

Karen Handel (GA-06) Research Report

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Georgia's 6th Congressional District

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Key Findings

Handel Was Bad For Georgians' Health

Handel Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act. *Handel supported repealing the ACA, arguing as early as 2010 that the bill was bad for states, and continued to oppose the ACA in 2020. She wrongly called the ACA “the largest tax increase of my lifetime,” and was called out by Politifact for her false claim. She also argued that the ACA was bad for business, as it was hampering job growth and raising taxes on small businesses. Although she was not a Member of Congress at the time, Handel was on record saying she would have supported the American Health Care Act, which weakened protections for pre-existing conditions and created an age tax on older Americans.*

Handel Voted Twice To Block CHIP Funding. *As a member of Congress, Handel voted twice to block CHIP funding, on two separate occasions in January 2018.*

Handel Was Bankrolled By Companies Implicated In The Opioid Crisis, Even Though The Opioid Crisis Had Devastated Her District. *Handel took thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from companies implicated in the opioid crisis, including Abbott Laboratories, Johnson & Johnson, and Express Scripts. This was in spite of the fact that Handel’s district, GA-06, had been devastated by the opioid crisis, and had higher opioid fatality rates than the state of Georgia writ-large.*

Handel Put The Interests Of Party Bosses Over Georgians

Handel Voted For The 2017 Republican Tax Scam. *Handel voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which provided huge tax cuts to large corporations, ballooned the debt, and stripped 13 million Americans of their health care. Handel also voted to make several provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent.*

Handel Supported Weakening The Social Safety Net. *Handel also supported “flexibility” with Medicare and Medicaid dollars, and voted as a member of Congress for a budget that would gut Medicare. Handel also supported privatizing Social Security and voted for a budget that raised the Social Security retirement age, even though 96,325 received some Social Security benefits.*

Handel Voted Against Gun Safety Measures And Was Funded By The NRA. *The NRA spent nearly \$100,000 to support Handel during the 2018 election cycle. As a member of Congress, Handel voted twice to block consideration of three bills to close gun safety loopholes, and voted in favor of permitting concealed carry reciprocity between states.*

Handel Was Bad For Georgia Women. *When she was in Congress, Handel voted to block consideration of reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, and voted for a 20-week abortion ban that critics argued was unconstitutional. When she was a Fulton County Commissioner and a gubernatorial candidate, Handel supported state and county funding for Planned Parenthood; however, she backtracked on these positions later in her political career, after she began facing criticism from pro-life groups over her previous stances. When Handel worked for the Komen Foundation, she pushed for the organization to cut all of its ties with Planned Parenthood. As a result, the group lost \$77 million in donations, as it had to withdraw from several events. Handel eventually resigned from Komen, but her critics said the controversy had positioned her to set herself up as a “pro-life martyr.” As a county commissioner, Handel opposed funding conferences designed to empower young women and help prevent domestic violence. Throughout her political career, Handel has been endorsed three times by the Susan B. Anthony list, a prominent pro-life group.*

Handel Was Bad For Workers And Voted Against A Minimum Wage Increase, Saying That The Government Had “No Business” Setting Wages. *Throughout her career, Handel repeatedly voted to block efforts*

to increase the minimum wage, both in Georgia and at the federal levels. In 2017, Handel voted against raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour in seven years, and in 2014 she opposed a \$10.10 minimum wage in Georgia, even though the state's minimum wage at the time was only \$5.15 per hour. In 2014, she also declared that the government had "no business" setting a minimum wage.

Handel Was Bad For Public Education. Handel voted to slash Pell Grant funding, even though constituents in her district received a total of nearly \$29 million in Pell Grant funding in 2017. When she was a Fulton County Commissioner, Handel strongly supported a state commission to create new charter schools and bypass local school boards in the process. The proposed commission would have minimal accountability, and weaken public education in the process. Handel also supported allowing teacher pensions to be used to make risky corporate investments, for Georgia-based startups and small businesses.

Handel Was Bad For Immigrants. In Congress, Handel voted for a hardline conservative immigration bill, that criminalized undocumented immigrants and funded the border wall. She supported ending DACA, and voted twenty-one times to block the DREAM Act. She also voted to block consideration of a bill barring DHS from separating immigrant families, and to block a bill prohibiting the use of private for-profit detention facilities. On a day when she served as presiding officer in the House of Representatives, Handel also called the House Sergeant of Arms on a Democratic member who played audio on the House floor of children in detention facilities.

Handel Was Part Of The Swamp, From Atlanta To Washington DC

Handel Had Been Cozy With Lobbyists Throughout Her Political Career. Handel was herself a lobbyist, and got her career start working for an "influential DC lobbyist." Handel had also been bankrolled by lobbyists throughout her political career. She took thousands of dollars in contributions from lobbyists in DC and Georgia, and had taken a variety of gifts and awards from lobbyists throughout her career. Handel also argued that corporate lobbyists were just your friendly neighbors, fighting for what's best for you.

After Leaving Congress, Handel Quickly Established A Firm Offering Business And Public Policy Consulting, While Using Her Years Of Business Experience And Public Service As A Selling Point. On January 2, 2019, Handel established Cogent Strategies, LLC – a firm offering business development, communications and public policy consulting. Handel served as president of the firm and flaunted her "25+ years of business and elected experience" as a selling point.

Handel Was Accused Of Using Taxpayer Funds To Rent A Luxury Vehicle When She Was Secretary Of State. In her 2014 gubernatorial run, Handel was accused of using taxpayer funds to rent a luxury SUV. Although she could have used a state vehicle, Handel instead opted to receive a stipend of nearly \$600 per month to drive her own luxury Lexus SUV. To add insult to injury, Handel had in the past voted to make it more difficult for County Commissioners to use police vehicles to attend official events.

Handel's Offices Spent Taxpayer Money Recklessly. Handel's office budgets rose over 40% when she was Secretary of State and a County Commissioner, and she paid her Chief of Staff over \$40,000 more than the next highest paid Chief. While her office was spending lavishly, Handel was simultaneously laying off state employees and calling for budget cuts to offset costs.

Handel's Congressional Office Paid Over \$100,000 In Rent To One Of Her Biggest Donors. When she served in Congress, Handel's office paid nearly \$100,000 in rent to a company called Mimms Mill LLC. Mimms Mill was owned by Malon Mimms – who, along with family members, had given Handel over \$18,000.

Handel Worked To Impede Georgians' Voting Rights. In 2009, as Secretary of State, Handel tried to force through a voter verification system that purged eligible voters from the role. The system flagged almost 200,000 people, thousands of whom had to end up proving they were citizens in order to vote. Handel's system was rebuked by the U.S. Department of Justice. Moreover, Handel refused to extend early voting hours in 2008, despite

extremely long lines to vote in Georgia. Additionally, Handel personally championed a discriminatory voter ID statute in 2005, which disproportionately affected African-American, Hispanic, and Asian communities.

Handel Is A Career Politician Who Keeps Running For Higher Office. *Handel is an opportunist who keeps trying to climb the ladder. She has been running for office for nearly 15 years, and has often clashed with her fellow Republicans, as she has a history of running acrimonious campaigns.*

Thematics

Handel Was Bad For Georgians' Health

Significant Findings

- ✓ 2020: Handel argued the Affordable Care Act was “not working” and called for “market-driven, patient-centered” health care solutions.
- ✓ Handel strongly supported repealing the Affordable Care Act.
 - ✓ Handel supported repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with a plan to allow tax credits based on age.
 - ✓ Handel argued that the Affordable Care Act was costly, and claimed it was denying single mothers coverage.
 - ✓ Handel falsely claimed that the Affordable Care Act was the “largest tax increase in [her] lifetime” and called for repealing it.
 - ✓ Politifact found that Handel’s claim was “false.”
- ✓ Handel argued the Affordable Care Act would bankrupt the nation.
 - ✓ Handel argued the Affordable Care Act would cost Georgia more than \$1 billion annually and was fiscally unsustainable.
- ✓ Handel argued the Affordable Care Act was bad for businesses.
 - ✓ Handel argued the Affordable Care Act was hampering job growth and hurting small businesses with new taxes.
- ✓ Although Handel was not in Congress yet for the vote on the American Health Care Act, she applauded the bill’s provision to repeal Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate.
 - ✓ At a debate, Handel said she would have voted for the American Health Care Act.
- ✓ Handel voted twice to block CHIP funding.
- ✓ Handel took thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from opioid manufacturers while the opioid crisis hit Georgia’s 6th Congressional District especially hard.

Handel Was In Favor Of Repealing The Affordable Care Act

2020: Handel Argued That The ACA Was “Not Working” And Called For “Market-Driven, Patient Centered” Health Care Solutions

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Medicare For All That Would Lead To “Government-Run Healthcare.” “Unfortunately, the ACA is just not working for too many Americans. The answer is not more government control – like the Democrat plan for ‘Medicare for All’ that will force you into government-run healthcare and make your work insurance plan illegal.” [Karen Handel for Congress, accessed [5/8/20](#)]

Handel Called For “Market-Driven, Patient Centered” Health Care Solutions

Handel Called For “Market-Driven, Patient Centered” Health Care Solutions, Such As Direct Contact Primary Care And Higher Cost Transparency. “What we need are market-driven, patient-centered solutions that give you more choices for insurance plans, doctors, and even how you pay for your healthcare. New approaches – like direct contract primary care – are injecting much-needed competition into the healthcare space. More competition and real cost transparency will help lower costs.” [Karen Handel for Congress, accessed [5/8/20](#)]

Handel Strongly Supported Repealing The ACA

2014: Handel Supported Repealing The ACA And Replacing It With A Plan To Allow Tax Credits Based On Age

2014: Handel Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act, And Replacing It With Rep. Price’s Plan. “Handel also favors repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with a plan championed by U.S. Rep. Tom Price, another Republican from Handel’s hometown of Roswell.” [Macon Telegraph, [2/5/14](#)]

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Price’s Health Care Plan Was The Basis For The 2017 House Republican Health Care Plan. “He was among the first and only House Republicans to offer a comprehensive alternative to Obamacare as early as 2009. The Empowering Patients First Act later became the starter dough for the current GOP replacement bill, but it was stricter in some aspects, including in its immediate repeal of the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid expansion.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/20/17](#)]

Price’s Plan Included Tearing Down The Exchanges And Giving People Tax Credits Based On Age, Not Income, To Help Afford Health Care. “Price’s vision, now shared by 63 Republican co-sponsors, is to tear down Obamacare’s insurance “exchanges,” mandates and minimum requirements for health plans. People would get tax credits based on how old they are to help them buy insurance on individual markets. The federal government would give grants to states to set up high-risk and reinsurance pools for those who cannot find insurance on the individual market.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/23/15](#)]

2014: Handel Was In Favor Of Repealing And Replacing The ACA

Handel Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act, And Said 3.5 Million People Received Cancellation Notices After The Affordable Care Act Was Passed. “A former Georgia secretary of state and chair of the Fulton County Commission, Handel said she’s eager to address what she sees as a national fiscal crisis perpetuated by the Obama administration, first by repealing the Affordable Care Act, sometimes known as ‘ObamaCare.’ Handel cites a number of reasons for its repeal, saying that 3.5 million Americans have received health insurance cancellation notices on their private policies, the high cost to taxpayers of the Affordable Care Act web site and the higher cost of medical care.” [Albany Herald, [4/26/14](#)]

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Handel Argued That The ACA Was Costly, And Claimed That It Was Denying Single Mothers Health Care Coverage

Handel Cited A New York Times Article On Single Mothers Being Denied Coverage Under The Affordable Care Act, But Did Not Note That They Would Be Covered By Medicaid Expansion. “Handel also cites an article in The New York Times that two-third of America’s poor blacks and single mothers will be denied coverage by the act. The Times article noted that most of those passed over by the plan are in states with Republican administrations that have not expanded Medicaid under the act’s provisions.” [Albany Herald, [4/26/14](#)]

2013: Handel Ran Primary Ads Focusing On The ACA’s Unpopularity

Handel Couldn’t Vote To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, So She Used Its Unpopularity To Run Ads Against Her Primary Opponents Over Special Treatment. In November 2013, National Journal reported: “Former Secretary of State Karen Handel, another contender for the GOP nod, can’t vote to repeal the law but that’s not stopping her from using its unpopularity to her own advantage. She’s running radio ads criticizing members of Congress for receiving special treatment under Obamacare. The ads don’t call out her competitors by name, but the spots ran on radio stations in all three of their districts.” [National Journal, [11/22/13](#)]

2013: Handel Argued In Favor Of Community Health Care Centers As A National Health Care Model

Handel Said Though The Affordable Care Act Must Be Repealed, The Problem Of Health Care Can’t Be Ignored After And Said Community Health Centers Could Be Used As A Model. In June 2013 at a Fulton County Barbeque, Handel said: “As we work to do away with Obamacare we can’t just do away and ignore the problem of healthcare we need to have a new program that is market driven and patient centered. And let’s take a look at the network of 9,000 community health centers in this country that are already serving some 22,000,000 Americans today who are poor and in need of healthcare.” [Fulton County GOP Barbeque, 6/30/13]

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Handel On Repealing The Affordable Care Act: “Sometimes You Just Have To Have The Line In The Sand, And We Are At That Place”

Handel On Repealing The Affordable Care Act: “Sometimes You Just Have To Have The Line In The Sand, And We Are At That Place.” In August 2013, Rome News-Tribune reported: “Handel also called for the full repeal of Obamacare, formally known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and lambasted Congress members that passed the law without completely reading it. ‘Sometimes you just have to have the line in the sand, and we are at that place,’ Handel said of repealing Obamacare.” [Rome News-Tribune, [8/7/13](#)]

2010: Handel Opposed Long-Term Health Care Reform Efforts And Argued They Were Overly Complex

Handel: “The More We Learn About Obamacare, The Worse It Looks.” “The more we learn abt Obamacare, the worse it looks. States R going 2 get saddled w/ a massive \$\$ hit.” [Karen Handel Twitter, [4/1/10](#)]

Handel Wrote That She Was Concerned About Both The Short And Long-Term Impacts Of National Health Care Reform. Handel wrote on health care reform in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution: “I am very concerned about the short- and long-term impacts of national health care reform on our state. As governor, my first priority on health care will be to ensure that our senators and representatives understand the serious ramifications of the law and then to work with them to try to get it repealed or fixed. Additionally, I will continue to aggressively pursue the state’s litigation on this issue.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/11/10](#)]

Handel Believed That Health Care Reform Was A “Boondoggle.” Handel was asked about health care reform, specifically the public option: “Not surprisingly, there is near unanimity among Republicans: They’d opt out, and fast, and the entire exercise is a ‘boondoggle,’ as Republican Karen Handel, the current secretary of state, put it.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/20/09](#)]

Handel Argued The Affordable Care Act Would Bankrupt The Country

Handel Argued That The ACA Would Cost Georgia More Than \$1 Billion Annually

Handel Argued That The “Unfunded Mandate” From The Affordable Care Act Was More Than \$1 Billion Annually For Georgia. Handel wrote on health care reform in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution: “Estimates show that the unfunded mandate for Georgia is more than \$1 billion annually. Even during the best of times, this would be unmanageable. In these severe budget times, it is impossible.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/11/10](#)]

Handel Said The ACA Would “Bankrupt” The Country And Was Fiscally Unsustainable

Handel Called The Affordable Care Act Federalization Of Our Health Care System With An Unsustainable Price Tag. In July 2013 on Zpolitics podcast, Handel said: “What I would be doing is standing strong with Senator Lee that we need to put a line in the sand, and we cannot blink on this. We know how bad this policy is, it’s a federalization of our healthcare system and equally as important, the price tag is one that is unsustainable for America.” [Zpolitics podcast, 7/31/13]

NOTE: This citation is from the 2017 book. The original source is not available online.

Handel Said It Was Impossible To Move Forward With The Affordable Care Act Under The Current Financial Circumstances. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Byron County Republicans, Handel said: “This bill, Obamacare, is going to cost trillions of dollars, folks, trillions. Even if people who agree with it, we cannot afford it. We cannot do it. It is just impossible to move forward with it under the financial circumstances that we have.” [Byron County Republican meeting, 7/29/13]

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Handel: “Obamacare Is A Monstrosity That Will Bankrupt This Nation.” In May 2013, Daily Citizen reported: “Handel said she supports the repeal of the 2010 Affordable Care Act. ‘Obamacare is a monstrosity that will bankrupt this nation,’ she said.” [Daily Citizen, [5/22/13](#)]

Handel Falsely Claimed The Affordable Care Was “The Single Largest Tax Increase In [Her] Lifetime” And Called For It To Be Repealed

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...But, Politifact Determined That Handel’s Claim Was “False”

Politifact Determined That Handel’s Claim Was “False.” “We looked at the scale of the Affordable Care Act taxes and found that Handel is mistaken. In terms of the dollar amounts, there were three years that topped the

Obamacare tax increases. Relative to the size of the economy (using the metric of the gross domestic product) six tax increases were higher. [...] To fully test Handel's statement, we picked the year with the highest amount for each bill. (Tempalski provided a 4-year average but that diluted the magnitude of the Obamacare taxes.) With that approach, three tax increases were larger. The Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968 (Johnson), the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (Reagan) and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Clinton) ranked above the Affordable Care Act tax impact." [Politifact, [9/11/17](#)]

Handel Argued That The ACA Was Bad For Businesses

Handel Argued That The ACA Was Hampering Job Growth And Hurting Small Businesses With New Taxes

Handel: The Affordable Care Act Contains 18 News Taxes, \$800 Billion In New Taxes, That Will Absolutely Crush Small Business. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Byron County Republicans, Handel said: "In addition to the cost to it, did you know that there are 18 new taxes in Obamacare? Totaling \$800 billion dollars in new taxes. \$800 billion. It is going to crush small businesses. Absolutely crush small businesses. As I've traveled around the state, they tell me. They talk about it." [Byron County Republican meeting, 7/29/13]

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Handel Said The Delay Implementing The Employer Mandate Was Creating Even More Uncertainty In The Business Community, Hurting Job Growth. In July 2013 during a meeting of the Athens County Republican Party, Handel said: "But one of the single biggest threats to job growth now is Obamacare. We must repeal Obamacare, and now with the delay of a year, all we've done is created even more uncertainty within the business community of not knowing which way that things are going to go. Those things together are hurting job growth." [Handel at Athens GOP meeting, 7/8/13]

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Handel Called On President Obama To Make A Choice Between Implementing The ACA, Or Helping Small Businesses

Handel Called For The President To Choose What Is More Important – Implementing His Signature Piece Of Legislation Or Helping The American People And Small Business By Killing The Affordable Care Act. In August 2013 at a Muscogee County GOP meeting, Handel said: "The real question for president Obama, for Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi is the following: what is more important to you? Is it most important to you to help American families and make sure that we don't cost them more money and hinder their healthcare? Is it more important to be supportive of small businesses in the business climate in America? Or is it most important to you to pass your signature, implement your signature piece of policy that you know is failed and flawed? Is that the most important? The president must choose. His legacy or what is right and just for the American people and the American company." [Muscogee GOP meeting, 8/13/13]

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Handel Supported The American Health Care Act

Handel Did Not Vote On The AHCA, But Indicated She Supported The Bill And Was Glad That It Repealed The ACA's Individual Mandate

2017: Handel Said The Republican Health Care Replacement Bill Needed More Work, But Was Glad It Repealed The Individual Mandate And Eliminated The Medical Device Tax. "Hill and former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel (R) both said the bill needed more work, though Handel noted she was glad it

‘repeals the individual mandate and eliminates the medical device tax.’” [The Hotline, [3/9/17](#)]

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At A Debate, Handel Said She Would Have Voted For The American Health Care Act. “[00:30:57]

HANDEL: You know, once again, Congress failed to deliver on its promise, its commitment, to not only the people of the 6th, but to Americans. For six years—six years!—there was talk of repealing and replacing and we had the opportunity to do it—was the bill perfect? No. But I would not have allowed the pursuit of perfection to keep us from doing that repeal and replace and moving forward with some progress for businesses and American families. Obamacare has been the single biggest intrusion into our lives in my lifetime. It is telling us who our doctors are gonna be, our premiums have skyrocketed. We made—Congress made a promise to the people of this country, they failed to deliver. As your Congressman, for the 6th district, I will deliver because I understand how to get things done and my track record shows it.” [BrandBank Candidate Forum, [3/29/17](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Gut Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions

Politifact Found That AHCA “Would Weaken Protections” For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions,

“Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More.” “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.”

