

TRUTH OVER TRICKERY

In his commitment to genuinely inform voters about the perilous policies promoted by six-year incumbent Cindy Roe, Matt Huggans is going above and beyond to provide the necessary resources for voters to understand the absolute truth, despite what he perceives as attempts by Roe to obscure the facts.

A few weeks ago, Republican Matt Huggans began his mission to alert local residents to the great potential harm to our medical privacy as a result of four bills supported by our six-year incumbent state representative, Cindy Roe, one of which was co-sponsored by her.

These bills led to the creation of the Oklahoma Health Information Exchange (HIE), required that all healthcare providers who use Medicaid and Medicare must submit the medical records of their patients to the exchange, and authorized the state's Healthcare Authority to propose far-reaching rules that will have a great implication on our future medical privacy.

Matt's alert can be viewed online at MattHuggans.com.

Matt believes this dangerous new expansion of government could have many potential bad outcomes ranging from the commercialization of our health data to hacking, to a single, government-overseen repository for vaccination tracking and data collection; basically, a one-stop shop for the health bureaucracy to know whether your health decisions are their health decisions.

Then there's the potential for data breaches.

The state spent almost 50 million dollars on a software platform for this project.

That platform was developed by a New Zealand company that, as reported by Australian media, was involved in Australia's health information sharing platform, a platform that a government report cited as allowing providers to access records without patient approval and potentially cross-posting records to account holders who shouldn't have been given access to the data.

That government report has since disappeared from the government's web page but was captured by the Internet Archives Wayback machine and is now preserved at MattHuggans.com for posterity.

The state's process for

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Police, physicians say Oklahoma's system for sharing medical records is unconstitutional

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The state's largest police union and four Oklahoma physicians are going to court against the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and Oklahoma Health Information Exchange, seeking to stop the collection and sale of private health care information.

Detailed in a 43-page lawsuit filed Thursday in Oklahoma County, police and physicians asked the court to declare the statutes which authorized and set up the exchange unconstitutional. The lawsuit seeks a temporary injunction to halt the transfer of private medical information until a court can decide the fate of the information exchange.

Travis Vernier, the police union's attorney, said the action was sparked by a series of laws passed by the Oklahoma Legislature in 2021 and 2022.

Under the bill, any person who provides information and data to the exchange retains a property right to that data but "grants to the other participants or subscribers a nonexclusive license to retrieve and use that information or data under relevant state or federal privacy laws."

awarding the substantial contract was reportedly deeply flawed and arbitrary, costing \$8.1 million more than what a local provider had bid.

Furthermore, the winner of the state contract later formed a partnership with this lower-bidding local provider, prompting significant and justified concern about the integrity of the entire process.

The Orwellian impacts of Senate Bills 1337 and 1369,

which Roe supported, and Senate Bill 574, which Roe authored, are public and well-documented, and they have touched off a very public fight over the government's ability to force the sharing of our medical records.

A sampling of this coverage can be found below.

[Letter from a Health Provider to Their Patients](#)

This letter reveals the costs and the trauma faced

The Fight for Our Medical Privacy: How Cindy Roe's Legislation Threatens to Give Government Control of Our Most Personal Records

Our six-year incumbent State Representative Cindy Roe's liberal votes aren't just something that happens in a vacuum far away at the capitol. Instead, they pose a real-world danger with serious consequences for our future.

Here's just one example: In 2021, Cindy Roe was the lone House co-sponsor of SB 574, and in 2022, she supported SB 1369. These two bills, in tandem, created a network that threatens to consolidate access to our medical records through a centralized system.

The centralization of medical records has long been a goal of medical bureaucrats and was a key aspect of the Obamacare program.

In 2010, Oklahoma voters pushed back against Obamacare by approving a constitutional amendment intended to prevent this type of medical record centralization.

However, acting under the authority provided to them by Roe, government bureaucrats attempted to proceed with their plan regardless of what the Constitution dictates.

They did this by creating a complicated "opt-out" procedure that would have required patients to file paperwork with EVERY medical provider in order to preserve their constitutional rights—provided they managed to find out about the "opt-out" in the first place.

One can only imagine the potential for adverse consequences once the government enables access to our most personal records, ranging from hacking and ransomware to blackmail!

This issue escalated in the fall of 2023 when, using the authority

An Act

Oklahoma Health Care Authority faces lawsuit over digital patient record sharing

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Matt Huggans has dedicated his efforts to informing local voters of actual, detailed facts about the frightening issues brought to us by the uniparty in Oklahoma City, frequently supported by and even authored by our State Representative Cindy Roe. Perhaps no issue provides a better case-in-point than the attempt to expand and centralize access to our health records, our most personal data, long a dream of the Obamacare project. These are complete betrayals of our conservative values.

This in-depth form of communication, it's what the voter deserves from his elected official; and, this is how Matt intends to communication with you, the voter, as your personal state representative in government.

