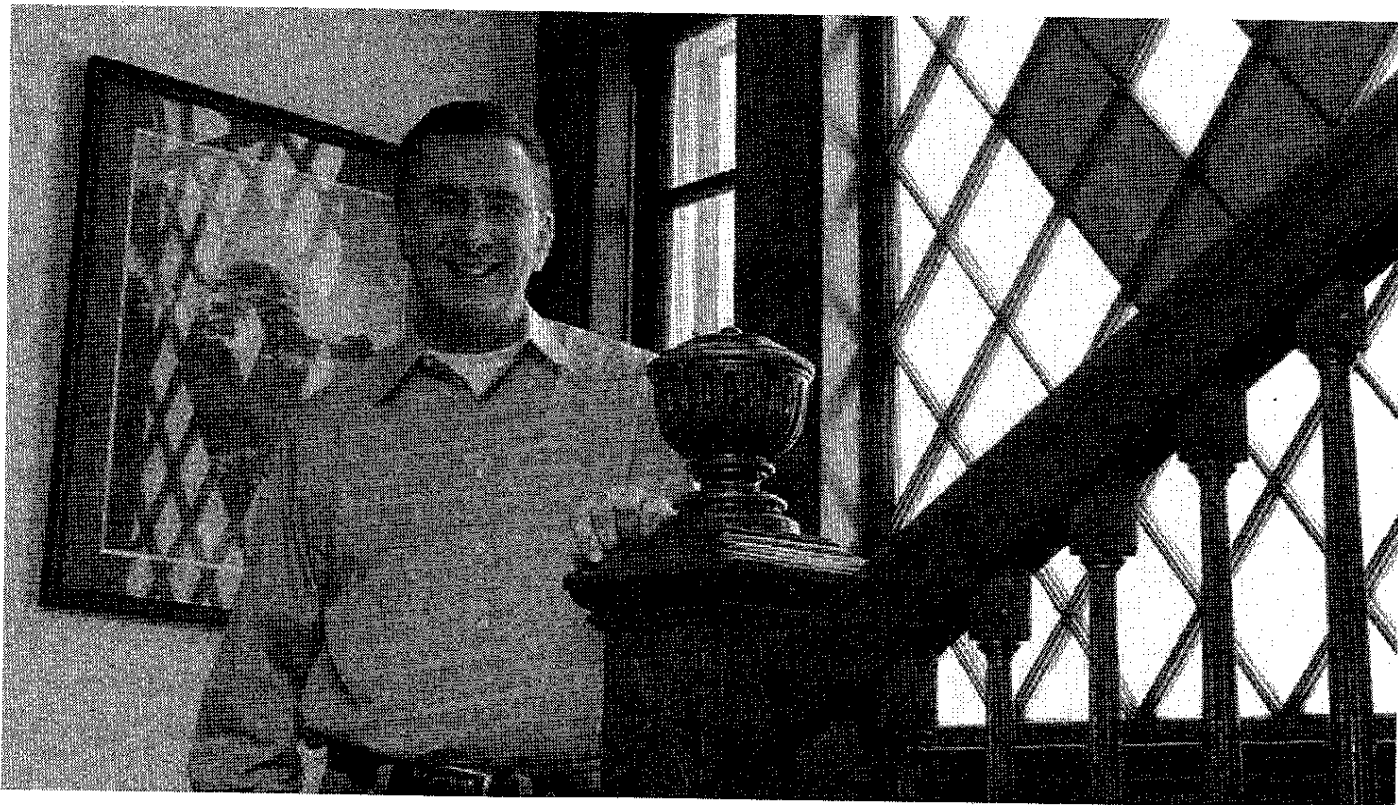


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## No free pass for Obamacare supporters on Gruber's comments



Economist Jonathan Gruber (Charles Krupa / Associated Press)

**To the editor:** You far too blithely ask us to move past economist Jonathan Gruber's cynical but revealing comments about the Affordable Care Act. His comments betray a willingness of the law's supporters during congressional debate to adopt descriptions of the legislation that they thought would be more palatable than more plain and accurate language. ("Economist Jonathan Gruber's Obamacare comments show his cynicism," Editorial, Nov. 18)

You fail to cite some of Gruber's other comments, such as what he said about the intentional limitation of insurance subsidies to those buying policies on state exchanges and his admission that the tax on high-end plans was portrayed as being imposed on insurers because it could not be "sold" as a tax on individuals with such plans.

Neither Gruber nor the president nor those in Congress who were fooled or did the fooling

should be given a pass just because The Times thinks the law is a good thing.

*Jeffrey C. Briggs, Hollywood*

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