[Politifact, [5/24/17](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Lead To 23 Million More Uninsured – Disproportionally Older People With Lower Incomes

CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026.

“CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

CBO Found Increase In Uninsured Would Disproportionately Impact Older People With Lower Income.

“Although the agencies expect that the legislation would increase the number of uninsured broadly, the increase would be disproportionately larger among older people with lower income—particularly people between 50 and 64 years old with income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see Figure 2).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

CBO: Even In States Without Waivers, More People Would Be Uninsured Than Under Current Law.

“CBO and JCT expect that under the current version of the legislation, the effects on health insurance coverage would be similar to those previously estimated for the half of the population that resides in states that would not obtain a waiver from the EHB or community-rating requirements. In general, under H.R. 1628, as passed by the House, fewer people would have coverage through the nongroup market, Medicaid, and employment-based coverage, and more people would be uninsured in those areas than under current law.” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Create An Age Tax On Older Americans

American Health Care Act Allows Insurers To Charge Older Customers Five Times More Than Younger Adults. “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older

customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

New York Times: ACHA Achieved Lower Premiums Not Through Increased Choice And Competition, But By Making Health Insurance So Unaffordable For Many Older Americans They Would Leave The Market. “There are a lot of unpleasant numbers for Republicans in the Congressional Budget Office’s assessment of their health care bill. But congressional leadership found one to cheer: The report says that the bill will eventually cut the average insurance premiums for people who buy their own insurance by 10 percent. [...] But the way the bill achieves those lower average premiums has little to do with increased choice and competition. It depends, rather, on penalizing older patients and rewarding younger ones. According to the C.B.O. report, the bill would make health insurance so unaffordable for many older Americans that they would simply leave the market and join the ranks of the uninsured.” [New York Times, [3/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Twice To Block CHIP Funding

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP. In January 2018, Handel voted for Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative McEachin's bill, H.R. 4820, the Advancing Seniors and Kids Act. [...] It permanently reauthorizes CHIP; it reauthorizes community health centers for 2 years; and it includes other vital healthcare programs that provide relief to pregnant women, seniors, and many more.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote against considering permanently reauthorizing CHIP. The motion was agreed to 229-190. [H.R. 4712, [Vote #29](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#); Congressional Record, [1/18/18](#)]

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Handel Was Bankrolled By Companies Implicated In The Opioid Crisis, Even Though Opioids Had Devasted Her Congressional District

Handel Took Thousands Of Dollars From Companies Implicated In The Opioid Crisis

Handel Took \$1,000 From Abbott Laboratories, “A Crucial Partner In The Aggressive—And Misleading—Selling Of OxyContin”

Handel Received \$1,000 From Abbott Laboratories. On May 31, 2017, Handel’s campaign received \$1,000 from Abbott Laboratories’ PAC. [FEC, [5/31/17](#)]

Abbott Was “A Crucial Partner In The Aggressive—And Misleading—Selling Of OxyContin.” In September 2016, Stat reported: “Purdue Pharma LP, the Connecticut company that developed OxyContin, has been vilified for planting the seeds of today’s opioid crisis, which kills an estimated 78 Americans a day. But the role of Abbott in pushing the drug has largely escaped notice. The documents reveal it was a crucial partner in the aggressive — and misleading — selling of OxyContin during its first decade on the market.” [Stat, [9/22/16](#)]

Abbott Sales Reps Were Instructed To Downplay The Threat Of Addiction With OxyContin. In September 2016, STAT News reported: “The documents include internal Abbott and Purdue memos, as well as sales documents and marketing materials. They show that Abbott sales reps were instructed to downplay the threat of addiction with OxyContin and make other claims to doctors that had no scientific basis. The sales reps from the two companies closely coordinated their efforts, met regularly to strategize, and shared marketing materials.” [STAT News, [9/22/16](#)]

Handel Took Money From AmerisourceBergen, Which Was Had To Pay Part Of A \$260 Million Settlement Over Their Role In The Opioid Crisis

Handel Received \$1,000 From AmerisourceBergen. On May 2, 2018, Handel’s campaign received \$1,000 from AmerisourceBergen PAC. [FEC, [5/2/18](#)]

AmerisourceBergen And Other Drug Distributors Were Forced To Pay \$260 Million To Settle Lawsuit Over Their Role In The Opioid Crisis. In October 2019, the Wall Street Journal reported: “A \$260 million late-night settlement between four drug companies and two Ohio counties averted a trial here over who is to blame for the opioid crisis, clearing the way for broader talks aimed at resolving thousands of opioid-addiction cases nationwide. [...] For now, Monday’s deal will direct \$215 million to Ohio’s Cuyahoga and Summit counties from the country’s top drug distributors: McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corp. The counties—which encompass the Cleveland and Akron metro areas—will also receive \$20 million in cash and the donation of \$25 million in addiction-treatment drugs from Israel-based drug manufacturer Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.” [Wall Street Journal, [10/21/19](#)]

At A Pharmacy In New York, Three-Fourths Of The Prescriptions Supplied By AmerisourceBergen Were Written By Doctors Who Were Later Indicted Or Convicted. In April 2019, the New York Times reported: “Three-fourths of prescriptions at a Queens pharmacy supplied by Amerisource were written by doctors who were later indicted or convicted, the New York complaint said.” [New York Times, [4/22/19](#)]

Handel Took Money From Express Scripts, Which Was Sued Over Their Role In Driving The Opioid Epidemic “On The Basis Of Increasing Profits From The Drugs”

Handel Received \$5,000 From Express Scripts. On May 21, 2017, Handel’s campaign received \$5,000 from Express Scripts PAC. [FEC, [5/21/17](#)]

Webb County, TX Sued Express Scripts And Other Pharmacy Benefit Managers, Alleging They “Drove The Opioid Epidemic On The Basis Of Increasing Profits From The Drugs.” In March 2018, Pharmacy Times reported: “A suit filed in Webb County, TX, in January was recently absorbed into a hefty lawsuit in Ohio that picks up claims from across the country, STAT reported. The Webb County lawsuit alleges that PBMs drove the opioid epidemic on the basis of increasing profits from the drugs. ‘We see them as an absolutely essential part of this scheme,’ Webb County lawyer Joanne Cicala told STAT. ‘They made sure these drugs were dispensed and they controlled their flow out into the communities.’ The lawsuit not only targets the 3 largest PBMs—CVS, Express Scripts, and OptumRx—but also include claims against smaller PBMs that operate in Texas—Navitus Health Solutions and Prime Therapeutics, according to the article. The suit alleges that manufacturers and wholesalers participated in fraud, conspiracy, and racketeering, which fueled the opioid epidemic.” [Pharmacy Times, [3/1/18](#)]

Handel Took Money From Johnson & Johnson, One Of The Biggest Players In The Crisis Who Will Have To Pay A \$465 Million Settlement

Handel Received \$2,000 From Johnson & Johnson. In June and December of 2017, Handel’s campaign received a total of \$2,000 from Johnson & Johnson PAC. [FEC, [6/20/17](#); FEC, [12/22/17](#)]

Johnson & Johnson Was Forced To Pay \$465 Million To Settle Lawsuit Over Their Role In The Opioid Crisis. In November 2019, NPR reported: “A global megacorporation best known for Band-Aids and baby powder is now on the hook for about \$107 million less than originally anticipated over its role in Oklahoma's opioid crisis. In a judgment filed Friday, state District Judge Thad Balkman revised an earlier ruling against Johnson & Johnson and told the drugmaker to make a onetime payment of \$465 million — not the \$572 million he had originally ordered.” [NPR, [11/15/19](#)]

Johnson & Johnson Was “Found Liable For Overly Aggressive And Deceptive Marketing Practices That Helped Lead To Thousands Of Overdose Deaths.” In November 2019, NPR reported: “In the Oklahoma case, the first state lawsuit to make it to trial, the answer to the first question was yes — Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals were found liable for overly aggressive and deceptive marketing practices that helped lead to thousands of overdose deaths.” [NPR, [11/15/19](#)]

The Opioid Crisis Was Worse In Georgia’s 6th Congressional District Than In Many Other Parts Of Georgia

2018: Opioid Overdose Rates In Cobb County Were Higher Than Several Neighboring Counties, And Georgia As A Whole

2018: The Rate Of Deaths From Opioid Overdose In Cobb County Was Higher Than Fulton, Gwinnett, And DeKalb Counties, As Well As The State As A Whole. In December 2019, the Marietta Daily Journal reported: “A federally funded program is being rolled out in Cobb County to help prevent opioid overdoses. The Cobb Opioid Fatality Review Project is about agencies partnering to create a better network of behavioral health services in the community. The goal is to drive down the county’s opioid overdose death rate, which in 2018 was higher than the state’s as well as the rates in Fulton, Gwinnett and DeKalb counties.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [12/18/19](#)]

Cities In GA-06 “Have Seen Shark Spikes In Opioid-Related Deaths In Recent Years.” In June 2018, the Alpharetta Roswell Herald reported: “Atlanta’s northern suburbs, including Alpharetta, Roswell and Johns Creek, have seen sharp spikes in opioid-related deaths in recent years.” [Alpharetta Roswell Herald, [6/13/18](#)]

2018: The Opioid Epidemic Caused Fatality Rates To Spike In The Atlanta Metro Area

“The Opioid Epidemic Is Killing People In Parts Of Metro Atlanta That Have Previously Had Low Rates Of Premature Death,” And The “Drive Has Been Prescriptions For Pain-Relief Opioids.” In May 2018, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported: “A new analysis released by the Atlanta Regional Commission last week showed how the opioid epidemic is killing people in parts of metro Atlanta that have previously had low rates of premature death. The driver has been prescriptions for pain-relief opioids such as oxycodone or hydrocodone, in which the patient can get hooked or in which other people steal the patient’s pills.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/6/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Opioids Feed Surge In Atlanta Region’s Fatal Overdoses.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/1/18](#)]

Handel Put The Interests Of Party Bosses Over Georgians

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel voted for the 2017 Republican Tax Scam.*
- ✓ *Handel supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which benefited large corporations and the wealthiest Americans, ballooned the debt, and stripped 13 million Americans of their health care.*
- ✓ *Handel supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and said the bill would “get this economy moving in a way that we have not seen certainly in probably two decades.”*
- ✓ *Home Depot, UPS, and AT&T – all Handel donors – saved billions of dollars thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.*
- ✓ *The pharma industry, which has given Handel \$13,000, reaped “huge rewards” from the tax bill.*
- ✓ *Handel supported weakening the social safety net.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for Republican budgets that gutted Medicare and raised the retirement age for Social Security.*
- ✓ *Handel supported privatizing Social Security.*
- ✓ *Handel had a dangerous record on guns and was funded by the NRA.*
- ✓ *Handel was funded by the NRA and its “dark money affiliate.”*
- ✓ *In the wake of the Parkland shooting, Handel was asked about gun safety, but deflected and did not mention guns at all, instead speaking about mental health.*
- ✓ *Handel voted twice to block consideration of three bills to close gun safety loopholes.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to permit concealed carry reciprocity between states.*
- ✓ *Handel was bad for Georgia women.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for blocking consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.*
- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted in favor of a 20 week abortion ban, which critics argued was unconstitutional.*
- ✓ *Handel was an opportunistic supporter of Planned Parenthood when it suited her political interests. As a County Commissioner, Handel voted to authorize Planned Parenthood funding, noting that the money would be used for services other than abortion.*
- ✓ *However, when Handel ran for Governor, she reneged on her support for Planned Parenthood, and drew attacks from pro-life groups for her inconsistent record on abortion issues.*

- ✓ *When she was an executive at the Susan G. Komen foundation, Handel was responsible for coercing the group to cut ties with Planned Parenthood, ultimately costing the group around \$77 million.*
- ✓ *Handel was bad for workers.*
- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted to block a bill to increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour and had previously stated that the government had “no business” setting wages for the private sector.*
- ✓ *Handel was bad for public education.*
- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted for the FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution, which would cut over \$75 billion in Pell Grant funding, even though students in Handel’s district received 7,555 Pell Grants worth \$29,401,472.*
- ✓ *Handel supported allowing Georgia teacher pension funds to be used for risky venture capital investments.*
- ✓ *Handel was bad for immigrants.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for a hardline conservative immigration bill that criminalized undocumented immigration and funded the border wall.*
- ✓ *Handel supported ending DACA.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to block the DREAM Act twenty-one times.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for blocking consideration of a bill prohibiting the Department of Homeland Security from separating immigrant families.*
- ✓ *In 2018, Handel called the House Sergeant of Arms on a Democratic Member of Congress who played audio of children detained at the border while he was on the House floor.*

Handel Voted For The 2017 Republican Tax Scam

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Handel Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

Handel Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act And Said The Bill Would “Get This Economy Moving In A Way That We Have Not Seen Certainly In Probably Two Decades.” “Tax reform was also recently addressed by U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell, who spoke on a variety of topics in a talk to the Metro Marietta Kiwanis Club on Monday. Handel said that the tax package would benefit corporations by allowing ‘full and immediate expensing for capital expenditures.’ She also highlighted the plan’s proposal to lower the corporate tax rate from about 35 percent to 20 percent. ‘The two main drivers of growth, you talk to just about any economist, they will tell you is lower (tax) rates and full expensing on those capital investments,’ Handel said. ‘This tax reform bill is going to do that, and it is going to get this economy moving in a way that we have not seen certainly in probably two decades.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, [10/18/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

Handel Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Handel voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for “pass-through” business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

...While Millions Of Americans Would Pay More In Taxes

Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That’s not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand’s statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill’s individual provisions expire that year. There’s no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027. “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.9 Trillion. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion.” [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, [12/27/17](#)]

HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018
[Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes to Keep Overhaul of Safety-Net Programs on GOP Agenda [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

AP: “A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America’s Troubling Income Inequality.” “The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America’s troubling income inequality.” [Associated Press, [12/17/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included Provision That Would Reduce Taxes For Dozens Of Members Of Congress

HEADLINE: “Dozens Of Lawmakers Stand To Reap A Tax Windfall Due To A GOP Loophole.” [CNBC, [12/20/17](#)]

Four Dozen Members Of Congress Stood To Benefit From Change In Tax Treatment Of Real Estate Income Under GOP Tax Bill. “The provision, which gives favorable tax treatment to a common form of real estate income, would also create generous tax saving for President Donald Trump, who derives much of his personal fortune from real estate. The measure — added late Friday to the \$1.5 trillion package of tax cuts — reduces the tax rate on ‘pass-through’ income derived from real estate. Owners of such businesses are allowed to ‘pass through’ the profits from these enterprises to their individual tax returns, which lowers the amount of tax they owe. Those benefits will now go to roughly four dozen Republican House and Senate members who voted for the bill, according to an analysis of personal financial disclosures for CNBC by the Center for Responsive Politics.” [CNBC, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To More Expensive Health Insurance; 13 Million More Uninsured

Final Tax Bill Eliminated Central Affordable Care Act Provision, Leading To 13 Million Fewer Americans With Insurance. “The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than \$300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

GOP Tax Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise, And Could Lead Insurers To Drop Out Of Regional Markets. “The final GOP plan will repeal the Affordable Care Act’s individual insurance mandate, which would allow young and healthy people to leave the insurance pool, forcing insurers to compensate by raising prices due to the higher costs of insuring only less-healthy people. Not only would premiums likely rise, but many insurers could drop out of regional markets.” [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent

Handel Voted For Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would make permanent a number of tax provisions that would otherwise expire in 2025. The provisions from the 2017 tax overhaul (PL 115-97) that would become permanent include: reduced tax rates and modified tax bracket breakpoints for the seven tax brackets, the standard deduction amount, the elimination of personal exemptions for each taxpayer and dependent, and the increased child tax credit.” The bill passed 220-19. [HR 6760, [Vote #414](#), 9/28/18; CQ, [9/28/18](#)]

Handel’s Donors Benefited From The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

Home Depot, UPS, And AT&T – All Handel Donors – Saved Billions Of Dollars Thanks To The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

Home Depot Saved \$1.4 Billion Thanks To Tax Bill. According to JUST Capital, Home Depot saved \$1,483,700,000 in taxes thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. [JUST Capital, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

Handel Has Received \$21,000 From Home Depot. From 2013 through 2020, employees of Home Depot as well as Home Depot’s PAC have contributed a total of \$21,000 to Handel’s campaigns. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

UPS Saved Over \$872 Million Thanks To Tax Bill. According to JUST Capital, UPS saved \$872,300,000 in taxes thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. [JUST Capital, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

Handel Has Received \$19,900 From UPS. From 2013 through 2020, employees of UPS as well as UPS’s PAC have contributed a total of \$19,900 to Handel’s campaigns. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

AT&T Saved Over \$2 Billion Thanks To Tax Bill. According to JUST Capital, AT&T saved \$2,046,500,000 in taxes thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. [JUST Capital, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

Handel Has Received \$19,000 From AT&T. From 2013 through 2020, AT&T’s corporate PAC contributed a total of \$19,000 to Handel’s campaigns. [FEC, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

The Pharma Industry, Which Has Given Thousands Of Dollars To Handel’s Campaigns, Reaped “Huge Rewards” From The Tax Bill

Big Pharma Was Poised To “Reap Huge Rewards” From The Tax Bill

HEADLINE: “Big Pharma Is Poised To Reap Huge Rewards From The GOP Tax Bill.” [Think Progress, [4/30/18](#)]

Five Of The Country’s Biggest Pharmaceutical Companies Were Poised To Receive Over \$6 Billion In Tax Cuts From The Bill. According to Americans for Tax Fairness: “Five of the Pharma Big 10 (the only corporations for which tax cut estimates have been publicly released) could save more than \$6.3 billion in taxes in 2018 alone.” [Americans for Tax Fairness, [April 2018](#)]

Company	2018 Estimated Tax Cut
AbbVie	\$1,316,950,210
Amgen	\$987,400,000
Eli Lilly	\$163,905,000
Merck	\$2,728,900,000
Pfizer	\$1,070,745,480
TOTAL	\$6,267,900,690

[Americans for Tax Fairness, [April 2018](#)]

Big Pharma Would Save \$76 Billion In Taxes On Their Offshore Profits Alone. According to Americans for Tax Fairness: “The Pharma Big 10 will save \$76 billion in taxes on their offshore profits alone. The 10 firms had \$506 billion in untaxed profits offshore in 2017, on which they owed nearly \$134 billion under previous law. Under the Trump-GOP tax regime they will owe only about \$57 billion—a tax savings of \$76 billion—and they can stretch their tax payments over eight years.” [Americans for Tax Fairness, [April 2018](#)]

Handel Has Taken Over \$13,000 From Big Pharma

Handel Has Received Over \$13,000 From The Pharmaceutical Industry. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Handel’s campaigns have received \$13,250 from the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

Handel Supported Weakening The Social Safety Net

2017: 31,581 Residents Of Georgia’s 6th District Received Some Medicare Benefits

2017: 31,581 Residents Of Handel’s District Received Medicare Benefits. [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [2017 Congressional District Report](#)]

2017: Handel Voted For A Republican Budget That Would Gut Medicare

Handel Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts

to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul." [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

2017: 96,325 Residents Of The Georgia's 6th District Received Some Social Security Benefits

2017: 96,325 Residents Of Handel's District Received Social Security Benefits Worth Nearly \$155 Million Per Month. [Social Security Administration, Congressional Statistics, released [April 2018](#)]

In Handel's District, Social Security Beneficiaries Included 82,130 Seniors; 74,765 Were Retirees. Of the 96,325 social security beneficiaries in Handel's district, X were aged 65 or older; X were retirees. [Social Security Administration, Congressional Statistics, released [April 2018](#)]

Handel Voted For A Republican Study Committee Budget That Included Increasing The Social Security Retirement Age

2017: Handel Voted For A Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #555](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

RSC Budget Would Gradually Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security To 69. "The RSC budget would eliminate Social Security's long-run shortfall and make the program sustainably solvent by adopting Representative Sam Johnson's (R-TX) 'Social Security Reform Act,' which would slow initial benefit growth for higher-earners, gradually raise the normal retirement age to 69, and means-test annual cost-of-living adjustments, which would be calculated based on the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI)." [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, [9/11/17](#)]

Handel Supported Privatizing Social Security

Handel Said Privatization Of Social Security Should Definitely Be On The Table. "Question: What are your thoughts about allowing young people, you know in their 20s or 30s, to take a portion of their social security and put it in an individual retirement accounts, or a portion of their Medicaid, Medicare taxes, and put those in health savings accounts? Handel: I think that that is definitely something that should be on the table that we should explore, so that we are really encouraging young people to take control of their retirement years. [Bryon County Republican Meeting, 7/29/13]

NOTE: Video is saved on the DCCC Research drive.