Hard times create strong men, strong men create good times, good times create weak men, and weak men create hard times.

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Cindy Roe for House 2024

It was brought to my attention one of my opponents is once again spreading misinformation because he has not taken the time to do the actual research on a particular bill that I signed onto as a co-author. SB 574, from the 2021 legislative session, established a network that allows healthcare providers, including hospitals and physicians, to exchange health information with one another. It DOES NOT allow the government to see your medical records. Records cannot be viewed unless you are a user of a particular individual electronic health record system. And each individual patient, has to sign a consent form that follows HIPAA privacy standards, in order for their information to be shared from one provider to another (if your provider participates in the health information exchange). For instance, if your primary care provider is local, and you are in the hospital or see a specialist in another town, once you sign consent, your PCP can access those records for a continuity of care. It is the same thing that happens when you sign a release to have records faxed to your PCP. However, with the antiquated way of sharing records via fax, it sometimes takes literally weeks, if you get them at all, to get those records from the other provider or facility. This bill passed the House 93-4, passed the Senate 47-1 and was signed by the Governor. SB 1369 from the 2022 session (which my opponent who once again didn't do his research and reported it was from the 2023 session) was a companion bill that was once again passed overwhelmingly in both chambers and was signed by the Governor. There is still language in the bill that states information cannot be shared unless it is HIPAA compliant, which requires consent from the patient. Please do your research. You can go online and read the actual bill language and see for yourself

by healthcare providers as they were forced to participate in giving up our medical records to the new centralized system.

The letter describes the compliance costs imposed on this unwilling healthcare provider, costs that are likely to be passed on.

Upon reading this letter, one has to ask, what kind of state leader would support this?

[Oklahoman News Story](#)

This story describes how the medical providers are protesting Roe's changes.

[KFOR Coverage](#)

This coverage suggests that 49 percent of Oklahoma counseling providers were considering moving out of state or giving up their license if the proposal had been applied to them.

[The StateImpact Breakdown of the Proposal](#)

This is perhaps the best coverage of the plan. It includes a quote from the

Fraternal Order of Police spokesman stating,

"If this information is uploaded, it just gives one more avenue for someone to use their personal information against them, because keep in mind, this information will be shared with every provider in the state."

[Fraternal Order of Police Fact Sheet](#)

The FOP filed a legal action against the plan. It declares that,

"The creation of the Oklahoma Health Information Exchange is the most dangerous attack on Oklahomans' privacy in the history of the state."

This fact sheet raises the specter that our medical information might be commercialized and sold off, and declares the action to be unconstitutional.

It is a must-read for anyone who wants to know the far-reaching, frightening applications

of Roe's vote and co-sponsorship.

[Oklahoman News Story](#)

The Oklahoman's coverage of the FOP's lawsuit.

[The Single Paragraph from Cindy Roe](#)

In a single-paragraph response, Roe emphatically highlights the inefficiencies of medical record sharing to justify the new government mandate.

However, she omits mention of the private sector health information exchanges and personal health record models.

These systems, driven by the free market and accountable to the patient rather than the government, are already equipped to offer effective solutions.

There's no need for a government mandate.

If a patient wants to use one of the private sector solutions, free from government intrusion, then that is his rightful choice.

In fact, and quite ironically, the government chose one of these private providers to provide the service—on behalf of the government—only now, instead of a medical provider having the free will to choose which network best fits his patients' needs, he will be forced to deal with the government mandates, fees, and regulations.

Roe claims that the sharing will be HIPAA compliant, but in the words of one provider, quoted in the Oklahoman,

"sharing those records across a statewide health information exchange system would violate patients' rights under federal law."

Roe points to the large number of legislators who supported this bill, but that certainly doesn't make it right.

What we should ask is, why couldn't Roe have been

one of the principled few legislators who stood up to the pressure and said, "No!" to the Orwellian government mandate?

Just 13 years since the people of Oklahoma voted to ban centralized medical data, why are so few in the legislature willing to stand up?

It's an extremely sad, heartbreaking state of affairs to see our liberties so trampled by so many legislations, both Democrat and Republican—the Oklahoma City Uniparty—and thus why we must begin again with new liberty-believing legislators, starting by replacing Roe.

Roe also bristled about Huggan's reference to Roe's support for the Healthcare Exchange in 2023.

Huggans had explained that Roe supported SB 1369 in 2023, a bill that required many healthcare providers to participate in the government mandated exchange; to be clear, Roe initially supported SB 1369 in 2022 and then supported an amendment to SB 1369's session law in 2023.

That amendment was in the form of HB 1688; it attempted to Hoover up insurance information into the exchange and tried to assess a penalty of \$1,000 per day on those who didn't comply.

Fortunately, this fourth bill, appeared to finally be one step too far for the Senate.

