare Act To Repeal The Provision In The Big Beautiful Bill That Defunded Planned Parenthood By Restricting Medicaid Reimbursements For Organizations That Offer Abortion Services. "SEC. 2. Repealing prohibition on Medicaid payments to certain entities. Section 71113 of Public Law 119–21 is repealed, and, in the case of any items or services furnished as medical assistance under a State plan (or a waiver of such plan) under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) by a prohibited entity (as defined in subsection (b)(1) of such section 71113) during the period beginning on the date of enactment of Public Law 119–21 and ending on the date of enactment of this section, payment for such items and services shall be made as if such section 71113 had not been enacted into law." [United States Senate, 119th Congress 1st Session, S. 2524, introduced 7/29/25]

July 2025: Hickenlooper Helped To Introduce The Protecting Health Care And Lowering Costs Act. [United States Senate, 119th Congress 1st Session, S.2556, introduced 7/30/25]

The Protecting Health Care And Lowering Costs Act Would Repeal All Of The Provisions In The Health Section Of The Big Beautiful Bill. "With health care for more than 1.5 million New Yorkers at risk, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer announced Thursday plans to introduce legislation next week that would reverse Republican-approved cuts to Medicaid finalized this year and permanently extend tax credits for health care set to expire at the end of the year. The Protecting Health Care and Lowering Costs Act would repeal what Schumer, D-NY, describes as "devastating cuts" to Medicaid that will not only rip health coverage away from millions across the country, but jeopardizes the future of rural hospitals at a time when many are already struggling to stay open. […] Schumer also highlighted the importance of making permanent health care tax credits that were first approved as part of the Affordable Care Act and are set to expire at the end of the year." [The Daily Gazette, 8/29/25]

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OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2025: HICKENLOOPER REFUSED TO VOTE FOR A GOVERNMENT SPENDING PACKAGE THAT DID NOTHING TO EXTEND ACA TAX CREDITS

Hickenlooper On Fighting For An Extention Of The ACA ePTCs: "I Am Fighting For People's Health Care." "The federal government shut down Wednesday after Congress failed to pass funding legislation, with Republicans and Democrats at a stalemate over restoring health care funding cut by the GOP over the summer. […] The Sun: Politically speaking, Republicans are calling this a Democratic shutdown. Democrats are saying it's Republicans' fault. Do you feel like Democrats are gambling a bit with whom voters believe is to blame? Hickenlooper: I'm not worried about that. I am fighting for people's health care. It doesn't mean I'm not willing to compromise. I certainly don't feel like I'm shutting down the government. I'm trying to protect people's quality of life to make sure they can get a health care package they can afford." [Colorado Sun, 10/1/25]

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Hickenlooper On Fighting For An Extention Of The ACA ePTCs: "We Have To Stand Up To This Kind Of Strong Man Dictatorial Approach To Governing This Country." "Some of the Democratic senators who supported advancing the government funding measure, enabling it to proceed, held a presser to defend their votes. […] Sen. John Hickenlooper of Colorado, who remained a 'no' vote, said, 'There's no good choice … we have to stand up to this kind of strong man dictatorial approach to governing this country.' He said the package offered 'no relief … for the incredible pressures people are feeling.' Hickenlooper said Democrats 'did not get our key demand' to restore the Affordable Care Act premium tax credits, though he was quick to add that 'there's not one person in the Democratic Caucus who doesn't believe that we need health care for everybody.'" [CBS News, 11/9/25]

Hickenlooper: "We Will Continue To Fight Every Day For Universal Health Care Until Every American Has Coverage." "Colorado's two Democratic U.S. senators voted against a bipartisan deal reached Sunday to end the longest federal government shutdown in history, blasting the package's failure to extend some health insurance tax credits. […] 'Every Senate Democrat believes every American should have health care, but Republicans refused to come to the table and work to tackle the health care crisis,' U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper said in a statement after his vote against ending the filibuster. 'We will continue to fight every day for universal health care until every American has coverage.'"

November 2025: Hickenlooper Voted Against A Spending Package To Reopen The Government Because It Did Not Include An Extension Of The ACA ePTCs. "Colorado's Democratic senators voted against a package to reopen the government because they said it did not include an extension of the health insurance tax credit that they were seeking. U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper's opposition was not surprising. […] Hickenlooper and Bennet are pessimistic that the promised vote will result in the tax credits being continued. […] Hickenlooper said in a statement that a failure to address 'skyrocketing health care premiums' led to his 'no' vote." [The Colorado Sun, 11/11/25]

HEADLINE: Michael Bennet, John Hickenlooper Blast Vote To Reopen Government Without Any Guarantees On Health Care Subsidies [The Colorado Sun, 11/11/25]

HEADLINE: Colorado's Democratic Senators Slam Deal To End Shutdown, Vow To Fight For Health Care Tax Credits [Colorado Politics, 11/11/25]