Handel Indicated Support For Private Savings Accounts For Social Security. In a January 2014 meeting of the Coweta County GOP, Handel said: "Well what we do with social security reform, which going to be, obviously a big issue. I think that we have to come to some place around some guiding principles if you will. One being that individuals who are either at retirement, currently drawing, or near that age, we need to meet the commitments we made to them. And then we'll get to reforms, additional health savings, or private savings accounts, etc. for people in the younger ages because what we have right now is unsustainable." [Coweta County GOP meeting, 1/11/14]

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Handel Voted Against Gun-Safety Measures And Was Funded By The NRA

Handel Was Funded By The NRA And Its "Dark Money Affiliate"

The NRA Spent Nearly \$100,000 Supporting Handel During The 2018 Cycle. From 2017 through 2018, the NRA Victory Fund and the NRA Institute for Legislative Action spent a total of \$98,405 supporting Handel or

opposing her 2018 general election opponent, Lucy McBath, or her 2017 special election opponent, Jon Ossoff. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/4/20](#)]

Over \$10,000 Of That Money Came From The NRA's Dark Money Group. During the 2018 cycle, the NRA Institute for Legislative Action spent \$10,184 supporting Handel or opposing McBath or Ossoff. The NRA Institute for Legislative Action was the “dark money affiliate” of the NRA. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/4/20](#); NBC News, [5/4/18](#)]

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In The Wake Of The Parkland Shooting, Handel Was Asked About Gun Safety But Deflected And Did Not Mention Guns At All. “The Parkland shooting put pressure on politicians to address school safety and gun violence, and President Donald Trump briefly supported some new firearms laws. But Congress has agreed only to a series of narrow tweaks to existing statutes. Asked about the issue on Friday, U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell, didn’t even mention guns. ‘We are focused in Congress on school safety,’ Handel said. ‘What we know is that we need to make sure all the schools around the country are hardened.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/25/18](#)]

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Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes.. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240; Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464; Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598; and Ms. Murphy’s bill H.R. 1478. These four bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes; prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check; ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun; and allow the government to sponsor scientific research on the causes of gun violence.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-182. [H Res 780, [Vote #113](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240, Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464, and Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598. These three bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes, prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check, and ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [H.Res. 747, [Vote #86](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States

Handel Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons. The bill would require a twice-annual certification by all federal agencies, federal courts and state governments, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to verify that all relevant data has been reported and uploaded to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System regarding individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms.” The bill passed 231 to 198. [HR 38, [Vote #663](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

NRA Called The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act Its “Highest Legislative Priority In Congress.” “The House Judiciary Committee approved the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act on a 19-11 party-line vote, then passed the Fix NICS Act on a 17-6 bipartisan vote. The National Rifle Association this week called the concealed-carry bill, which requires states to honor permits issued elsewhere, its ‘highest legislative priority in Congress.’ The group says mandatory reciprocity would prevent ‘abuses’ in states with strict firearms laws and allow gun owners ‘to exercise their rights nationwide with peace of mind.’” [Washington Post, [11/29/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Domestic abusers could carry concealed guns under US House-passed bill [Columbus Dispatch, [12/6/17](#)]

15 States Allowed Domestic Abusers To Carry A Handgun. “Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, meanwhile, said Texas, despite being a strong gun rights state, has a ‘very thoughtful’ concealed carry process that includes a background check and safety test. Other states don’t necessarily have such requirements, he said. Fifteen states, for example, allow domestic abusers to carry a handgun.” [Columbus Dispatch, [12/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 645) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 38) that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons.” The rule was adopted 232 to 194. [H Res 645, [Vote #660](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

Handel Was Bad For Georgia Women

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act. In September 2018, Handel voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “We must oppose this rule and defeat the previous question. The reason for such is not because we do not support the troops or our children but because defeating the previous question will enable this House to consider and pass H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to 230-188. [HR 6157; [Vote #402](#); 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/26/18](#)]

2017: Handel Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban

Handel Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman’s life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The rule was adopted, 237-189. [HR 36, [Vote #549](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

Abortion Rights Groups Said The Legislation Had No Exception If The Pregnancy Threatened The Mother’s Health, And The Rape And Incest Exceptions Were Too Narrow. “Abortion rights groups and Democratic lawmakers panned the legislation ahead of its passage, arguing it is based on faulty science and contains no exception if a pregnancy would threaten a mother’s health. They also said the rape and incest

exceptions are too narrow and that the bill is likely unconstitutional under existing Supreme Court rulings.” [Washington Post, [10/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 548) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 36) that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban, with certain exceptions.” The rule was adopted, 233-187. [HR 36, [Vote #547](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Brownley, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would add an exception to the 20-week abortion ban for abortions necessary to save the health of the pregnant woman.” The motion was rejected, 238-187. [HR 36, [Vote #548](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

20 Week Abortion Bans Were Unconstitutional

Planned Parenthood: “20-Week Bans Are Unconstitutional.” “20-week bans are unconstitutional. 20-week bans are a clear attempt to erode Roe v. Wade. In fact, 20-week ban proponents are outspoken about their goal to challenge the 1973 Supreme Court decision protecting a woman’s right to safe and legal abortion.” [Planned Parenthood, accessed [7/12/18](#)]

Handel Initially Supported Planned Parenthood Funding, But Later Backtracked On These Positions And Was Criticized By Pro-Life Groups

As A Fulton County Commissioner And As A Candidate For Governor, Handel Supported State And County Funding For Planned Parenthood

Handel Approved A Fulton County Budget That Included Money For Planned Parenthood. “On abortion, Broun --- without mentioning her by name --- pointed to a Karen Handel-approved Fulton County budget that included funding for Planned Parenthood. Handel, who has said the money was a federal pass-through grant to a facility that did not perform abortions, had a high-profile battle with Planned Parenthood several years later in 2012.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [4/20/14](#)]

As A Candidate For Governor, Handel Supported Removing Grants To Planned Parenthood From The State Budget. “The grant was authorized, regulated, administered and distributed through the State of Georgia. Because of the criteria, regulations and parameters of the grant, Planned Parenthood was the only eligible vendor approved to meet the state criteria. Additionally, none of the services in any way involved abortions or abortion-related services. In fact, state and federal law prohibits the use of taxpayer funds for abortions or abortion related services and I strongly support those laws. Since grants like these are from the state I’ll eliminate them as your next Governor.” [Karen Handel for Governor, Blog, [9/21/10](#)]

As Commissioner, Handel Voted To Give Planned Parenthood A \$425,568 Because It Would Be “Used For Services Other Than Abortion.” “Handel doesn’t disagree that Republican voters are entitled to know how candidates stand on core conservative issues. But she maintains Stephens has blatantly distorted her record. She cites Stephens’ claim that Handel supports abortion due to a \$425,568 appropriation the Fulton County Commission made for Planned Parenthood last year. Handel said the vote on the funds was simply the county’s

acceptance of a federal block grant. The money will be used for other services offered by Planned Parenthood - not abortions, she said.” [Cox News Service, 6/20/06]

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However, Handel Was Criticized For Flip Flopping On Her Support For Planned Parenthood

Charlie Harper, PeachPundit Editor, Said It Was “Just Amazing That Within Two Years... [Handel] Has Been On The Exact Opposite Sides Of The Same Issue.” “Charlie Harper, editor of PeachPundit and a friend of the former Georgia secretary of State, said he has no inside knowledge on the matter. But he noted that in her run for governor, Handel endured attacks for being too soft on abortion. ‘I just find it amazing that within two years ... she has been on exact opposite sides of the same issue, depending on whose prism and purpose it serves that day,’ Harper said. As for the fallout from the Komen controversy, ‘I hate to say scapegoat, but she’s definitely become the focal point on this issue,’ Harper said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/4/12](#)]

Handel Had “Previously Indicated An Appreciation” For Planned Parenthood, But “Turned Around And Used It As A Battle Cry In Her Campaign.” “Reis and others had previously applauded Handel, who had defended Georgia’s funding of Fulton County breast cancer screenings and family-planning services when other lawmakers proposed cutting it. ‘She had previously indicated an appreciation and an understanding of the work that Planned Parenthood does,’ Reis said. ‘Then she turned around and used it as a battle cry in her campaign.’” [Baltimore Sun, [2/4/12](#)]

Pro-Life Groups Attacked Handel For Her Stances On Planned Parenthood

Georgia Right To Life Criticized Handel’s Pro-Choice Positions, Including Her Support For Abortion Exceptions For Rape And Incest, And Support For In Vitro Fertilization. “Handel was criticized in 2010 by Georgia Right to Life for her opposition to the group’s proposed restrictions on in vitro fertilization, and her contention that rape and incest should remain legally sanctioned reasons for abortion.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/17/13](#)]

Georgia Right To Life Attacked Handel’s Position On Abortion Through Robocalls. “Georgia Right to Life, which has spent the past several years persuading many GOP candidates to adopt the tougher definition, on Monday launched a late robo-call attack on Handel and her ‘extremely liberal record on abortion.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/21/10](#)]

Handel’s Change Of Position Cost The Komen Foundation Over \$77 Million In Donations

Handel Was At The “Center Of A Controversy” During Her Time At Komen, Pushing Them To Pull Cancer Screening Grants From Planned Parenthood, Which Led To A Reduction In Komen’s Fundraising Events

Handel Touted Her Time At The Komen Foundation, And Her Role In Cutting Ties To Planned Parenthood. “All seven candidates oppose abortion rights, but Handel noted her tenure at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure foundation. As an executive, she played a key role as the breast-cancer research fundraising organization tried to sever its financial ties with Planned Parenthood, which is a leading provider of breast-cancer screenings but also of abortions.” [Associated Press, [4/19/14](#)]

Handel Was At The “Center Of The Controversy” When Komen Controversially Announced It Was Pulling Grants For Cancer Screens From Planned Parenthood. “In early 2012, Komen created a firestorm when it announced it was pulling its grants, about \$680,000, for Planned Parenthood’s breast cancer screenings. Both Komen supporters and abortion rights advocates slammed the decision. Media reports put Karen Handel, executive vice president of public policy for Komen, at the center of the controversy. The reports said that

during a failed gubernatorial bid in Georgia, Handel had made clear her intent to defund Planned Parenthood if elected and had continued to pursue that goal at Komen.” [Florida Times-Union, [11/2/14](#)]

Handel’s Anti-Planned Parenthood Stance At Komen Led Participation For Their “3-Day” Events To Drop So Much They Had To Be Cancelled. “The Susan G. Komen foundation canceled its signature 3-Day walk in Washington and six other cities next year, slashing the number of the fundraising events by half, as participation continues to drop more than a year after a funding controversy involving Planned Parenthood.” [Washington Post, [6/4/13](#)]

The Komen Foundation Lost Over \$77 Million In Donations After Cutting Ties With Planned Parenthood, And Handel Eventually Resigned From Komen

Komen Lost Over \$77 Million In Donations After The Planned Parenthood Funding Cuts. “The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation committed one of the great PR faux pas of the decade in January 2012, when it summarily cut off funding to Planned Parenthood in what appeared to be a bow to anti-abortion crusaders. Now, with its release of its latest financial statements, the cost of that decision can be measured: It’s more than \$77 million, or fully 22% of the foundation’s income. That’s how much less the Dallas-based foundation collected in contributions, sponsorships and entry fees for its sponsored races in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, compared with the previous year.” [Los Angeles Times, [1/8/14](#)]

Handel Resigned Shortly After The Planned Parenthood Controversy. “After a few days and much public criticism, Komen reversed the decision to defund Planned Parenthood. Handel resigned; then, in August 2012, Brinker announced that she would be stepping down.” [Florida Times-Union, [11/2/14](#)]

Critics Said The Komen Controversy Allowed Handel To Set Herself Up As A “Pro-Life Martyr”

Handel Raised Her Profile After She Turned Down Her Severance Package From The Komen Foundation

Salon’s Joan Walsh: Handel Denying Her Severance Package, Which Usually Come Along With Gag Orders, “Set Herself Wonderfully To Be This Pro-Life Martyr.” Joan Walsh from Salon said on MSNBC: “So [Handel] called her boss a liar. She declined a severance package which often comes along with a kind of gag order, let’s not disparage one another. I think she set herself up kind of wonderfully to be this pro- life martyr.” [MSNBC Video, [2/7/12](#)]

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Accepting A Severance Package Would Have Hindered Handel From “Leveraging Her New Role As The Darling Of The Culture War Crowd.” “Severance packages routinely come with gag orders—stipulations on what the person leaving the organization can and cannot say about the conditions under which they left. While no one outside of Komen, Handel and their lawyers are privy to the conditions under which this offer was made, if the norm prevails, accepting it would prevent Handel from leveraging her new role as the darling of the culture war crowd. This entire subtext of the letter screams that Handel feels sacrificed at the altar of political correctness, but that she refused to sacrifice her own integrity in the process. In an election year already about bishops and birth control, being a spokesperson for the radical anti-woman, anti-choice, anti-equality movement probably plays more to her political nature than going quietly into the night.” [The Nation, [2/7/12](#)]

Critics Said Leaving Komen Helped Handel Regain Credibility In Pro-Life Circles

Handel Won A “Crusade To Score Political Points And Impose Her Radical Ideology” On Komen. “Handel won her crusade to score political points and impose her radical ideology on the organization, and certainly Nancy

Brinker deserves blame both for allowing this to happen and for lying about it later on Andrea Mitchell's show on MSNBC, when she claimed that Handel had no part in the decision." [The Nation, [2/7/12](#)]

Handel Gained Back Some Standing With Pro-Life Groups After She Quit The Komen Foundation. "But she gained standing among some pro-life groups last year, when she quit her executive job with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure after the organization backed away from a plan to sever ties with Planned Parenthood – which Handel had endorsed. She wrote a book about her experience, and has been a featured speaker before conservative groups across the country." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/17/13](#)]

Handel Opposed Funding Conferences Designed To Empower Young Women And Help Prevent Domestic Violence, And Voted Against The Atlanta Declaration On Gender Equality

August 2006: Handel Was The Only Fulton County Commissioner Who Voted Against Funding Two Local Conferences Focused On Women's Empowerment

Handel Was The Only Commissioner To Vote Against Helping Fund The Call To Manhood Conference. "A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve number 1. The motion carried by a vote of 5-1-0. Vice Chair Darnell and Commissioners Pitts, Lowe, Boxill, and Edwards voted yes. Commission Chair Handel voted no. Commissioner Riley was present but did not vote. 1. DEPARTMENT: Human Services SERVICE/COMMODITY: Call to Manhood Event Planning Program Services." [Fulton County Commission Meeting Minutes, [8/16/06](#)]

Handel Was The Only Commissioner Voting Against Helping Fund A Conference Designed To Empower Women. "A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve. The motion carried by a vote of 5-1-0. Vice Chair Darnell and Commissioners Pitts, Lowe, Boxill, and Edwards voted yes. Commission Chair Handel voted no. Commissioner Riley did not vote. DEPARTMENT: Human Services SERVICE/COMMODITY: Call to Womanhood Event Planning Services." [Fulton County Commission Meeting Minutes, [8/2/06](#)]

Handel Was The Only County Commissioner To Vote Against An Atlanta Charter That Established Best Practices For Gender Equality In The City

Handel Was The Only Commissioner To Vote Against The Atlanta Declaration On Gender Equality For Local Actors. "A motion was made by Commissioner Boxill and seconded by Commissioner Pitts to approve. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1-0. Vice Chair Darnell and Commissioners Pitts, Boxill, and Edwards voted yes. Commission Chair Handel voted no. Commissioner Riley did not vote. Commissioner Lowe was absent. Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission - "Commissioner's items. Unfinished Business. 06-1245. Request approval of Board support to adopt the Atlanta Declaration on Gender Equality for local actors." [Fulton County Commission Meeting Minutes, [12/20/06](#)]

The Atlanta Declaration on Gender Equality for Local Actors Established Guidelines For Gender Equality Best Practices In Atlanta. [Fulton County Commission Meeting Minutes, [12/1/06](#)]

2017 – 2020: Handel Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List

2020: Handel Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List. "Karen Handel – Endorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund" [Susan B. Anthony List, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

2018: Handel Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List. "Karen Handel – Endorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund – Georgia – 6th District (Incumbent)" [Susan B. Anthony List, via WayBack Machine, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

2017: Handel Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List. “Former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel, the presumptive front-runner in the race, picked up the endorsement of the Susan B. Anthony List, a national conservative group that opposes abortion rights.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/10/17](#)]

Handel Was Bad For Workers

Handel Voted Against Raising The Minimum Wage And Said The Government Had “No Business” Setting Wages For The Private Sector

2017: Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Handel voted for: a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of “H.R. 15, The Raise The Wage Act., which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #331](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [9/12/17](#)]

2014: Handel Opposed A \$10.10 Minimum Wage In Georgia, Arguing That It Would Have A “Chilling Effect” On The Economy

2014: Handel Opposed A \$10.10 Per Hour Minimum Wage In Georgia And Argued That It Would Have A “Chilling Effect” On The Economy. “Georgia’s five best-known Republican Senate candidates voiced unequivocal opposition Tuesday to raising the minimum wage, striking a clear contrast from Democratic hopefuls in what could be a preview of a general election clash. The five contenders blasted President Barack Obama’s call to raise the \$7.25 hourly minimum wage to \$10.10 as counterproductive, dishing out red meat to a sympathetic crowd at a National Federation of Independent Business forum. [...] Rep. Jack Kingston of Savannah called it a ‘job-killing regulation,’ while Karen Handel, a former Georgia secretary of state, said it would have a chilling effect on the economy.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 2/19/14]

2014: Georgia’s Minimum Wage Was \$5.15 An Hour In 2014. “Georgia’s minimum wage is only \$5.15 an hour. Since that is more than \$2 lower than the federal minimum wage, low-income workers take home the higher amount of at least \$7.25 an hour. That’s still not enough to get by in Georgia, where many families working for minimum wage are stuck below the poverty line.” [ThinkProgress, [5/13/14](#)]

2014: Handel Said She Believed The Federal Government Had “No Business” Setting A Minimum Wage

2014: Handel Said She Believed The Federal Government Had “No Business” Setting A Minimum Wage. “HANDEL: The federal government has absolutely no business being involved in mandating salary and wages in the private sector. None whatsoever.” [ThinkProgress, [5/13/14](#)]

Handel Was Bad For Public Education

Handel Voted To Slash Pell Grant Funding

Students In Handel’s District Received \$29,401,472 In Pell Grants...