They killed the bill, notwithstanding the fact that Roe, who is the Chairperson of the Public Health Committee, once again, voted in support.

When the leftists in the Senate believe Roe has gone too far, it's bad.

Finally, Roe asks that the public should read the bills.

But she never gave a link by which the bills can be accessed.

Why is that?

If Roe really wanted the voters to read the bills that she's touting, shouldn't she provide the link?

It's actually Matt Huggans who is providing the links to the bills and who implores local voters to read these bills, to see what Roe is doing.

Here are those bills along with some key points the reader should navigate to in order to see the dastardly nature of these proposals.

[Senate Bill 574](#), co-sponsored by Roe, take special note of Page 3, Subsection E, Paragraph 1:

It grants subscribing third parties a license to use your personal health data, something that you own, as a property right.

The government should never use the law to give a third party a license to use something that you own—especially your most sensitive personal records;

[Senate Bill 1369](#), supported by Roe, Page 3, Subsection C:

Here, many healthcare providers are swept up into the centralized exchange;

[Senate Bill 1337](#), supported by Roe, Page 22, Subsection L:

This requires Medicaid providers to submit their patients' data to the centralized exchange; and

[House Bill 1688](#), supported by Roe, Section 9, Line 9:

It attempts to create a \$1,000 per-day penalty on those who don't submit insurance information to the exchange.

Matt Huggans also suggests that the interested reader, who wishes to be truly informed, shouldn't just read the bills, but should also view the [actual agency-proposed rules](#) that the Healthcare Agency tried to enact pursuant to the Roe-

supported SB 1369.

It's here where the reader will best observe the terrifying new regulations.

Page 5 contains the wide-ranging, costly mandate on healthcare providers as defined on Page 4. Notice the broad sweeping language the gathers up so many different categories of providers.

Now, equipped with all of this knowledge, Matt believes the voter will be prepared to see how Roe's defensive response is actually trickery, an act of covering up for what Roe and the state government are attempting to do: force our medical records into the centralized control of the government.

Matt remains committed to exposing the truth, thus he has taken the time to put together this in-depth response so as to truly inform the voters of the actual dangers we are facing.

It's in clear contrast to the poorly written, single paragraph distributed by Roe.

You need to know, and be aware of the government surveillance state that's being established and worse, of the obfuscation by those who campaign as conservative but are legislating as authoritarians.

And, you need a state representative who will communicate with you in the manner of this publication, with access to the real, usable information from which you can learn understand the full context of these important issues—unfiltered by the media or the political consultants who churn out useless, soundbited mail pieces in order to re-elect the members of the Oklahoma City uniparty.

Fortunately, when the Health Care Authority, acting under the power given to them by Roe's

votes, attempted to mandate the involvement of providers, Governor Kevin Stitt vetoed their attempt; however, Stitt isn't in office much longer, and we should assume that soon after he leaves, the Health Care Authority, still empowered to do this, thanks to Roe's vote, will attempt to do so again.

That's why we must elect new representatives who will repeal Roe's actions and bring state law back into compliance with the state constitution, and implement the will of the people: the clear Constitutional prohibition on centralizing access to medical data.

The fight against the government surveillance state is taking place on many fronts.

This includes the transportation plan known as track-and-tax, a plan already advanced once with the full support of Roe, that would literally turn every Oklahoma road into a toll road.

This plan is expected to return for another vote—after this year's election.

And, that's why we must elect strong, informed representatives who recognize the challenges of our times and the urgency of protecting our freedoms.

Allowing ineffective leaders like Roe to remain in office risks depriving future generations of the liberties our forefathers sacrificed so much to bequeath to us.

The responsibility to safeguard these freedoms is too significant to neglect and that's why, on June 18th, we must elect Matt Huggans as our next state representative and send a message to the whole State of Oklahoma, "*Cindy Roe's big-government healthcare information sharing scheme has no place in our state!*"

In 2023, Our State Representative, CINDY ROE MISSED 124 Votes. Roe Failed to Represent Us in 12% of All Votes During 2023.

You are Cindy Roe's employer, and on June 18th, when you vote for Matt Huggans, you are sending a message, "*We expect our representative to actually cast a vote to represent our values, and do the job they are paid to do!*"

Even worse, when she did manage to vote, Roe voted "Yes" 94.91% of the time. She only voted "No" 46 times. She voted "No" far fewer times than not voting at all.

This lazy legislative work is indicative of someone who likely rubber stamps, isn't focusing on the bills and isn't attempting to weed out the bad proposals. This in part explains why *The Oklahoma Conservative Index*, since 1979, Oklahoma's gold standard for grading the conservative/liberal votes of the legislature, scored Roe's 2023 votes as just 40% conservative.

It's a lazy employee who misses their most important job 12% of the time and then appears to simply hit the "Yes" button for 94.91% of the vote. We need to fire Roe and hire someone new who will do the job "*right.*" Matt Huggans.