HICKENLOOPER'S PATIENTS DESERVE PRICE TAGS ACT WOULD LOWER COSTS AND INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN PRICING

HEADLINE: John Hickenlooper's Plan For Universal Healthcare? First Make The Prices Transparent. [The Colorado Sun, 7/29/26]

Hickenlooper's Patients Deserve Price Tags Act Would Increase Transparency Around Hospital Pricing. "To address this, Hickenlooper, along with Kansas Republican U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, are sponsoring a bill called the Patients Deserve Price Tags Act to increase transparency around hospital pricing. The bill passed out of committee last week with bipartisan, near-unanimous support, and next heads to the Senate floor. The bill would strengthen and expand on existing transparency rules requiring hospitals to post their prices in ways that people can understand them and that data-analysis tools can crunch them. It would also require that patients receive an itemized statement of what services were provided and how much they cost. The bill proposes stiff fines on hospitals that don't comply. And it would prohibit hospitals that don't provide an itemized bill to a patient from pursuing that patient for medical debt. The goal is to make healthcare pricing simpler and easier to understand for everyone." [The Colorado Sun, 7/29/26]

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HICKENLOOPER'S OPPONENT SUPPORTED ALMOST ALL OF TRUMP'S MAJOR POLICIES AND WANTED TO JOIN HIS "AMAZING RENAISSANCE" IN WASHINGTON

Baisley Said He Wanted To Go To Washington To Join Trump's "Amazing Renaissance." BAISLEY: "Joining that amazing Renaissance that's happening in America right now, what we voted in, and that phenomenal staff, that cabinet, that President Trump put together, we need to be part of that. We need to be partners with that, instead of what John Hickenlooper is doing, which is fighting against it every day." [We the People of Elbert County Republican Candidate Forum, 1:28:39, 2/22/26] (VIDEO)

Asked If He Supported "All Of The President's Major Policies" Since He's Been In Office Again, To Which Baisley Said "Yeah" And That The Only Thing That Gave Him Pause Was Trying To Take Control Of Greenland. MATT MAURO: "Do you support all the president's major policies and the last year and say three quarters that he's been in office for a second term?" MARK BAISLEY: "Yeah, you know the only one that I can think of that gave me pause was being super aggressive on trying to take control of Greenland, you know. But but yeah, in closing the border, in trying to toss out all those people who are dangerous to American citizens, who you know we have over 10,000 convicted murderers that are here illegally to chase them out, send them back to their countries, to try to cut back on the the burden of taxation for Medicaid going to folks that are not here legally, and so on. Those are big moves that I'm in heated agreement with for the president." [Fox31 Colorado Point of View, 12:52, 7/25/26] (VIDEO)

Asked About His Love For Donald Trump, Baisley Said He "Appreciate[d] So Much About What Donald Trump Does," And His "Boldness" To Take Care Of Leftover Biden Admin Issues. MATT MAURO: "Earlier, we heard Senator Hickenlooper talking about you, and he said, quote 'You're a baseline supporter of Donald Trump, and in your eyes, Donald Trump can do no wrong.' What's your response to that?" [...] MARK BAISLEY: "You know, I appreciate so much about what Donald Trump does. He has the boldness that we need right now to take care of some of the huge issues that we have left over from the Biden administration and the big international terrorist bullies that we have across the world that he's taking care of right now, but that's not my God. My goal is the American founding principles to pursue the promise of America." [Fox31 Colorado Point of View, 11:49, 7/25/26] (VIDEO)

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Baisley Said It Was "Worth All Of This Pain" Of Higher Gas Prices And Servicemembers Being Killed In Iran To "Birth Out The Stability That Will Happen Eventually." MATT MAURO: "What's your response to the criticism of the war? Sky-high gas prices right now-they're back over $4 a gallon here in Denver and in Colorado. Diesel's over $5.18, U.S. service members have been killed. Nearly 450 have been hurt. Many, even some Republicans, are also unhappy that there's not a public strategic plan from the president, from the administration, to find a way out of the war." [...] MARK BAISLEY: "We just have to trust in Pete Hegseth and so on to do the smart thing and to try to to bring them to a position of stop attacking the rest of the world and keep those lanes open. So yeah, we're going to suffer in the market prices of oil and energy. That's going to happen for a while. Could be a whole lot worse, but it's a pain that we're going to have to go through to birth out the stability that will happen eventually. So I think it will be worth all of this pain that we're going through eventually." [Fox31 Colorado Point of View, 16:44, 7/25/26] (VIDEO)

Baisley Said That He Agreed With The War In Iran As It Stands, Saying "We're At War, Whether We Like It Or Not." MATT MAURO: "Okay, war in Iran, major issue right now, and drags on since the end of February. Do you support it as it stands?" MARK BAISLEY: "I do. You know, we're at war, whether we like it or not." [Fox31 Colorado Point of View, 15:49, 7/25/26] (VIDEO)