2017-2018: Georgia’s 6th District’s Students Were Awarded 7,555 Pell Grants Worth \$29,401,472 Dollars. [National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, Federal Student Aid Programs by Congressional Districts, [2017-2018](#)]

...But Handel Still Voted To Slash Pell Grants

2017: Handel Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

FY18 House Republican Budget Cut Pell Grants By More Than \$75 Billion. “The budget calls for significantly scaling back Pell Grants, which help nearly 8 million students from low- and moderate-income families afford college. [...] The Pell cuts of more than \$75 billion would occur even though Pell Grants currently cover just 29 percent of the costs of college — the smallest portion covered in the program’s history. The cuts in Pell would be accompanied by up to \$120 billion in cuts to student loans.” [CBPP, [9/5/17](#)]

Handel Supported Allowing Teacher Pensions To Be Used To Make Risky Corporate Investments

Handel Supported Using Teacher Retirement System Funds For Venture Capital Investments In Georgia-Based Start-Ups And Small Businesses

Handel Supported Using Teacher Retirement System Funds For Venture Capital Investments In Georgia-Based Start-Ups And Small Businesses. “Do you favor using Teacher Retirement System (TRS) funds for venture capital investments? Explain briefly.” Handel responded: “I support the establishment of an ‘Enterprise Fund’ to invest in Georgia-based start-ups and small businesses, particularly in the areas of technology and emerging sciences. Currently Georgia is the only state in the nation that does not have a program of this nature. However, I Support only a very small percentage (less than one percent) for such a program.” [Professional Association of Georgia Educators Questionnaire, [7/31/10](#)]

Handel Was Bad For Immigrants

Handel Voted For Hardline Conservative Immigration Bill That Criminalized Undocumented Immigration And Funded The Border Wall

Handel Voted For The Securing America’s Future Act, Which Wouldn’t Offer DREAMers Pathway To Citizenship While Cracking Down On Asylum Seekers And Funding Trump’s Border Wall. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “bill that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and restricting most family-based immigration to allow only spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents to receive green cards. It would increase enforcement of immigration laws within the United States, including by requiring all employers to verify the immigration status and eligibility of individuals seeking jobs in the United States.” The bill failed 193 to 231. [HR 4760, [Vote #282](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “The Conservative Alternative: No Chance For Citizenship For Legalized Immigrants, Deeper Cuts To Legal Immigration” [Vox, [6/18/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Offered Only Limited Protections For Current DACA Recipients, And Put DREAMers Who Did Not Apply Before Trump Ended The Program At Risk. “[T]he Securing America’s Future Act provides only a potentially renewable three-year reprieve from deportation to current DACA recipients. [...] Rep. Goodlatte’s bill offers only a tenuous second-class status to a small subset of people. Left out of the measure, for example, are people such as the 120,000 young Dreamers who never had the opportunity to apply for protection because of the Trump administration’s decision to end the initiative. For these individuals—and for hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers—the Goodlatte bill offers the same peril it

offers to all other undocumented immigrants: the threat of criminal prosecution, imprisonment, and deportation.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Would “Make It Easier To Deport Asylum Seekers, Including Unaccompanied Children.” Securing America’s Future Act would “make it easier to deport asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, without providing basic due process protections. [...] Instead of recognizing the unique vulnerability of people fleeing violence and persecution, the bill would make it far more likely that asylum seekers and unaccompanied children will be quickly deported back to their countries of origin, potentially being returned to harm or even death.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Would Criminalize All Undocumented Immigrants. “Under long-standing immigration law, being in the country without status is a civil—not criminal—violation. The Goodlatte bill would change the law and make unlawful presence a crime, turning the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country today into criminals overnight.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Provided \$9.3 Billion For Trump’s Border Wall. The Securing America’s Future Act would “authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers” [CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Killing An Attempt To Bring The DREAM Act And A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To A Vote

Handel Voted For Bringing The Securing America’s Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 954) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4760) that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. Adoption of the rule would provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment that would modify funds authorized for border activities under the bill; authorizing \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022, instead of authorizing \$24.8 billion annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022.” The resolution passed 226 to 195. [H Res 954, [Vote #280](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Moderate Republicans Agreed To Process To Vote On Republican-Only Immigration Bills, Even Though It “Would Effectively Kill Their Discharge Petition” To Bring Bipartisan Immigration Fix To The Floor. “They agreed to a process that night that would effectively kill their discharge petition. With no agreement in sight, Ryan proposed two immigration votes: One on a conservative DACA bill, the other on ‘compromise’ legislation they’d continue trying to negotiate. Sensing the wind was against them, moderates reluctantly agreed.” [Politico, [6/27/17](#)]

Los Angeles Times: The Vote “Meant Defeat” For The Discharge Petition Effort. “An effort by moderate Republicans to force votes on a bipartisan immigration bill failed in the House on Tuesday, with members agreeing instead to vote on legislation that would guarantee funds for President Trump’s proposed border wall. The agreement meant defeat, at least for now, for an effort led by Rep. Jeff Denham of Turlock and other GOP moderates to use a rare parliamentary maneuver known as a discharge petition to force the House to vote on the bipartisan immigration plan, and three other bills, over the objections of party leaders. [...] Defeat of the effort greatly reduces the chances — already slim — that Congress could pass any form of Dreamer legislation before this year’s midterm election.” [Los Angeles Times, [6/12/18](#)]

Ryan “Acknowledged That One Of The Main Goals Of These Votes Was To Forestall” The Discharge Petition. “At Thursday’s weekly news conference, Ryan acknowledged that one of the main goals of these votes was to forestall a renegade group of Republicans from working with Democrats to pass a more liberal overhaul of immigration laws. ‘Our goal was to prevent a discharge petition from reaching the floor, because a discharge petition would have brought legislation to the floor that the president would have surely vetoed,’

Ryan said. ‘It would have been an exercise in futility.’ So instead, he set up this tortured series of votes.” [Washington Post, 6/21/18]

New York Magazine: “The Only Real Purpose Of This Exercise Was To Preempt A Discharge Petition That Would Have Brought A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To The Floor. “Indeed, the only real purpose of this exercise was to preempt a discharge petition that House Democrats and some politically vulnerable House Republicans had signed that might have brought a Democratic immigration bill — indeed, the original DREAM Act — to the floor under conditions where it might have actually passed. So for all the endless and interminable and redundant House GOP talk about wanting to take action on immigration, when votes were finally held it was really about preventing action on immigration.” [New York Magazine, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill’s provisions with a system that would provide a pathway to citizenship for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, the motion “would strike the text in the underlying bill and replace it with the text of Rep. Roybal-Allard’s bill H.R. 3440 – Dream Act of 2017.” The motion failed 191 to 234. [HR 4760, [Vote #281](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Amendment To The Rule To Bring Up The Four Bills From The Discharge Petition – Two Republican Bills, The DREAM Act, And A Bipartisan Bill – Under A Queen Of The Hill Rule. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would would [sic] provide for consideration of H.R. 4760 – Securing America’s Future Act, and will make in order four substitute amendments to that bill, drafted at the discretion of the authors so long as they are germane to the underlying bill. H.Res. 774 allows for the amendment that receives the most votes (and at least a simple majority) to pass the House under a rule known as “queen-of-the-hill.” The four amendments that H.Res. 774 allows for are: an amendment offered by Rep. Goodlatte, which could be similar to H.R. 4760, an amendment offered by Rep. Roybal-Allard, which could be similar to a clean DREAM Act an amendment offered by Speaker Ryan an amendment offered by Rep. Denham, which could be similar to the bipartisan bill H.R. 4796 – USA Act. If the underlying Rule passes, it will turn off the discharge petition, and allow the House GOP to bring up anti-immigrant legislation that does not solve the DACA crisis.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 232-190. [H Res 954, [Vote #279](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Did Not Sign The Discharge Petition That Would Have Brought Four Immigration Bills To The Floor For A Vote. [Discharge Petition No. 10, signed [5/9/18](#)]

The Discharge Petition Would Bring The Conservative Goodlatte Bill, The Democratic DREAM Act, A Republican Leadership Sponsored Bill, And A Bipartisan Immigration Compromise To The Floor Under A “Queen Of The Hill” Rule. “The proposals in Denham’s Queen of the Hill rule are a conservative bill proposed by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) that would grant temporary status to so-called Dreamers while imposing a series of restrictive measures on legal and illegal immigration; the Dream Act, which would grant a path to citizenship to at least 1.8 million Dreamers; the USA Act, a bipartisan compromise that would pair Dream Act-like measures with \$25 billion in border security; and an open slot for Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) to propose an immigration bill of his choosing.” [The Hill, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted 21 Times To Block The DREAM Act

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to

strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H Res 796, [Vote #123](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/22/18](#)]

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Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 773).” According to Rep. Polis, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 773, [Vote #104](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 762).” According to Rep. Hastings, “Democrats have offered to bring the Dream Act to the floor now 24 times. We are going to give them one more chance. We have done it 23, and every single time this effort has been blocked by the majority. To address my friend who correctly cited that we were bringing this up: [...] We on this side of the aisle clearly want to fix this problem. So let’s do it now. Mr. Speaker, I urge a ‘no’ vote on the rule, on the previous question, and on the underlying bills.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 229-183. [H Res 762, [Vote #96](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-184. [H.Res.748, [Vote #84](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/27/18](#)]

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Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 235-189. [H. Res. 727, [Vote #58](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block Democrats from bringing the DREAM Act to a vote, according to a floor speech by Democratic Rep. Jim McGovern:* “Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that my colleagues vote to defeat the previous question, and I will give a little explanation why. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, President Trump tweeted that he wants to show that ‘Democrats do not want to solve DACA, only use it.’ Well, I would beg to differ. This is the 19th time that we have attempted to bring the bipartisan bill, H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, for a vote on the House floor, and, if we defeat the previous question, we will bring that bill up. Motion agreed to by a vote of 232-187. [H.R. 695, [Vote #47](#), 1/30/18; Congressional Record, page H694, [1/30/18](#); CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility for amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote against considering a bill to protect DREAMers.* The motion was agreed to 230-187. [HR 2954, [Vote #20](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, archived, accessed [1/17/19](#)]

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Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 234-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #626](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Tom Emmer (D-MN) said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way, except on paper.” *A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 224-190. [HRes 609, [Vote #616](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way

except on paper.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 232-184. [HR 2936, [Vote #592](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/1/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” **A vote *for the amendment* was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion passed 228-189. [HRes 577, [Vote #572](#), 11/9/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 562).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis was going to offer an amendment for “consideration of the bill (H.R.3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” **A vote *for the previous question* was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The previous question carried, 227-190. [H Res 562, [Vote #560](#), 10/11/17; CQ, [10/11/17](#); Congress.gov, [10/11/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 548).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prohibited “consideration of the bill (H.R. 3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” **A vote *for the previous question* was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The previous question carried, 233-184. [HR 36, [Vote #546](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [10/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 538).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” **A vote *for the previous question* was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-187. [H RES 538, [Vote #538](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 533).” According to Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” **A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [H RES 533, [Vote #532](#), 9/26/17; Congressional Record, H7503, [9/26/17](#); CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-186. **A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** [H RES 504, [Vote #457](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment).” According to

the Democratic Leader's Website "The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-187. [H RES 500, [Vote #442](#), 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Supported Ending DACA

2017: Handel Applauded Trump's Decision To End DACA. "Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell: Karen Handel 'Today, President Trump made clear what we already know: America's selective, haphazard approach to immigration is unsustainable and contrary to a society that values the rule of law. With DACA facing serious legal challenges that would have likely forced the immediate termination of the program, the president's actions provide for a transition period and gives Congress a six-month window to achieve comprehensive immigration reform with a common sense, compassionate approach that is enforceable. Any comprehensive plan must include border security and enforcement of our visa program while not granting amnesty.'" [Marietta Daily Journal, 9/5/17]

2018: Handel Called The House Sergeant Of Arms On A Member Of Congress Who Played Audio Of Children Detained At The Border

2018: Handel Was Serving As Presiding Officer In The House Of Representatives When She Entered Into A Heated Exchange With A Congressman Who Played Audio Of Children Detained At The Border

2018: On The House Floor, Rep. Lieu Played An Audio Recording Of Detained Migrant Children Crying At A Camp Along The U.S.-Mexico Border. "Roswell Congresswoman Karen Handel presided over a heated exchange on the House floor Friday afternoon when a California colleague played an audio recording of detained children crying in a federally run camp along the U.S.- Mexico border. President Donald Trump has come under fire in recent weeks for his administration's decision to separate more than 2,000 undocumented children from parents seeking to enter the country illegally. The ProPublica audio recording was played by Rep. Ted Lieu, D-California, who told his colleagues 'if the Statue of Liberty could cry, she would be crying today.'" [Marietta Daily Journal, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Called On Lieu To Suspend And Claimed He Was "In Breach Of Decorum," But Lieu Refused, Arguing That There Was No Rule Barring Him From Playing Audio. "He started playing the recording of a children crying at the detention facility. Handel, who was at the speaker's chair presiding over the House floor, allowed the recording to play for several seconds before tapping her gavel and calling on Lieu to pause the tape. 'The gentleman will suspend,' the Republican congresswoman said, telling Lieu he was 'in breach of quorum.' 'House rules prohibit the use of that device.' Lieu objected, telling Handel there is no rule that says he can't play sounds and asking why she was trying to keep the American people from hearing what it sounds like inside a detention facility.'" [Marietta Daily Journal, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Eventually Called On The Sergeant Of Arms To Take Action Against Lieu

After Lieu Refused To Suspend, Handel Eventually Called On The Sergeant Of Arms To Take Action Against Him. "Handel continued banging her gavel, louder each time, as she called on him to halt the recording. 'I think the American people need to hear this,' Lieu said over the sounds of a little girl crying for her father in Spanish. The recording continued for more than a minute and a half until Handel called upon the Sergeant at Arms to take action and Lieu yielded his time. In a tweet that included a video recording of the interaction, Lieu called Trump's practice of separating children from their parents at the border cruel and inhumane.'" [Marietta Daily Journal, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler’s bill, H.R. 6135, the Keep Families Together Act, which I am proud to cosponsor. This thoughtful proposal would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from separating children from their parents, of course, except in extraordinary circumstances, and limit the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill prohibiting immigrant family separations. The motion was agreed to 233-191. [HR 6136, [Vote #285](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security to be used to enter into contracts with privatized immigration detention facilities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #465](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Was Part Of The Swamp, From Atlanta To Washington DC

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel was a lobbyist and spent her entire political career as a lawmaker who was cozy with lobbyists.*
- ✓ *In 2019, after she left Congress, Handel quickly established a firm offering business development, communications and public policy consulting – using her years of business and public service as a selling point.*
- ✓ *Handel was herself a lobbyist, and got her career start with an “influential DC lobbyist.”*
- ✓ *Handel had been bankrolled by lobbyists throughout her political career. She took thousands of dollars in contributions from lobbyists in DC and Georgia, and had taken a variety of gifts and awards from lobbyists throughout her career.*
- ✓ *Handel has used her official, taxpayer-funded congressional offices to give business to a well-known family who happened to be big donors to her campaign.*
 - ✓ *Handel’s office spent nearly \$100,000 renting a district office from Mimms Mill LLC, which is connected to one of the major commercial real estate developers in the Atlanta area.*
 - ✓ *David Mimms, Robert Mimms, and Malon Mimms—all executives with the Mimms real estate empire—contributed a total of \$18,500 to Handel.*
- ✓ *During her 2014 Senatorial campaign, Handel was accused of using taxpayer funds to lease a luxury Lexus SUV while she was Secretary of State.*
 - ✓ *Handel opted against using a state vehicle, and instead took a \$587 monthly stipend to lease a luxury Lexus SUV.*
 - ✓ *Even though she was using a luxury vehicle, Handel had voted in the past to “severely limit” commissioners’ ability to use police cars and officers to get to official events.*
- ✓ *Handel’s offices spent taxpayer money recklessly while she held office in Georgia.*
 - ✓ *Handel’s office budgets rose over 40% when she was a Fulton County Commissioner and Secretary of State, and she paid her Chief of Staff \$40,000 more than the next highest paid Chief.*
 - ✓ *However, she simultaneously laid off employees in her office and proposed firing 8,000 Georgians to help balance the budget.*
 - ✓ *Handel’s office was the only office in Georgia that did not allow furlough days to save money, yet Handel simultaneously laid off 25 employees at a state agency.*
- ✓ *2009: Handel tried to force through a voter verification system that purged eligible voters from the rolls.*
 - ✓ *The system was rebuked by the U.S. Department of Justice, as it required verification of a voter’s citizenship status whenever they registered to vote, and consequently flagged and purged nearly 200,000 people.*

- ✓ 2008: When she was Secretary of State, Handel refused to extend early voting hours, despite incredibly long lines to vote.
- ✓ Handel claimed she would have needed federal approval to do so; however, early hours were extended in Florida without federal approval.
- ✓ As Secretary of State, Handel promoted a discriminatory voter ID statute that disproportionately reduced voter turnout in minority communities in Georgia.
- ✓ Handel was a career politician who keeps running for higher office. Since 2006, she ran for Secretary of State, Governor, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives.
- ✓ In 2017, one of Handel's Republican primary opponents called her out for running "six times for five different offices."
- ✓ Handel clashed with Georgia Republicans during some of her campaigns; Republicans were hesitant to continue funding Handel after her acrimonious 2014 gubernatorial campaign.

Handel Was A Lobbyist And Spent Her Entire Political Career As A Lawmaker Who Was Cozy With Lobbyists

After Leaving Congress, Handel Established Cogent Strategies, LLC – A Firm Offering Business Development, Communications and Public Policy Consulting Services To Businesses And Nonprofits

Jan. 2019: Handel Established Cogent Strategies, LLC – A Georgia-Based Firm Offering Business Development, Communications And Public Policy Consulting Services To Businesses And Nonprofits

Jan. 2, 2019: After Leaving Congress, Handel Founded And Became President For Cogent Strategies, LLC In Georgia. [Georgia Secretary of State, Control #: 19002440, 1/2/19; Karen Handel (via LinkedIn), accessed [5/21/20](#)]

Handel Registered Cogent Strategies, LLC, At Her Home Address – 3085 Roxburgh Drive, Roswell, GA. [Georgia Secretary of State, Control #: 19002440, 1/2/19; [Fulton County Board of Assessors, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

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Handel Said Cogent Strategies Offered “Consulting Services To Businesses And Nonprofits In The Areas Of Organizational And Revenue-Generation Strategic Planning, Business Development And Targeted Networking, And Communications/Public Policy Counsel.” [Karen Handel (via LinkedIn), accessed [5/21/20](#)]

Handle Touted Her “25+ Years Of Experiences In Business And Elected Leadership.” [Karen Handel (via LinkedIn), accessed [5/21/20](#)]



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Cogent Strategies offers consulting services to businesses and nonprofits in the areas of organizational and revenue-generation strategic planning, business development and targeted networking, and communications/public policy counsel. Cogent President Karen Handel brings 25+ years of experience in business and elected leadership. Karen's service in county, state, and national elected offices, as CEO of a large chamber of commerce, and in executive positions with several major companies have given her a vast network of personal and professional relationships across the business community and among local, state and national government leaders. Karen helps companies solve problems and connect with the right people to advance their business priorities. With a powerful personal story, Karen Handel is also an experienced, engaging public speaker.

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[Karen Handel (via LinkedIn), accessed [5/21/20](#)]

2019: Handel Reported Herself As The Principal For Cogent Strategies, LLC, But Did Not List Any Clients.

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report (2019), [5/2/19](#)]

Handel Reported Her Position At Cogent Strategies LLC Was A Position Held “In 2019 Only.” [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report (2019), [5/2/19](#)]

NOTE: Candidates for Congress are required to report individual clients from whom they received compensation in excess of \$5,000 when the candidate has an ownership stake in the firm. In 2019, Handel did not report any such clients, or any income from Cogent Strategies. As of May 2020, Handel has not yet filed her 2020 Financial Disclosure Report. Further research will be needed upon her filing to determine whether clients she represented via Cogent Strategies, LLC.

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Handel Worked “For An Influential DC Lobbyist” Early In Her Career, Who Recommended Her To Work On The Staff Of Marilyn Quayle. “Handel tried to go to college at night, but dropped out to earn a living. She took a series of secretarial jobs that eventually led to the Washington office of the Hallmark greeting card company. At Hallmark, she worked for an influential D.C. lobbyist, Rae Forker Evans, who was also involved in breast cancer awareness issues. Evans would eventually recommend Handel for a job that changed the course of her professional life: Working on the staff of Marilyn Quayle, the wife of then-Vice President Dan Quayle.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/12/07](#)]

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Handel Was A Registered Lobbyist Herself, And Worked In “Government Affairs” For Two Major Corporations

Handel Was A Registered Lobbyist For Susan G. Komen For The Cure. In 2011 and 2012, Handel was a registered federal lobbyist for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/3/20](#)]

Handel Worked In “Government Affairs And Corporate Communications” For KPMG And CIBA Vision. “She and her husband, Steve, moved to Atlanta in 1993 for his job as a technology executive. She landed jobs in government affairs and corporate communications at accounting giant KPMG and contact lens maker CIBA Vision.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/12/07](#)]

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Handel Was Bankrolled By Lobbyists Throughout Her Political Career

Handel Took Thousands Of Dollars From Lobbyists, Both From Georgia And DC

“A Few Days” After Railing Against Georgia’s Lobbyist Culture, Handel “Accepted A \$5,100 Check From The Head Of A Lobbying Team.” “A few days before Republican gubernatorial candidate Karen Handel gave a recent speech condemning a culture of ‘sex, lies and lobbyists’ under the Gold Dome, her campaign accepted a \$5,100 check from the head of a lobbying team.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/17/10](#)]

Handel Raised At Least \$45,000 From Lobbyists While Running For Secretary Of State And Governor. “Since the beginning of 2006, Handel’s campaigns for secretary of state and governor have taken about \$45,000 in contributions from lobbyists, including some of the top names at the Capitol.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/17/10](#)]

Handel Has Received Over \$63,895 From Lobbyists. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [1/31/20](#)]

Handel Has Taken Concert Tickets, Football Tickets, And Awards From Lobbyists

Handel Received Rolling Stones Tickets From Lobbyists. “Since the beginning of 2006, Handel’s campaigns for secretary of state and governor have taken about \$45,000 in contributions from lobbyists, including some of the top names at the Capitol. She’s also taken Rolling Stones tickets and a few inexpensive meals from lobbyists.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/17/10](#)]

Handel Received Awards For Leadership And Legislation From A Lobbying Firm. In June 2009, Handel received a leadership award and a legislative award, each worth \$45, from John Bozeman, a lobbyist with Georgia Link Public Affairs Group. [Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, Lobbyist Expenditure Search, [2009](#)]

Handel Received Football Tickets From Multiple Lobbyists. In September 2007, Randy F. Powers, a lobbyist for the University System of Georgia, gifted \$64 worth of football tickets to Handel. In October, Russell Keen, another lobbyist for the University System of Georgia, gifted her \$40 worth of football tickets. Handel also received \$50 worth of football from Russell Keen in 2008. [Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, Lobbyist Expenditure Search, [2007](#)]

Handel Argued That Corporate Lobbyists Were Just Your Friendly Neighbors, Fighting For What’s Best For You

Handel To Constituents: Corporate Lobbyists Were “Oftentimes Representing An Interest That’s Important To You”

Handel: Lobbyists Are “Oftentimes Representing An Interest That’s Important To You. Like Lockheed Martin.” In February 2018, Marietta Daily Journal reported: “And I'm going to say this about the government affairs folks who are out there. Remember, they're there oftentimes representing an interest that's important to you. Like Lockheed Martin. Like Dobbins Air Reserve Base. Such as the military.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [2/26/18](#)]

Handel: Lobbyists “Are Typically Fighting For Your Best Interests.” In February 2018, Marietta Daily Journal reported: “People are trying to really do the best that they can. And I'm going to say this about the government affairs folks who are out there. Remember, they're there oftentimes representing an interest that's important to you. Like Lockheed Martin. Like Dobbins Air Reserve Base. Such as the military. Such as the ag community in our state coming to me and fighting hard about how we will get a guest worker program that really works for the (agriculture) industry. So they're really, again, the overwhelming majority of them, there might be some bad apples, but there's always bad apples somewhere. But the overwhelming majority, they are typically fighting for your best interests, and they're employees, they're your neighbors and your friends and your relatives.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [2/26/18](#)]

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In Congress, Handel Paid Nearly \$100,000 In Taxpayer Money To A Donor’s Company

Handel’s Office Paid Nearly \$100,000 In Rent To A Company Called Mimms Mill LLC

Handel’s Office Paid \$95,725 To Mimms Mill LLC For District Office Rent

From July 2017 Through January 2019, Handel’s Office Paid \$95,725 To Mimms Mill LLC For District Office Rent. From July 2017 through January 2, 2019, Handel’s office paid a total of \$95,725 to Mimms Mill LLC for district office rent. [House Statements of Disbursement, via Legistorm, accessed [2/10/20](#)]

Mimms Mill LLC Was Located At The Same Address As Big Handel Donor Malon Mimms—Who, With Family Members, Had Given Handel Over \$18,000

Mimms Mill LLC Was Located At 85A Mill Street In Roswell, GA

Mimms Mill LLC Was Located At 85A Mill Street, Suite 100 In Roswell, GA. [Georgia Corporations Division, Business Search, accessed [2/10/20](#)]

Records Showed That Malon Mimms—Who Was Also Located At That Address—And Family Members Donated \$18,500 To Handel’s Federal Campaigns

Members Of The Mimms Family Have Donated \$18,500 To Handel’s Campaigns. [FEC, accessed [2/10/20](#)]

Committee Donated To	Contributor	Address	City/State	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount	Election
Handel for Congress	Mimms, David	780 Old Roswell Place, Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Mimms Enterprises	Real Estate	5/5/17	\$2,700	Runoff
Handel for Senate	Mimms, Malon	85-A Mill St.	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate investments	6/28/13	\$2,400	Runoff
Handel for Senate	Mimms, Malon	85-A Mill St.	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate investments	6/28/13	\$2,600	Primary
Handel for Congress	Mimms, Malon D.	85-A Mill St., Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate	5/5/17	\$2,700	Runoff
Handel for Congress	Mimms, Malon D.	85-A Mill St., Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate	9/11/18	\$2,700	General
Handel for Congress	Mimms, Malon D. Jr.	85-A Mill St., Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate	5/5/17	\$2,700	Runoff
Handel for Congress	Mimms, Robert C.	780 Old Roswell Place, Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Mimms Enterprises	Real estate	5/5/17	\$2,700	Runoff
						TOTAL	\$18,500	

[FEC, accessed [2/10/20](#)]

The Mimms Family Were Major Commercial Real Estate Developers In The Atlanta Area

Mimms Enterprises, Led By David Mimms And Malon Mimms, “Has Been A Fixture In Atlanta Real Estate For More Than 85 Years.” In September 2015, the Atlanta Business Chronicle reported: “Mimms Enterprises, based in Roswell, is led by chairman David Mimms and CEO Malon Mimms, Jr. The company has been a fixture in Atlanta real estate for more than 85 years.” [Atlanta Business Chronicle, [9/7/15](#)]

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Handel Was Accused Of Using Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Lexus As Secretary Of State

During Her 2014 Senatorial Campaign, Handel Was Accused Of Using Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Lexus As Secretary Of State

2014: David Perdue Accused Handel Of Using Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Luxury Lexus SUV As Secretary Of State

During A 2014 Debate, Perdue Accused Handel Of Using Taxpayer Money To Lease A Luxury Lexus SUV. “PERDUE: I just have a question for you about, you know, priorities. When you were Secretary of State, Karen, it seems to me, I remember in ‘08 and ‘09, you actually on taxpayer money bought a luxury Lexus SUV while people were losing their jobs in Georgia. MODERATOR: Alright, your rebuttal, and answer to his question if you so choose. HANDEL: Thank you, and that should be his question since he asked a question when it was out of order.

David, it doesn't take a college degree to figure out that with your record of sending jobs overseas at Hager, giving out thousands- thousands losing their jobs while you walked away with millions, you took millions in corporate welfare even as you've gone around this state railing against the debt, you contributed to it. I actually agree: Washington has enough of the out-of-touch elitists out there, and the establishment type. We do need a different kind of person in Washington, and I'm going to be a common sense conservative fighter, a Senator for all Georgians." [Atlanta Press Club Senate Primary Debate, [5/11/14](#)]

Perdue Accused Handel Of Using Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Lexus While Secretary Of State. "While Handel has pounded Perdue for weeks, he hit back in a debate last weekend, accusing her of using taxpayer funds to lease a Lexus while she was secretary of State." [The Hill, [5/14/14](#)]

David Perdue Accused Handel Of Leasing A Luxury Vehicle On Taxpayer Dime When She Was Secretary Of State. "Former Secretary of State Karen Handel said that despite depicting himself as an outsider, Perdue got an 'insider appointment' to the Georgia Ports Authority. Kingston hit Perdue for taking a payout from textile manufacturer Pillowtex as it went under and for not voting in most Republican primaries since he moved back to Georgia. Perdue, for the first time in a string of debates, fired back just as hard. He challenged Handel for leasing a luxury vehicle on the taxpayer dime when she was Secretary of State." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/12/14](#)]

Handel Opted Against Using A State Vehicle, And Instead Chose To Receive A \$587 Monthly Allowance To Drive A Luxury SUV, All While The State Was Cutting Positions

Handel Drove Herself In A Lexus SUV To Official Engagements, Opting For A \$587 Monthly Allowance Rather Than A State Vehicle, And Said She Did Not File For A Mileage Reimbursement. "Handel usually drives herself --- in a Lexus SUV that still has the new-car smell --- to appearances and appointments, choosing the \$587-per-month allowance rather than a state car. She is quick to point out that she doesn't file for mileage reimbursement, even though she's eligible for it." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/12/07](#)]

Handel Used Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Luxury SUV While The State Was Cutting Positions. "Karen Handel, Georgia's former secretary of state, has moved into second but escaped most of the barbs in the 60-minute forum except for Perdue's charge that she used taxpayer funds to buy a luxury SUV while the state was cutting positions." [Newman Times-Herald, [5/12/14](#)]

Even Though She Was Driving A Luxury SUV, Handel Had Voted To "Severely Limit" Commissioners' Ability To Use Police Cars And Officers To Get To Official Events

Handel Voted To "Severely Limit" Commissioners' Ability To Use Police Cars And Officers To Get To Official Events. "Deeply split Fulton County commissioners on Wednesday severely limited their own use of police cars and officers to get them to official events. Board members will have to settle for pool cars or their own vehicles when traveling on county business. Police officers now can be used only after a specific threat of harm has been made and the commissioner can prove there is 'substantial benefit' to Fulton County from the trip. 'I believe it is wrong for any public official to use a police officer for transportation purposes --- period,' said Chairwoman Karen Handel, who proposed the restrictions. 'It is a diversion of resources to have a police officer drive me anywhere.'" [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/19/04](#)]

In Georgia, Handel's Offices Spent Taxpayer Money Recklessly While She Held Office In Georgia

Handel's Office Budgets Rose Over 40% During Her Tenure As Commissioner And Secretary Of State, And She Paid Her Chief Of Staff \$40,000 More Than The Next Highest Paid Chief...

Handel's Personal Office Budget Rose By 43 Percent As Fulton County Commissioner And 42 Percent As Secretary Of State. "Handel has also touted her role as a fiscally conservative executive. But in her first two years at the helm of the Fulton County Commission, her personal office budget rose by 43 percent, county records show. During her three years as secretary of state, the office's administration budget jumped by about 42 percent, according to state records." [Associated Press, [7/31/10](#)]

Handel Paid Her Chief Of Staff \$119,000, Almost \$40,000 More Than The Next Highest-Paid Chief Of Staff. "That arrangement broke down when Chairwoman Karen Handel recently hired a new chief of staff at a salary of \$ 119,000, opening an intense debate inside county government. Steve Rapson's salary is almost \$ 40,000 more than the next highest paid chief of staff and nearly double the lowest." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [4/11/05](#)]

... But Laid Off Workers In Her Office, And Proposed Firing 8,000 Georgians To Balance The Budget

Handel Argued That Her Office Did Not Need To Take Furlough Days, Yet Also Laid Off 25 Employees At A State Agency

Handel Argued That Her Office Did Not Need To Take Furloughs Because She Slashed Her Budget By 20 Percent And Eliminated 40 Positions. "A spokesman for Handel's campaign said she has slashed her budget by about 20 percent and eliminated about 40 positions, so furloughs weren't necessary. Harbin said Handel's office was apparently the only one in Georgia government to skip the furlough days. Handel stepped down at the end of 2009 to pursue her GOP bid for governor." [Associated Press, [2/10/10](#)]

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As Secretary Of State, Handel Laid Off 25 People At The Professional Licensing Boards Headquarters In Macon To Streamline The Secretary Of State's Office. "The state will lay off 25 people at the Professional Licensing Boards headquarters here in Macon, according to the Georgia Secretary of State's Office, which oversees the boards. The cuts go into effect Nov. 1, according to the Secretary of State's Office, and are part of a restructuring plan that's being accelerated to deal with state budget shortfalls and budget cuts mandated by Gov. Sonny Perdue. 'This is part of a proactive effort on Secretary (of State Karen) Handel's part to streamline the entire Secretary of State's agency,' spokesman Matt Carrothers said. 'It's never easy to cut positions, but Georgians hired Secretary Handel to make these decisions.'" [Macon Telegraph, [9/15/08](#)]

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Handel Did Not Have A Budget Plan For Closing The \$1 Billion Budget Shortfall, And Called For Laying Off 8,000 Workers

Handel Did Not Have A Budget Plan For Closing The \$1 Billion Budget Shortfall Besides Laying Off State Workers. "Handel, a former secretary of state, did not have a detailed plan for finding the other \$600 million in necessary cuts that lawmakers are now struggling with, but she said raising taxes is the wrong idea. She said her plan is about a structural change to state government." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/26/10](#)]

Handel Called For The Layoff Of Nearly 8,000 State Workers. "From outside the Capitol, GOP candidate for governor Karen Handel has called for the layoff of nearly 8,000 state workers. Most lawmakers aren't ready to go that far. Yet they have used the word "massive" to describe the downsizing that will be needed." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/11/10](#)]

Handel Worked To Impede Georgians' Voting Rights

2009: Handel Tried To Force Through A Voter Verification System That Purged Eligible Voters From The Rolls And Was Rebuked By The U.S. Department Of Justice

Handel's "Controversial System" Of Verifying Citizenship "Led To The Purging Of Voters"

Handel's "Controversial System" Of Verifying Citizenship "Led To The Purging Of Voters." "Georgia's system was used last year, in the months before the 2008 general election, and was highly criticized by voting rights advocates. In fact, the state became a hotbed of voting rights issues during the entire election cycle, and Facing South reported extensively on Handel's controversial system of verifying citizenship that led to the purging of voters whose citizenship was called into question by the state's database." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

In 2007, Handel Created Georgia's Voter Verification System, Which Required Verification Of A Voter's Citizenship Status When They Registered

"Handel And Her Aides" Created A Voter Verification System In 2007 That Extended Georgia's Requirement TO Verify A Voter's Identity When Registering To Include Verification Of Citizenship.