Baisley Said About Trump's Handling Of Trump's War In Iran: "I Think It's Been Handled Very Well, Actually." "How do you think Trump has handled the war in Iran? And what do you think should be done to end it? Mark Baisley REPUBLICAN 'I think it's been handled very well, actually. We've been at war with Iran for at least 47 years, although we have not been participating in that war. They've just been attacking us over and over and over. I appreciate that this administration has stood up to the international bullies.' (The U.S. has been at odds with Iran since the 1979 hostage crisis.)" [The Colorado Sun, 10/5/26]

Baisley Said He Was "Proud" That We Stood Up To The "International Bully" Of Iran And Argued That We Need To "Cut Off The Head Of That Snake Because They're Not A Traditional Enemy Like Japan" And We Really Needed To "Finish The Job." BAISLEY: "Well, Iran is the international bully, and somebody needed us to stand up to them, and so the United States was the only one who could and did, and I'm proud of that. I think we need to cut off the head of that snake because they're not a traditional enemy like Japan that says, "Oh, you bombed us an awful lot. We're going to surrender before you do it again. They don't have that value. They don't care about life, so they just say, "Bring it on. It'll be eternal. So we need to make it and just kind of cut that off. Really finish the job, as they say. But I think it's the right role for us. It's complicated, obviously, and things keep changing. That's the reality of war, but I think it's a worthy thing, and we need to fix that problem because otherwise, it just festers and becomes more painful over time." [The Ross Kaminsky Show with Jimmy Sengenberger, 1:16:45, 8/18/26] (AUDIO)

HICKENLOOPER'S OPPONENT SUPPORTED TRUMP'S CUTS TO MEDICAID IN THE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Baisley Said About Trump's Big Beautiful Bill: "I'm Appreciative Of Everything That I've Seen In That Bill." "Name a tax cut in H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, you would make permanent and one you would do away with or change. Mark Baisley REPUBLICAN Baisley said he loves that the bill made permanent nearly all of the federal income tax cuts in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was passed by Republicans in Congress and signed into law by President Donald Trump. He did not name a tax cut provision in H.R. 1 (the One Big Beautiful Bill Act) that he'd do away with. 'I'm appreciative of everything that I've seen in that bill.'" [Colorado Sun, 10/5/26]

Baisley Said He Supported The Work Requirements For Medicaid In The Big Beautiful Bill. "Do you support or oppose the Medicaid work requirements imposed by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act? Mark Baisley REPUBLICAN Baisley said he supports the work requirements and that it should be considered a success whenever someone comes off Medicaid and a failure every time someone is enrolled in the health insurance program for low income and disabled people. He said he is concerned that the work requirements may prevent people who need the program from accessing it, 'but this is not a zero-sum game.'" [Colorado Sun, 10/5/26]

Baisley Argued That Medicaid Cuts In OBBBA Were Designed To Prevent Illegal Immigrants From Obtaining Healthcare Benefits. "Healthcare has become a primary concern among candidates in the general election. Hickenlooper voted against the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, citing his concerns over the legislation's Medicaid cuts. Baisley said the cuts were designed to prevent illegal immigrants from obtaining healthcare benefits. 'It's so critical that we stop requiring Americans to fund healthcare and mental health and so on of folks who are in the country uninvited,' Baisley said. 'They need to go home.'" [The Center Square, 6/18/26]

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Baisley Said He Agreed With Trump Trying To "Cut Back On The The Burden Of Taxation For Medicaid" For Undocumented Immigrants Who Committed Medicaid Fraud. MATT MAURO: "Do you support all the president's major policies and the last year and say three quarters that he's been in office for a second term?" MARK BAISLEY: "Yeah, you know the only one that I can think of that gave me pause was being super aggressive on trying to take control of Greenland, you know. But but yeah, in closing the border, in trying to toss out all those people who are dangerous to

American citizens, who you know we have over 10,000 convicted murderers that are here illegally to chase them out, send them back to their countries, to try to cut back on the the burden of taxation for Medicaid going to folks that are not here legally, and so on. Those are big moves that I'm in heated agreement with for the president." [Fox31 Colorado Point of View, 12:52, 7/25/26] (VIDEO)

HICKENLOOPER'S OPPONENT SAID HE WAS GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF TRUMP'S TARIFFS

Baisley Said He Was Generally In Favor Of Trump's Tariffs And "Would Like To See Tariffs Replace Income Tax" Arguing "Taxing Income Was One Of The Country's Poorest Historical Decisions." "Do you support the tariffs Donald Trump has imposed or tried to impose on imports? Mark Baisley REPUBLICAN Baisley said he is generally in favor of tariffs. 'I would like to see tariffs replace income tax. In my observation, taxing income was one of the country's poorest historical decisions. Requiring every adult to personally account for their income and settle up with 'the state's share' creates enmity between the government and its citizens.'" [Colorado Sun, 10/5/26]