"Handel and her aides created the verification system in 2007, extending the state's requirement to verify a voter's identity at the time of registration to include the verification of citizenship as well." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Program Matched Information Submitted By The Voter With Information From The State Department Of Driver Services And Social Security Administration; Voters Were "Flagged" If They Information Didn't Match. "The citizenship verification program matches information a potential voter has submitted with information maintained by the state Department of Driver Services and the federal Social Security Administration. Voters are 'flagged' when they have non-matching information." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

When The Databases Were Queried, "Any Information That Didn't Match Put The Individual At Risk For Losing Their Voting Privileges." "Almost 200,000 individuals were tagged, according to the DOJ, as a 'non-match.' Meaning when the databases were queried, any information that didn't match put the individual at risk for losing their voting privileges." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Handel's System Ended Up Flagging Almost 200,000 People, And Thousands Had To End Up Proving They Were Citizens

Almost 200,000 Individuals Were Flagged As Not Having Matching Information, With 7,007 Flagged As Potential Non-Citizens. "Almost 200,000 individuals were tagged, according to the DOJ, as a 'non-match.' Meaning when the databases were queried, any information that didn't match put the individual at risk for losing their voting privileges. Another report flagged the 7,007 people as potential non-citizens." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

DOJ: Georgia's Program "Flagged [Over 3,500] Persons Who Have Subsequently Demonstrated That They Are In Fact Citizens." In June 2009, Facing South reported: "According to the DOJ analysis, Georgia's program 'flagged a large number of persons who have subsequently demonstrated that they are in fact citizens, Indeed, of the 7,007 individuals who have been flagged...as potential non-citizens, more than half were in fact citizens.'" [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Black, Hispanic And Asian People Were Flagged More Than White People. "The DOJ also calculated that although blacks and whites made up equal numbers of the newly registered, blacks were flagged 60 percent more than whites. The DOJ similarly found that 'Hispanic and Asian individuals are more than twice as likely to appear on the (flagged) list as are white applicants.' In essence the program puts an undue burden on blacks, Hispanics and Asians to prove their citizenship when trying to vote." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

HEADLINE: "Some Voters 'Purged' From Voter Rolls." [CNN, [10/26/08](#)]

Critics Said Handel Was Effectively Undertaking A Voter Roll Purge

Voting Rights Advocates Argued The System “Amounted To A ‘Systematic Purging’ Of Rolls Just Weeks Before The [2008] Election.” “Voting rights advocates argued that Georgia's efforts amounted to a ‘systematic purging’ of rolls just weeks before the election.” [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Voter Advocacy Group Said That Many People Required To Prove Their Citizenship Were Citizens, “Which Suggests There Are Some Significant Flaws In The System They’re Using.” “A voting rights group and a spokesperson from the Obama campaign asks the same question. ‘There have been a bunch of people who have been able to come into Cobb County and prove that they are citizens, which suggests there are some significant flaws in the system they’re using,’ said Sharon Shalf, an attorney with Georgia Election Protection. ‘It is troubling to us. It’s troubling that a lot of people are getting letters questioning their citizenship.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 10/9/08]

Handel’s Office Requested 2 Million Identity Verifications With The Social Security Administration, The Highest Of Any State. “The letter comes days after the Social Security Administration questioned the state’s high volume of requests to verify voter identities. Georgia’s 2 million requests surpassed those of any other state. The state is also examining the citizenship of some Georgia voters. As of Friday, the secretary of state had asked counties to check the status of 2,675 individuals whose driver’s license records indicated they were not citizens, but who had registered to vote, Carrothers said. ‘It’s imperative that the information provided by the voter is true and they are who they say they are,’ Carrothers said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/9/08](#)]

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A Federal Court Ruled That Handel Had To Retroactively Allow Thousands Of Voters To Cast Ballots, As Georgia’s Voter Verification System Had Not Been Approved By The DOJ

Jose Morales, A U.S. Citizen, Was Kicked Off The Voter Rolls And Was Refused Re-enfranchisement Despite Providing Sufficient Evidence. “Weeks before the 2008 election, thousands of registered voters in Georgia had their citizenship challenged by the state, a policy spearheaded by Handel. One of them was Jose Morales, a student at Kennesaw State University, a legal permanent resident since he was a toddler who became a US citizen in November 2007. After filling out a voter registration form in September 2008, Morales received a letter from Cherokee County telling him that he must provide evidence of his citizenship in court or would be kept off the voter rolls. Morales drove 30 minutes from his home in Kennesaw to the Cherokee County Elections office in Canton, to give the clerk a copy of his passport. He was told that was sufficient evidence to prove his citizenship and received a copy of his voting card a week later. But a month before the election, on October 7, 2008, he received another letter saying he was still not qualified to vote and had to appear again before the Cherokee County Elections office to prove his citizenship again or else he would be purged from the rolls.” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Handel Was Sued By The ACLU

ACLU Sued Georgia On Morales’ Behalf, Saying The State’s Citizenship Verification Process Violated The Law. “At that point, the ACLU sued Georgia on Morales’s behalf, holding that the state’s citizenship verification process violated the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. ‘Despite all the steps he has gone through, Mr. Morales’ right to vote is still being threatened,’ the lawsuit said. ‘Mr. Morales wants to vote, particularly in the upcoming election, and wants to make sure his vote is counted.’” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Handel “Criticized The Lawsuit And Spread Unfounded Claims About Noncitizens Voting.” “Handel criticized the lawsuit and spread unfounded claims about noncitizens voting. ‘Unfortunately, some groups appear to want to open the door to allow non-citizens to register and vote in the General Election,’ she wrote.” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

A Panel Of Federal Judges Ultimately Ruled Against Handel

A Panel Of Federal Judges Ruled That Voters Whose Eligibility Had Been Questioned Must Be Allowed To Cast A Ballot In The 2008 Election. “Georgians whose eligibility to vote has been questioned must be allowed to cast a ballot in the Nov. 4 election, a panel of federal judges ruled Monday.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

Panel Said That Handel Failed To Have Her Voter Verification System Reviewed By The Department Of Justice Under The Voting Rights Act. “The judges said in their order that Handel should have had the new system approved by the U.S. Department of Justice for review before implementing it, as required under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. That process is under way, after the Justice Department asked the state to submit it for review.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

Panel Said That No Names Could Be Removed From The Voter List Unless A Person Admitted In Writing That They Were Ineligible To Vote. “The court also said that no names can be removed from voter lists unless a person admits, in writing, that he or she is ineligible to vote.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

... But By Then, It Was Too Late For Many Voters To Resolve Whatever Issue Had Been Flagged

Court Ordered Handel To “Make Diligent And Immediate Efforts To Notify” Every Person Whose Registration Had Been Flagged. “The court also ordered Secretary of State Karen Handel to ‘make diligent and immediate efforts to notify, in a uniform manner, every person whose voter registration presently remains flagged.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

Those Whose Citizenship Was In Question Could Go To A County Office Before Election Day And Produce Documents Proving They Were A Citizen. “A panel of federal judges this week ordered Handel's office to come up with a way of alerting those whose status has been questioned and allowing them to vote in some way on Election Day. Those whose citizenship is in question can go to a county elections office before Election Day and produce documents proving their citizenship and resolve the issue, Carrothers said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

Those Who Didn't Could Cast A “Challenge Ballot,” Which Would Not Be Counted Until Counties Conducted Hearings And Determined The Voter Was A Citizen. “The letter from Handel's office tells the voters that if they appear at their polling place with the issue still unresolved, they will be given a ‘challenge’ ballot --- a paper version of the ballot that appears on electronic voting machines. The ballot will not be included in the precinct's vote totals, Handel said. Counties that have election boards will conduct hearings on these and other challenged ballots at 10 a.m. the Friday after the election. They will determine whether the person is a citizen.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

But The Timing Of The Ruling Made It So Voters Only Had A Few Days To Resolve Issues. “But if the letters were only mailed Wednesday, that means that many flagged voters will only be receiving the letters today -- giving them only 1-2 business days at crowded election offices to resolve the problem. If they're not able to, Handel has made it clear the votes might not count.” [Facing South, [10/31/08](#)]

Handel Even Allowed Voters To Challenge Another's Citizenship While At The Polls, Forcing Them To Cast A Challenge Ballot

Handel Allowed Any Voter To Challenge Another's Qualifications To Cast A Ballot; If This Occurred, That Voter Would Have To Cast A Challenge Ballot. “Any voter can challenge another's qualifications to cast a ballot

by notifying a precinct poll manager, Handel said. That voter then would be given a challenge ballot and would have to go before the election board.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/30/08](#)]

Handel’s Policy “Could Be Used To Target The State’s Rapidly-Growing Latino Population And Other Racial Groups.” “Even more worrisome is that Handel made a point of stating that any voter's citizenship can be contested by any other voter, a policy which could be used to target the state's rapidly-growing Latino population and other racial groups.” [Facing South, [10/31/08](#)]

When The DOJ Did Review Handel’s System, They Found It Inaccurate And Discriminatory, And Rejected It

The U.S. Justice Department “Rejected Georgia’s System Of Checking Whether Prospective Voters Are Citizens.” “The Justice Department has rejected Georgia's system of checking whether prospective voters are citizens, a process that became the subject of a federal lawsuit in the weeks leading up to November's election.” [AP, [6/2/09](#)]

DOJ Said State’s Voter Verification Program Was “Frequently Inaccurate And Has A ‘Discriminatory Effect’ On Minority Voters In Georgia.” “In a letter released Monday, the department said the state's voter verification program is frequently inaccurate and has a ‘discriminatory effect’ on minority voters in Georgia. ‘This flawed system frequently subjects a disproportionate number of African-American, Asian and/or Hispanic voters to additional, and more importantly, erroneous burdens on the right to register to vote,’ Loretta King, acting assistant attorney general of the Justice Department's civil rights division, said. Her letter was sent to Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker on Friday.” [AP, [6/2/09](#)]

Decision Meant Georgia Would Have To Halt The Voter Verification Checks Unless They Got The DOJ To Reconsider. “The decision means Georgia must halt the voter verification checks, although the state can still ask the Justice Department to reconsider, according to the letter and to the Georgia secretary of state's office.” [AP, [6/2/09](#)]

Handel “Blasted The Justice Department’s Decision,” Said That “Politics Took Priority Over Common Sense And Good Public Policy.” “Secretary of State Karen Handel on Monday blasted the Justice Department's decision, saying it opens the floodgates for noncitizens to vote in the state. ‘Clearly, politics took priority over common sense and good public policy,’ said Ms. Handel, a Republican candidate for governor in 2010.” [AP, [6/2/09](#)]

Handel Tried To Force Her System Through Again, But The DOJ Rejected It A Second Time

DOJ “For The Second Time” Rejected Handel’s Voter Citizenship Verification System, After They Requested Reconsideration. “The U.S. Department of Justice has for the second time rejected Georgia's system of using Social Security numbers and driver's license data to check whether prospective voters are citizens. The Justice Department first rejected Georgia's request for preclearance for the checks in May. The state asked the department in August to reconsider that rejection.” [AP, [10/17/09](#)]

DOJ Was Unable To Conclude That Georgia “Has Carried Its Burden Of Showing That The Original Voter Registration Verification Program Has Neither A Discriminatory Purpose Nor A Discriminatory Effect.” “In a letter sent to Georgia Deputy Attorney General Dennis Dunn on Tuesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney General Thomas Perez said the state's August request contains so many changes to the original voter registration verification process that it constitutes ‘a new change affecting voting that the state desires to implement.’ ‘I remain unable to conclude that the State of Georgia has carried its burden of showing that the original voter registration verification program has neither a discriminatory purpose nor a discriminatory effect,’ Mr. Perez wrote.” [AP, [10/17/09](#)]

2008: Despite Hours-Long Lines To Vote, Handel Refused To Extend Early Voting Hours

Amidst Huge Voter Turnout In 2008, Atlanta Polling Places Experienced Computer Glitches And Hours-Long

Polling Places In Atlanta Were “Plagued By Long Lines And Computer Glitches” During The Early Voting Of The 2008 Presidential Election. “Some polling places have been plagued by long lines and computer glitches in recent days, especially in densely-populated metro-Atlanta. Hundreds of voters in southwest Atlanta waited in line until nearly 10:30 p.m. Thursday because of computer problems at an one advance voting site.” [Associated Press, [11/1/08](#)]

Early Voting In The 2008 Presidential Election Far Surpassed Turnout Predictions, Handel Predicted 25% Early Vote Turnout But It Was Actually Closer To 31%. “As early voting drew to a close in Georgia, shattering turnout predictions, Democrats on Friday called on state officials to keep polling places open through Election Day to accommodate crowds that have waited in lines for hours to cast a ballot. By early Friday, some 1.77 million Georgians had voted 31 percent of the state’s 5.6 million registered voters. Early voting is set to end Friday. The time varies from county to county. Before the polls opened on Sept. 22, Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel predicted a 25 percent early voting turnout.” [Associated Press, [11/1/08](#)]

Rep. John Lewis Of Atlanta Requested Handel Extend Early Voting Hours, But Handel Refused Because She Said She Needed Federal Approval...

Rep. John Lewis And Democrats Requested That Handel Extend Early Voting Hours Because Of Record Lines And Turnout In The 2008 Election. “With long lines at the polls continuing on the Friday before Election Day, U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who represents Atlanta, and other Democrats held a press conference at the state Capitol, calling on Secretary of State Karen Handel and Gov. Sonny Perdue to extend voting hours over the weekend, following the lead of Florida officials.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/9/08](#)]

Handel Maintained That Georgia Could Not Extend Hours Because They Would Have To Get Federal Approval Under The Voting Rights Act. “But that is easier said than done in Georgia, according to Handel, a fellow Republican and Georgia’s chief elections officer. Georgia counties cannot add polling stations or expand their hours to the weekends without approval by the U.S. Justice Department, since Georgia is covered under the federal Voting Rights Act, Handel said. She also suggested that keeping the polls open on the weekend before Election Day could create logistical problems because local officials use that time to set up for Tuesday.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/9/08](#)]

...Even Though Florida’s Governor Was Able To Extend Early Voting Hours Without It

In Florida, Governor Signed An Executive Order Allowing Extended Hours For Early Voting. “Faced with a record voter turnout, Florida Gov. Charlie Crist signed an executive order on Oct. 28, declaring a state of emergency and allowing early voting on the Saturday and Sunday before Election Day.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/9/08](#)]

Handel Dismissed Concerns About Long Lines, Inviting A Harsh Critique From The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Editorial: Handel Responded To Complaints Of Long Lines To Vote “With Dismissal Rather Than Solutions.” “As the state’s chief elections officer, Handel must keep the appearance of politics out of her actions. She has failed to do so repeatedly. When early voters --- both Democrats and Republicans --- complained of waiting in lines as long as eight hours to vote this week, she responded with dismissal rather than solutions. She may find that Georgians respond the same way the next time she seeks their votes.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, editorial, [10/31/08](#)]

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Editorial: “No Matter The Outcome Of Tuesday’s Election, A Loser Has Emerged --- Secretary Of State Karen Handel.” “No matter the outcome of Tuesday’s election, a loser has emerged --- Secretary of State Karen Handel.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, editorial, [10/31/08](#)]

Handel: Lines Are To Be Expected On Election Day. “Of course, there are lines this week, and there will be lines on Election Day. Most Georgians reasonably expect that. My job is to ensure our counties are doing everything they can so voters are able to cast their ballots as quickly and easily as possible. The overwhelming majority of Georgia’s county election offices are properly managing this record turnout. Most elections officials made the necessary preparations and their voters have benefited from an efficient voting process. In the counties where there have been problems, their officials have reacted quickly --- deploying additional resources and personnel. Today, the process is moving much more efficiently in these counties than it was earlier this week.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, op-ed, [10/30/08](#)]

Handel: “Any Changes Now Would Introduce Prohibitive Legal, Practical And Logistical Hurdles To Our Elections Process.” “Moreover, any changes now would introduce prohibitive legal, practical and logistical hurdles to our elections process.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, op-ed, [10/30/08](#)]

2005: As Secretary Of State, Handel Prompted A Discriminatory Voter ID Statute

Handel Personally Championed Georgia’s Strict Voter ID Law

2005: Handel “Championed Georgia’s Strict Voter-ID Law.” “At the same time she was trying to purge qualified voters from the rolls and prevent Democrats from running for office, Handel championed Georgia’s strict voter-ID law, among the first of its kind to take effect in 2005. Four of five career lawyers at the Justice Department recommended blocking the law, but political appointees in the George W. Bush administration approved it even though the bill’s Republican sponsor in the legislature, Rep. Sue Burmeister, told DOJ lawyers: ‘If there are fewer black voters because of the bill, it will only be because there is less opportunity for fraud. She said when black voters in her precinct are not paid to vote, they do not go to the polls.’” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Handel Cited The Law As One Of Her “Most Important Accomplishments.” “To this day, Handel cites the voter-ID law as one of her “most important accomplishments.” She said in a TV ad for the Sixth District race: ‘As secretary of state, I fought President Obama to implement photo ID and won,’ even though Georgia’s voter-ID law was passed in 2005 and took effect in 2007, well before President Obama assumed office.” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Handel: Georgia’s Voter ID Law Is A “Common-Sense Measure” That “Protects Every Citizen’s Legal Vote From Being Canceled By One Cast Fraudulently.” “Georgia’s voter ID law --- much like Indiana’s --- protects every citizen’s legal vote from being canceled by one cast fraudulently. It doesn’t matter how many times or different ways Tucker writes it, the facts remain the same. It’s a common-sense measure supported by 80 percent of Georgians (according to this newspaper), regardless of race, political affiliation or age.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/18/08](#)]

NOTE: This article is only available online on Nexis.

Handel Claimed No One Had Been Harmed By The Law, Despite Ample Evidence To The Contrary

Handel Claimed That No Voter Had Been Harmed By The Voter ID Law. “Opponents of photo ID have failed to produce even one voter who has been harmed by the requirement, despite nearly three years of scouring the state in search of such an individual,’ Handel wrote in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Marietta Citizen Said His Mother Was Rejected For A Georgia ID Due To Her Maiden Name Not Matching Her Married Name, And Was Not Able To Vote As A Result. “That prompted a response from reader Ed Neubaum of Marietta, who wrote: ‘My 73-year-old mother is one. After moving to Georgia from Florida, we attempted to obtain a Georgia ID. Based on the then-published requirements on the Department of Motor Vehicles Web site, we gathered proof of her new address (bank statement), birth certificate and valid Florida driver’s license. At the DMV, we where told that as of May, the secretary of state required her marriage certificate because the name on her birth certificate did not match her driver’s license. They would accept a passport with her married name, something she has never applied for. The harm: Tracking down and paying \$40 for a copy of her marriage certificate. Two trips to the DMV, time and gas. Missing the July 15 primary.’” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Political Scientists Found That The Georgia Voter ID Law Reduced Voter Turnout. “In fact, political scientists M. V. Hood III and Charles S. Bullock III found that the Georgia law did reduce voter turnout. When the law passed, they noted, 289,622 Georgia registrants—5.66 percent of the electorate—had neither a driver’s license nor state ID card. Before the voter ID law: ‘In 2004, those registrants lacking photo ID had a turnout rate of 47.6% compared with other registrants with a 72.9% rate of turnout.’ After the voter-ID law: ‘In 2008, the turnout rate for those registrants lacking ID drops to 39.6%, whereas for those with photo ID the rate falls to 70.0%.’ ‘Stated succinctly, we estimate turnout in Georgia in 2008 would have been about four-tenths of a percentage point higher had the courts blocked the law.’” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

GA Association Of Latino Elected Officials: “African-American, Hispanic And Asian Communities Have Been Disproportionately Affected” By Voter ID Law. “Minority groups, like the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials, say they’ve seen the disenfranchisement firsthand. During the 2010 elections, group officials say they were forced to drive voters who didn’t have IDs to local elections offices to get the problem cleared up, and then drive them back to their polling sites. ‘Certainly what we have seen...borne out in Georgia is that African-American, Hispanic and Asian communities have been disproportionately affected,’ said Jerry Gonzalez, executive director of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials, ‘What we want is to make sure of is that nobody is denied their right to vote.’” [The Grio, [4/3/12](#)]

Handel Is A Career Politician Who Keeps Running For Higher Office

2006: Handel Ran For Secretary Of State

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Rep. Karen Handel Electoral History				
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		Jon Ossoff (D)	48.22%	
2014	U.S. Senate Republican Primary (Georgia)	David Perdue (R)	30.64%	-8.68%
		Karen Handel (R)	21.96%	
2010	Governor – Runoff (Georgia)	Karen Handel (R)	49.8%	-0.4%
		Nathan Deal (R)	50.2%	
2006	Secretary of State (Georgia)	Karen Handel (R)	54.1%	+12.3%
		Gail Buckner (D)	41.8%	

[Georgia Secretary of State, [11/6/18](#), [6/20/17](#), [11/4/14](#), [11/30/10](#), [11/7/06](#)]

Handel Clashed With Georgia Republicans During Her Previous Campaigns For Higher Office

2017: Handel's GOP Opponent Called Her Out For Being An Opportunist Who Constantly Sought Higher Office

Republican State Senator Dan Moody: Handel “Has Run Six Different Times For Five Different Offices.” In the final week of a congressional contest that has drawn national attention, the knives are out. Not for the surprisingly well-funded Democrat in the special election, but for Republican Karen Handel. [...] One of her top GOP adversaries, former state senator Dan Moody, on Tuesday unleashed a searing new TV ad that highlight's Handel's electoral track record: When a female candidate is skewered, it's always worthwhile to have a female narrator. From the script: ‘Here she comes again. Over the last 15 years, Karen Handel has run six times for five different offices. She usually loses, and she didn't even finish the jobs we did give her. Always running for the next office, with higher pay or a nice new Lexus on the taxpayer dime. Karen Handel isn't running for you. She's running for herself.’” [Atlanta Journal Constitution, [4/12/17](#)]

2014: Georgia Republicans Were Wary Of Funding Handel, After She Ran An Acrimonious Gubernatorial Campaign

GOP Sources In Georgia Said Nathan Deal Allies Had Shut Down Money To Handel, And Questioned Whether She Could Unite The Party Given Her “Scorched-Earth Campaigning.” “Several GOP sources said that Deal allies have quietly moved to shut down the money spigot to Handel, which helps account for the meager \$337,000 in her campaign account. Moreover, the network of Sonny Perdue donors who helped Handel in the 2010 governor's run are now firmly on David Perdue's side. A Deal spokeswoman and Handel both downplayed the past disputes, but others say the ill will still lingers. If Handel wins the nomination, her critics say she'll have a hard time uniting the party given her scorched-earth campaigning.” [Politico, [5/16/14](#)]

Handel's “Hardball Runoff,” “Acerbic Tone,” And Tactics Left A “Bitter Taste” In Republicans' Mouths After Her Gubernatorial Run. “Her hardball runoff campaign against now Gov. Nathan Deal left many Deal supporters with a bitter taste in their mouths and the acerbic tone and tactics she employed haven't been forgotten by the governor's confidantes. That strained relationship has hamstrung Handel's fundraising efforts, insist sources on the ground there.” [US News, [5/16/14](#)]

Key Visuals

Headlines

2019: Handel's Lobbying Firm Represented One Concern Inc., An Artificial Intelligence Company That Sold A Faulty Product That Purported To Help Streamline Disaster Relief Planning

HEADLINE: This Celebrated Startup Vowed To Save Lives With AI. Now, It's A Cautionary Tale. [Fast Company, [8/13/19](#)]

HEADLINE: This High-Tech Solution to Disaster Response May Be Too Good to Be True. [New York Times, [8/9/19](#)]

Video

2018: Handel Called The House Sergeant Of Arms On A Member Of Congress Who Played Audio Of Children Detained At The Border

HEADLINE: Tempers Flare On House Floor Over Audio Of Migrant Children. [Marietta Daily Journal, [6/22/18](#)]

Personal & Professional History

Biography

This section provides background information on Handel's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas.

Birth Date

Handel Was Born On April 18th, 1962. [Roll Call CQ, Karen R. Handel, accessed [4/27/20](#)]

Education

Handel Attended Prince George's Community College And The University of Maryland, University College. [Roll Call CQ, Karen R. Handel, accessed [4/27/20](#)]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Handel's professional career:

Political

- **2017 – 2019:** U.S. Representative, Georgia's 6th Congressional District
- **2007 – 2010:** Secretary of State of Georgia
- **2003 – 2006:** Chairman, Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Professional

- **2010 – 2017:** President, Handel Strategy Group
- **2010 – 2012:** Sr. Vice President for Public Policy, Susan G. Komen for the Cure
- **2001 – 2003:** President/CEO, Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce
- **1997 – 2001:** Head, Global Communications & Public Affairs, CIBA Vision (Novartis AG)
- **1994 – 1996:** Public Relations Director, KPMG US

Criminal Record

Handel Did Not Have A Criminal Record. [Fulton County Superior Court Search, accessed [4/28/20](#); PACER U.S. Courts Search, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

Judgments Or Liens

Handel Did Not Have Any Judgements Or Liens Against Her. [Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

Bankruptcy Filings

Handel Did Not Have Any Bankruptcy Filings. [PACER U.S. Courts Search, Bankruptcy Search, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

Voter Registration & History

According to VoteBuilder and the Georgia Secretary of State, Handel's voting history is depicted below:

Handel Voting History								
	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2019				X	X			
2018	X	X					X	X
2017	X	X					X	X
2016								
2015	X				X		X	
2014	X	X						
2013					X			
2012	X	X				X		
2011							X	X
2010	X	X						
2009				X	X			
2008	X	X				X		
2007					X			
2006	X	X						
2005				X	X			
2004	X	X		X				
2003							X	
2002	X	X					X	
2001								
2000	X							
1999							X	
1998	X	X						

[VoteBuilder, accessed [3/5/20](#)]

Personal Finance

In 2019, Handel had an estimated net worth of between \$217,022 And \$770,001.

According to Handel’s federal personal financial disclosures, she received no income in 2019. Her assets totaled between \$232,022 And \$780,001 . She had between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in liabilities.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Handel’s personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures. For primary documents, see Personal Financial Disclosures folder.

Handel’s Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Karen Handel PFD Top Lines							
Year	Salary	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Liabilities	
		Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
2018	\$174,000	\$232,022	\$780,001	N/A	N/A	\$10,000	\$15,000
2017	\$174,000	\$354,025	\$1,065,000	\$15,202	\$51,000	\$150,002	\$300,000

[Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#); Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

2018 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

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Earned Income

Handel Did Not Disclose Any Earned Income For 2019. [Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2018: Handel Reported Between \$232,022 And \$780,001 In Unearned Income

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2019 Handel Assets & “Unearned” Income							
SP/ DC /JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income		Tx. > \$1,000
		Min	Max		Min	Max	

MF	American Funds Capital Income Builder Class F-1	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds Capital World Growth and Income Fund Class A	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds The Growth Fund Of America Class A	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	American Funds The Growth Fund Of America Class F1	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund Class A	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund Class F-1A	\$1,001	\$15,001	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend Fund Class C Shares	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
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SP	First Eagle Global Fund Class C	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	First Eagle U.S. Value Fund Class C	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	Franklin Mutual Shares Fund Class C	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Thornburg International Value Fund Class A	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	LrgCapGrwStk	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	MidCapCoreStk	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	SmCapCoreStk	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	High Yield Bond (MSA/Federated Inv.)-B	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Index 500 Stock (MSA)-B	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Small Cap Growth Stock (MSA/Wellington)-B	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	TextGov LLC, 100% Interest	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Gallard Retirement Income 60	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Metrop West Tot Ret Bd M	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	TIAA Fulton County Deferred Compensation Plan → T Rowe Price Gr Stk Adv	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total:	\$232,022	\$780,001	Total:	N/A	N/A	N/A

Liabilities

Handel Reported \$10,000 - \$15,000 In Credit Card Debt

2018: Handel Reported \$10,000 - \$15,000 In Credit Card Debt From A Marriott Chase Credit Card. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2018 Handel Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
JT	Marriott Chase Credit Card	March 2018	Credit Card	\$10,000 - \$15,000

[Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Positions

2018: Handel Reported That She Held Four Positions

2018: Handel Was A Principal At Handel Strategy Group, But Noted That The Entity Was Dissolved In 2017. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2019: Handel Was A Principal At Cogent Strategies LLC. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2018: Handel Was A Member Of Congress. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2017: Handel Was A Board Member At SafeHouse Ministries. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2018 Handel Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Principal	Handel Strategy Group (Comments: Entity dissolved during 2017)
Principal	Cogent Strategies LLC (Comments: position in 2019 only)
Member of Congress	U.S. House of Representatives (2018)
Board Member	SafeHouse Ministries (Comments: Resigned 2017)

[Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Agreements

2018: Handel Reported That She Was Party To One Agreement

2018: Handel Was Party To A Continued Deferred Compensation Plan From Fulton County, Georgia. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2018 Handel Agreements		
Date	Parties To	Terms Of Agreement
March 2003	Fulton County, GA	Continued participation in deferred compensation plan

[Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Political Career

This section provides an overview of Handel's political career, from 2017 to 2019.

Significant Findings

- ✓ While she was in Congress, Handel voted with Republicans 98% of the time.
- ✓ Handel missed only two votes during her time in Congress.
- ✓ Handel served on the House Judiciary and Education and Workforce Committees.
- ✓ Handel was part of the Republican Main Street Caucus and the Republican Study Committee.
- ✓ After losing to McBeth in 2018, Handel dragged her feet and refused to expeditiously concede the race.
- ✓ In 2018, Handel attacked McBeth for supposedly living outside of her district, when in fact McBeth and her husband simply had different addresses.

Partisanship

Handel Voted With Her Party 98% Of The Time

Handel Voted With The Republican Party 98% Of The Time. According to CQ, during her congressional career, Handel voted with other members of the Republican Caucus 98% of the time. [CQ Vote Study, accessed [3/7/20](#)]

Party Unity		
Year	Support	Oppose
2017	98%	2%
Lifetime Average		

[CQ Vote Study, accessed [3/7/20](#)]

Attendance Record

Handel Missed Only Two Votes During Her Time In Congress

Handel Voting Attendance Record – GovTrack.US				
Time Period	Votes Eligible	Missed Votes	Percent	Percentile
2017 – 2018	887	2	0.2%	5 th percentile
Total:	887	2	0.2%	5th percentile

[GovTrack.us, Karen Handel, accessed [3/7/20](#)]

Committees

2017 – 2018: Handel Served On The House Judiciary And Education And Workforce Committees

2017 – 2018: Handel Served On The House Judiciary, And Education And Workforce Committees.

Years	Committees
2017-2018	Judiciary
	Education and Workforce

[Representative Karen Handel, accessed via WayBack Machine, [3/7/20](#)]

Caucuses

2017 – 2018: Handel Was Part Of The Republican Main Street Partnership And The Republican Study Committee

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Campaigns

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Leadership PACs

2017: Handel Formed A Leadership PAC

August 2017: Handel Formed A Leadership PAC, Helping America’s Next Dedicated Elected Leaders (HANDEL PAC). “Handel’s helping hand: About one month after taking office, U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell, has formed a leadership PAC to raise cash for political allies. The group is called Helping America’s Next Dedicated Elected Leaders, or HANDEL PAC.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [8/13/17](#)]

2020 Campaign

In Her Campaign Launch Ad, Handel Tried To Tie McBath To Prominent Democratic Women, Such As Nancy Pelosi, Kamala Harris, And Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Handel’s Campaign Ad Launch Displayed Images Of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Kamala Harris, And Nancy Pelosi. “A video announcing Handel’s new campaign posted to Twitter Monday morning opens with ominous

music playing over distorted footage of several prominent Democrats such as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Kamala Harris, none of whom are from Georgia, before Handel appears and the music becomes more upbeat. ‘Imagine if we had leaders in Washington who worked for us, leaders more interested in doing their jobs than being a celebrity. Imagine if those leaders actually lived in our communities and understood us,’ Handel says in a voiceover.” [Northside Neighbor, [3/25/19](#)]

Handel: Democrats Were “Trying To Turn America Into A Socialist Country”

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Handel Touted Herself As The Most Qualified And Experienced Republican Candidate To Win Back GA-06

Handel Touted Herself As The Most Qualified And Experienced Republican Candidate To Win Back GA-06. “Handel warned that retaking the seat would be a challenge. ‘Now, the outside groups came in and they are going to be back in 2020, so retaking this seat is not going to be easy. That’s why we have to put forward our strongest, most experienced candidate. Someone who has proven that she can win. Now I know some of you are asking what about ‘18? Well, most of you know I love football. What you might not know is I love boxing, too. And what I know about the greatest fighters out there is sometimes you have to take a punch to land the knockout blow. And in 2020, we’re going to deliver the knockout blow to Nancy Pelosi, we’re going to get Donald Trump reelected, we’re going to reelect David Perdue, we’re going to take back the 6th.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, [7/4/19](#)]

2018 Campaign And Transition Period

2018: After Losing To Lucy McBath In GA-06, Handel Dragged Her Feet And Refused To Expeditiously Concede The Race

November 2018: Handel Dragged Her Feet And Refused To Immediately Concede In The GA-06 Election After Losing To Lucy McBath. “Democrat Lucy McBath declared victory over U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell on Wednesday while leading by fewer than 3,000 votes across the three-county 6th Congressional District. Handel has not conceded, however. [...] Citing the close race, Handel’s campaign did not concede Wednesday. ‘Given the close results of our race, and the fact that the official results at this time are within the 1 percent threshold where a recount is possible, we believe it is prudent to review and assess all data before making additional actions or statements,’ a Handel campaign staffer said in an email.” [Northside Neighbor, [11/7/18](#)]

2018: Handel Attacked McBath For Supposedly Living Outside Of The District, When In Fact McBath And Her Husband Simply Had Different Addresses

2018: Handel Attacked McBath For Supposedly Living Outside Of The District, When In Fact McBath And Her Husband Simply Had Different Addresses Since McBath’s Husband Was A Flight Attendant. “The amended financial statement above is one example. In April, the Cobb County tax commissioner’s office revoked three years of homestead exemption claims -- for 2016, 2017 and 2018 -- by McBath and her husband Curtis.

During the 2018 campaign, McBath said she had briefly moved to Tennessee to help her husband work through family issues -- but then moved back to Marietta. During the campaign and since, Handel and her supporters have cited the homestead morass as proof that McBath is a resident of Tennessee. Indeed, the McBath marriage is, on its surface, non-traditional. But Curtis McBath is a Delta flight attendant. The couple have no children of their own. In the airline business, under those circumstances, separate households are more common among flying couples than you might think.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/26/19](#)]

Ethics

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Upon leaving Congress in 2019, Handel quickly established a firm offering businesses development and public policy consulting, while selling her years of experience in public office and business.*
- ✓ *Handel was a lobbyist for the Susan G. Komen foundation, worked in “government affairs” for two major companies, and got her start in a series of secretary roles working for an “influential DC lobbyist.”*
- ✓ *Career: Handel took over \$63,000 in campaign contributions from lobbyists.*
- ✓ *During her 2014 Senatorial campaign, Handel was accused of using taxpayer funds to lease a luxury Lexus SUV while she was Secretary of State.*
 - ✓ *Handel opted against using a state vehicle, and instead took a \$587 monthly stipend to lease a luxury Lexus SUV.*
 - ✓ *Even though she was using a luxury vehicle, Handel had voted in the past to “severely limit” commissioners’ ability to use police cars and officers to get to official events.*
- ✓ *Handel’s offices spent taxpayer money recklessly while she held office in Georgia.*
 - ✓ *Handel’s office budgets rose over 40% when she was a Fulton County Commissioner and Secretary of State, and she paid her Chief of Staff \$40,000 more than the next highest paid Chief.*
 - ✓ *However, she simultaneously laid off employees in her office and proposed firing 8,000 Georgians to help balance the budget.*
 - ✓ *Handel’s office was the only office in Georgia that did not allow furlough days to save money, yet Handel simultaneously laid off 25 employees at a state agency.*
- ✓ *Handel has used her official, taxpayer-funded congressional offices to give business to a well-known family who happened to be big donors to her campaign.*
 - ✓ *Handel’s office spent nearly \$100,000 renting a district office from Mimms Mill LLC, which is connected to one of the major commercial real estate developers in the Atlanta area.*
 - ✓ *David Mimms, Robert Mimms, and Malon Mimms—all executives with the Mimms real estate empire—contributed a total of \$18,500 to Handel.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to block a bill to ensure that senior political appointees did not spend federal money on private air travel.*
- ✓ *Handel voted against extending whistleblower protections to employees who disclosed information about improper use of government aircraft by federal officials.*
- ✓ *When campaigning for Congress, Handel pledged to have three in-person town halls per year. However, she reneged on her promise once in office, and held only one town hall, which was conducted remotely via telephone.*

Lobbying & Consulting Career

After Leaving Congress, Handel Established Cogent Strategies, LLC – A Firm Offering Business Development, Communications and Public Policy Consulting Services To Businesses And Nonprofits

NOTE: In 2019, Handel was not registered as a lobbyist with the GA Secretary of State. Cogent Strategies, LLC, was not listed as a lobbying group by the GA Secretary of State. Further research necessary.

Jan. 2019: Handel Established Cogent Strategies, LLC – A Georgia-Based Firm Offering Business Development, Communications And Public Policy Consulting Services To Businesses And Nonprofits

Jan. 2, 2019: After Leaving Congress, Handel Founded And Became President For Cogent Strategies, LLC In Georgia. [Georgia Secretary of State, Control #: 19002440, 1/2/19; Karen Handel (via LinkedIn), accessed [5/21/20](#)]

Handel Registered Cogent Strategies, LLC, At Her Home Address – 3085 Roxburgh Drive, Roswell, GA. [Georgia Secretary of State, Control #: 19002440, 1/2/19; [Fulton County Board of Assessors, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

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CONTROL NUMBER	19002440	
BUSINESS NAME	COGENT STRATEGIES, LLC	
BUSINESS TYPE	Domestic Limited Liability Company	
EFFECTIVE DATE	01/04/2019	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS		
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ORGANIZER(S)		
NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS
Karen C Handel	ORGANIZER	3085 Roxburgh Drive, Roswell, GA, 30076, USA

OPTIONAL PROVISIONS		
Management of the Company is vested in its managers.		

AUTHORIZER INFORMATION		
AUTHORIZER SIGNATURE	Lisa M. Gable, Attorney at Law	
AUTHORIZER TITLE	Attorney In Fact	

[Georgia Secretary of State, Control #: 19002440, 1/2/19]

Handel Said Cogent Strategies Offered “Consulting Services To Businesses And Nonprofits In The Areas Of Organizational And Revenue-Generation Strategic Planning, Business Development And Targeted Networking, And Communications/Public Policy Counsel.” [Karen Handel (via LinkedIn), accessed [5/21/20](#)]

Handle Touted Her “25+ Years Of Experiences In Business And Elected Leadership.” [Karen Handel (via LinkedIn), accessed [5/21/20](#)]



Karen Handel
President at Cogent Strategies US



Experience



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Cogent Strategies offers consulting services to businesses and nonprofits in the areas of organizational and revenue-generation strategic planning, business development and targeted networking, and communications/public policy counsel. Cogent President Karen Handel brings 25+ years of experience in business and elected leadership. Karen's service in county, state, and national elected offices, as CEO of a large chamber of commerce, and in executive positions with several major companies have given her a vast network of personal and professional relationships across the business community and among local, state and national government leaders. Karen helps companies solve problems and connect with the right people to advance their business priorities. With a powerful personal story, Karen Handel is also an experienced, engaging public speaker.

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[Karen Handel (via LinkedIn), accessed [5/21/20](#)]

2019: Handel Reported Herself As The Principal For Cogent Strategies, LLC, But Did Not List Any Clients.

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report (2019), [5/2/19](#)]

Handel Reported Her Position At Cogent Strategies LLC Was A Position Held “In 2019 Only.” [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report (2019), [5/2/19](#)]

NOTE: Candidates for Congress are required to report individual clients from whom they received compensation in excess of \$5,000 when the candidate has an ownership stake in the firm. In 2019, Handel did not report any such clients, or any income from Cogent Strategies. As of May 2020, Handel has not yet filed her 2020 Financial Disclosure Report. Further research will be needed upon her filing to determine whether clients she represented via Cogent Strategies, LLC.

Handel Got Her Start Lobbying Working For An Influential DC Lobbyist

Handel Started Her Career Working For An “Influential DC Lobbyist”

Handel Worked “For An Influential DC Lobbyist” Early In Her Career, Who Recommended Her To Work On The Staff Of Marilyn Quayle. “Handel tried to go to college at night, but dropped out to earn a living. She took a series of secretarial jobs that eventually led to the Washington office of the Hallmark greeting card company. At Hallmark, she worked for an influential D.C. lobbyist, Rae Forker Evans, who was also involved in breast cancer awareness issues. Evans would eventually recommend Handel for a job that changed the course of her professional life: Working on the staff of Marilyn Quayle, the wife of then-Vice President Dan Quayle.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/12/07](#)]

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Handel Was A Registered Lobbyist, And Worked In “Government Affairs” For Two Major Corporations, KPMG And CIBA Vision

Handel Worked In “Government Affairs And Corporate Communications” For KPMG And CIBA Vision. “She and her husband, Steve, moved to Atlanta in 1993 for his job as a technology executive. She landed jobs in government affairs and corporate communications at accounting giant KPMG and contact lens maker CIBA Vision.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/12/07](#)]

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Handel Was A Registered Lobbyist For Susan G. Komen For The Cure. In 2011 and 2012, Handel was a registered federal lobbyist for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/3/20](#)]

Handel Was Bankrolled By Lobbyists, Taking Over \$63,895 In Lobbyist Donations Throughout Her Political Career

Handel Took Thousands Of Dollars From Lobbyists, Both From Georgia And DC

“A Few Days” After Railing Against Georgia’s Lobbyist Culture, Handel “Accepted A \$5,100 Check From The Head Of A Lobbying Team.” “A few days before Republican gubernatorial candidate Karen Handel gave a recent speech condemning a culture of ‘sex, lies and lobbyists’ under the Gold Dome, her campaign accepted a \$5,100 check from the head of a lobbying team.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/17/10](#)]

Handel Raised At Least \$45,000 From Lobbyists While Running For Secretary Of State And Governor. “Since the beginning of 2006, Handel’s campaigns for secretary of state and governor have taken about \$45,000 in contributions from lobbyists, including some of the top names at the Capitol.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/17/10](#)]

Handel Has Received Over \$63,895 From Lobbyists. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [1/31/20](#)]

Handel Has Taken Concert Tickets, Football Tickets, And Awards From Lobbyists

Handel Received Football And Concert Tickets From Lobbyists

Handel Received Rolling Stones Tickets From Lobbyists. “Since the beginning of 2006, Handel’s campaigns for secretary of state and governor have taken about \$45,000 in contributions from lobbyists, including some of the top names at the Capitol. She’s also taken Rolling Stones tickets and a few inexpensive meals from lobbyists.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/17/10](#)]

Handel Received Football Tickets From Multiple Lobbyists. In September 2007, Randy F. Powers, a lobbyist for the University System of Georgia, gifted \$64 worth of football tickets to Handel. In October, Russell Keen, another lobbyist for the University System of Georgia, gifted her \$40 worth of football tickets. Handel also received \$50 worth of football from Russell Keen in 2008. [Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, Lobbyist Expenditure Search, [2007](#)]

Handel Received Awards For Leadership And Legislation From A Lobbying Firm

Handel Received Awards For Leadership And Legislation From A Lobbying Firm. In June 2009, Handel received a leadership award and a legislative award, each worth \$45, from John Bozeman, a lobbyist with Georgia Link Public Affairs Group. [Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, Lobbyist Expenditure Search, [2009](#)]

Handel Argued That Corporate Lobbyists Were “Oftentimes Representing An Interest That’s Important To You” And Were Typically Your “Neighbors And Your Friends And Your Relatives”

Handel To Constituents: Corporate Lobbyists Were “Oftentimes Representing An Interest That’s Important To You”

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Handel: Lobbyists “Are Typically Fighting For Your Best Interests.” In February 2018, Marietta Daily Journal reported: “People are trying to really do the best that they can. And I’m going to say this about the government affairs folks who are out there. Remember, they’re there oftentimes representing an interest that’s important to you. Like Lockheed Martin. Like Dobbins Air Reserve Base. Such as the military. Such as the ag community in our state coming to me and fighting hard about how we will get a guest worker program that really works for the (agriculture) industry. So they’re really, again, the overwhelming majority of them, there might be some bad apples, but there’s always bad apples somewhere. But the overwhelming majority, they are typically fighting for your best interests, and they’re employees, they’re your neighbors and your friends and your relatives.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [2/26/18](#)]

Handel Said Lobbyists Were Just Your “Neighbors And Your Friends And Your Relatives”

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Luxury Vehicles

During Her 2014 Senatorial Campaign, Handel Was Accused Of Using Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Lexus As Secretary Of State

2014: David Perdue Accused Handel Of Using Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Luxury Lexus SUV As Secretary Of State

During A 2014 Debate, Perdue Accused Handel Of Using Taxpayer Money To Lease A Luxury Lexus SUV. “PERDUE: I just have a question for you about, you know, priorities. When you were Secretary of State, Karen, it seems to me, I remember in ‘08 and ‘09, you actually on taxpayer money bought a luxury Lexus SUV while people were losing their jobs in Georgia. MODERATOR: Alright, your rebuttal, and answer to his question if you so choose. HANDEL: Thank you, and that should be his question since he asked a question when it was out of order. David, it doesn’t take a college degree to figure out that with your record of sending jobs overseas at Hager, giving out thousands- thousands losing their jobs while you walked away with millions, you took millions in corporate welfare even as you’ve gone around this state railing against the debt, you contributed to it. I actually agree: Washington has enough of the out-of-touch elitists out there, and the establishment type. We do need a different

kind of person in Washington, and I'm going to be a common sense conservative fighter, a Senator for all Georgians." [Atlanta Press Club Senate Primary Debate, [5/11/14](#)]

Perdue Accused Handel Of Using Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Lexus While Secretary Of State. "While Handel has pounded Perdue for weeks, he hit back in a debate last weekend, accusing her of using taxpayer funds to lease a Lexus while she was secretary of State." [The Hill, [5/14/14](#)]

David Perdue Accused Handel Of Leasing A Luxury Vehicle On Taxpayer Dime When She Was Secretary Of State. "Former Secretary of State Karen Handel said that despite depicting himself as an outsider, Perdue got an 'insider appointment' to the Georgia Ports Authority. Kingston hit Perdue for taking a payout from textile manufacturer Pillowtex as it went under and for not voting in most Republican primaries since he moved back to Georgia. Perdue, for the first time in a string of debates, fired back just as hard. He challenged Handel for leasing a luxury vehicle on the taxpayer dime when she was Secretary of State." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/12/14](#)]

Handel Opted Against Using A State Vehicle, And Instead Chose To Receive A \$587 Monthly Allowance To Drive A Luxury SUV, All While The State Was Cutting Positions

Handel Drove Herself In A Lexus SUV To Official Engagements, Opting For A \$587 Monthly Allowance Rather Than A State Vehicle, And Said She Did Not File For A Mileage Reimbursement. "Handel usually drives herself --- in a Lexus SUV that still has the new-car smell --- to appearances and appointments, choosing the \$587-per-month allowance rather than a state car. She is quick to point out that she doesn't file for mileage reimbursement, even though she's eligible for it." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/12/07](#)]

Handel Used Taxpayer Funds To Lease A Luxury SUV While The State Was Cutting Positions. "Karen Handel, Georgia's former secretary of state, has moved into second but escaped most of the barbs in the 60-minute forum except for Perdue's charge that she used taxpayer funds to buy a luxury SUV while the state was cutting positions." [Newman Times-Herald, [5/12/14](#)]

Even Though She Was Driving A Luxury SUV, Handel Had Voted To "Severely Limit" Commissioners' Ability To Use Police Cars And Officers To Get To Official Events

Handel Voted To "Severely Limit" Commissioners' Ability To Use Police Cars And Officers To Get To Official Events. "Deeply split Fulton County commissioners on Wednesday severely limited their own use of police cars and officers to get them to official events. Board members will have to settle for pool cars or their own vehicles when traveling on county business. Police officers now can be used only after a specific threat of harm has been made and the commissioner can prove there is 'substantial benefit' to Fulton County from the trip. 'I believe it is wrong for any public official to use a police officer for transportation purposes --- period,' said Chairwoman Karen Handel, who proposed the restrictions. 'It is a diversion of resources to have a police officer drive me anywhere.'" [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/19/04](#)]

Office Budgets

Handel's Office Budgets Rose Over 40% During Her Tenure As Commissioner And Secretary Of State, And She Paid Her Chief Of Staff \$40,000 More Than The Next Highest Paid Chief...

Handel's Personal Office Budget Rose By 43 Percent As Fulton County Commissioner And 42 Percent As Secretary Of State. "Handel has also touted her role as a fiscally conservative executive. But in her first two years at the helm of the Fulton County Commission, her personal office budget rose by 43 percent, county records show. During her three years as secretary of state, the office's administration budget jumped by about 42 percent, according to state records." [Associated Press, [7/31/10](#)]

Handel Paid Her Chief Of Staff \$119,000, Almost \$40,000 More Than The Next Highest-Paid Chief Of Staff. “That arrangement broke down when Chairwoman Karen Handel recently hired a new chief of staff at a salary of \$ 119,000, opening an intense debate inside county government. Steve Rapson’s salary is almost \$ 40,000 more than the next highest paid chief of staff and nearly double the lowest.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [4/11/05](#)]

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... But Laid Off Workers In Her Office, And Proposed Firing 8,000 Georgians To Balance The Budget

Handel Argued That Her Office Did Not Need To Take Furlough Days, Yet Also Laid Off 25 Employees At A State Agency

Handel Argued That Her Office Did Not Need To Take Furloughs Because She Slashed Her Budget By 20 Percent And Eliminated 40 Positions. “A spokesman for Handel’s campaign said she has slashed her budget by about 20 percent and eliminated about 40 positions, so furloughs weren’t necessary. Harbin said Handel’s office was apparently the only one in Georgia government to skip the furlough days. Handel stepped down at the end of 2009 to pursue her GOP bid for governor.” [Associated Press, [2/10/10](#)]

As Secretary Of State, Handel Laid Off 25 People At The Professional Licensing Boards Headquarters In Macon To Streamline The Secretary Of State’s Office. “The state will lay off 25 people at the Professional Licensing Boards headquarters here in Macon, according to the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office, which oversees the boards. The cuts go into effect Nov. 1, according to the Secretary of State’s Office, and are part of a restructuring plan that’s being accelerated to deal with state budget shortfalls and budget cuts mandated by Gov. Sonny Perdue. ‘This is part of a proactive effort on Secretary (of State Karen) Handel’s part to streamline the entire Secretary of State’s agency,’ spokesman Matt Carrothers said. ‘It’s never easy to cut positions, but Georgians hired Secretary Handel to make these decisions.’” [Macon Telegraph, [9/15/08](#)]

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Handel Did Not Have A Budget Plan For Closing The \$1 Billion Budget Shortfall, And Called For Laying Off 8,000 Workers

Handel Did Not Have A Budget Plan For Closing The \$1 Billion Budget Shortfall Besides Laying Off State Workers. “Handel, a former secretary of state, did not have a detailed plan for finding the other \$600 million in necessary cuts that lawmakers are now struggling with, but she said raising taxes is the wrong idea. She said her plan is about a structural change to state government.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/26/10](#)]

Handel Called For The Layoff Of Nearly 8,000 State Workers. “From outside the Capitol, GOP candidate for governor Karen Handel has called for the layoff of nearly 8,000 state workers. Most lawmakers aren’t ready to go that far. Yet they have used the word “massive” to describe the downsizing that will be needed.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/11/10](#)]

Donor Favors

Handel’s Office Paid Nearly \$100,000 In Rent To A Company Called Mimms Mill LLC

Handel’s Office Paid \$95,725 To Mimms Mill LLC For District Office Rent

From July 2017 Through January 2019, Handel’s Office Paid \$95,725 To Mimms Mill LLC For District Office Rent. From July 2017 through January 2, 2019, Handel’s office paid a total of \$95,725 to Mimms Mill LLC for district office rent. [House Statements of Disbursement, via Legistorm, accessed [2/10/20](#)]

Mimms Mill LLC Was Located At The Same Address As Big Handel Donor Malon Mimms—Who, With Family Members, Had Given Handel Over \$18,000

Mimms Mill LLC Was Located At 85A Mill Street In Roswell, GA

Mimms Mill LLC Was Located At 85A Mill Street, Suite 100 In Roswell, GA. [Georgia Corporations Division, Business Search, accessed [2/10/20](#)]

Records Showed That Malon Mimms—Who Was Also Located At That Address—And Family Members Donated \$18,500 To Handel’s Federal Campaigns

Members Of The Mimms Family Have Donated \$18,500 To Handel’s Campaigns. [FEC, accessed [2/10/20](#)]

Committee Donated To	Contributor	Address	City/State	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount	Election
Handel for Congress	Mimms, David	780 Old Roswell Place, Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Mimms Enterprises	Real Estate	5/5/17	\$2,700	Runoff
Handel for Senate	Mimms, Malon	85-A Mill St.	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate investments	6/28/13	\$2,400	Runoff
Handel for Senate	Mimms, Malon	85-A Mill St.	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate investments	6/28/13	\$2,600	Primary
Handel for Congress	Mimms, Malon D.	85-A Mill St., Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate	5/5/17	\$2,700	Runoff
Handel for Congress	Mimms, Malon D.	85-A Mill St., Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate	9/11/18	\$2,700	General
Handel for Congress	Mimms, Malon D. Jr.	85-A Mill St., Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Malon D. Mimms Company	Real estate	5/5/17	\$2,700	Runoff
Handel for Congress	Mimms, Robert C.	780 Old Roswell Place, Suite 100	Roswell, GA	Mimms Enterprises	Real estate	5/5/17	\$2,700	Runoff
						TOTAL	\$18,500	

[FEC, accessed [2/10/20](#)]

The Mimms Family Were Major Commercial Real Estate Developers In The Atlanta Area

Mimms Enterprises, Led By David Mimms And Malon Mimms, “Has Been A Fixture In Atlanta Real Estate For More Than 85 Years.” In September 2015, the Atlanta Business Chronicle reported: “Mimms Enterprises, based in Roswell, is led by chairman David Mimms and CEO Malon Mimms, Jr. The company has been a fixture in Atlanta real estate for more than 85 years.” [Atlanta Business Chronicle, [9/7/15](#)]

Federal Political Appointees

Airfare

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule...” According to Rep. Torres, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Lieu’s H.R. 3876, the SWAMP FLYERS Act. This legislation will ensure that senior political appointees are not using Federal funds for official travel on private aircraft.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-190. [H Res 839, [Vote #150](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#); Congressional Record, HR 3518, [4/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials

Handel Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill would extend the whistleblower protections in the underlying bill pertaining to employees who disclose information about the improper use of aircraft by government officials.” The motion was rejected 232-190. [S 585, [Vote #567](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#), DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump Officials Caught Splurging On Luxury Travel.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Town Halls

Handel Pledged To Have Three In-Person, Public Town Halls Per Year, But Only Held One Public Town Hall, Which Was Conducted Via Telephone, During Her Congressional Tenure

Handel Pledged To Hold Three In-Person Town Halls Per Year

Handel Pledged To Have Three In-Person, Public Town Halls Per Year, But Reneged On Her Promise Once She Became A Member Of Congress. “What’s notable about this is that her predecessor, former U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell, pledged to the MDJ prior to being elected to the seat that she would hold at least three public in-person town halls in the district annually, a pledge she chose to ignore once elected.” [Marietta Daily Journal, 4/9/19]

...But, Handel Only Held One Town Hall, Which Was Conducted Via Telephone, During Her Congressional Tenure

Handel Only Held One Town Hall, Which Was Conducted Via Telephone, During Her Congressional Tenure. [Legistorm, Rep. Karen Handel, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

Town Hall Events by Former Rep. Karen Handel (R-Georgia, 6th)

Summary Staff Disclosures Lobbying District StormFeed **Town Halls** Notes (0)

List Map (In-person events)

Aug. 30, 2017 Format: Telephone town hall

Telephone Town Hall

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[Legistorm, Rep. Karen Handel, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel criticized McBath for voting to impeach Donald Trump and said McBath’s impeachment vote was part of an effort by Democrats to “steal the 2020 election.”*
- ✓ *Handel criticized McBath for voting to proceed with an impeachment inquiry into Donald Trump, saying McBath was falling “in line with Pelosi.”*
- ✓ *Handel voted in line with Trump’s positions 98.4 percent of the time, the highest in the Georgia delegation.*
 - ✓ *Handel was only expected to vote with him 72 percent of the time, based on her district’s partisan lean.*
- ✓ *Handel closely tied herself to Trump during the 2017 GA-06 special election despite only one-in-three voters in the district having a favorable view of him*
- ✓ *Handel repeatedly voted against investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election.*
- ✓ *Handel voted repeatedly against releasing Trump’s tax returns.*
- ✓ *Handel voted repeatedly against addressing conflicts of interest in the Trump administration.*

Handel Voting Record On Trump’s Positions

Handel Voted With Trump’s Positions 98.4 Percent Of The Time, The Highest in the Georgia Delegation Even Though She Was Only Expected To Vote With Him 72.0 Percent Of The Time

Handel Voted In Line With Trump’s Position 98.4 Percent Of The Time, The Highest Percentage In Georgia’s Congressional Delegation

FiveThirtyEight: Handel Voted In Line With Trump’s Position 98.4 Percent Of The Time, The Highest Percentage In Georgia’s Congressional Delegation. [FiveThirtyEight, accessed [02/25/20](#)]

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Virginia Delegation Votes In Line With Trump			
Member	Party	District	Trump Score
Karen Handel	R	GA-06	98.4%
Tom Graves	R	GA-14	98.2%
Rob Woodall	R	GA-07	98.2%
Doug Collins	R	GA-09	97.5%
Rick Allen	R	GA-12	97.0%
Drew Ferguson	R	GA-03	96.4%
Austin Scott	R	GA-08	96.4%
Buddy Carter	R	GA-01	96.3%
Jody Hice	R	GA-10	92.1%

Barry Loudermilk	R	GA-11	91.6%
Sanford Bishop Jr.	D	GA-02	28.2%
David Scott	D	GA-13	17.6%
Hank Johnson	D	GA-04	12.0%
John Lewis	D	GA-05	8.5%

[FiveThirtyEight, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

Handel Votes In Line With Trump					
DATE	MEASURE	TRUMP POSITION	HANDEL VOTE	LIKELIHOOD OF AGREEMENT	PLUS-MINUS
December 20, 2018	Extension of government funding, including \$5.7 billion for border wall (217-185)	Support	Yes	58.80%	41.2
December 20, 2018	Making changes to federal sentencing and prison laws (358-36)	Support	Yes	95.20%	4.8
December 12, 2018	The 2018 farm bill (conference committee report) (369-47)	Support	Yes	89.80%	10.2
September 28, 2018	Making permanent the individual tax reductions passed in 2017 (220-191)	Support	Yes	62.80%	37.2
September 27, 2018	Allowing new businesses to deduct more of their start-up expenses (260-156)	Support	Yes	87.50%	12.5
September 27, 2018	Making changes to savings accounts for retirement and education (240-177)	Support	Yes	78.50%	21.5
July 25, 2018	Making changes to health savings accounts, including allowing them to be used for over-the-counter medications (277-142)	Support	Yes	85.20%	14.8
July 25, 2018	Expanding eligibility for health savings accounts (242-176)	Support	Yes	78.00%	22
July 24, 2018	Eliminating the medical device tax (283-132)	Support	Yes	84.90%	15.1
July 19, 2018	Opposing a carbon tax (229-180)	Support	Yes	68.50%	31.5
July 18, 2018	Expressing support for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and denouncing calls for its abolishment (244-35)	Support	Yes	97.50%	2.5
June 27, 2018	Republican “compromise” immigration bill (121-301)	Support	Yes	26.90%	73.1
June 22, 2018	Broad legislation to address the opioid crisis (396-14)	Support	Yes	97.60%	2.4
June 21, 2018	The 2018 farm bill (House revote) (213-211)	Support	Yes	51.30%	48.7
June 20, 2018	Changing privacy rules with regard to substance-abuse treatment (357-57)	Support	Yes	91.40%	8.6
June 20, 2018	Allowing Medicaid to pay for adults with opioid use disorder to receive treatment in mental health facilities (261-155)	Support	Yes	72.80%	27.2
June 15, 2018	Allowing the prohibition of certain synthetic drugs (239-142)	Support	Yes	75.50%	24.5
June 14, 2018	Targeting imports of opioids through the international mail system (353-52)	Support	Yes	94.70%	5.3
June 7, 2018	Rescinding previously approved but unspent funding (210-206)	Support	Yes	51.50%	48.5
May 22, 2018	Rolling back some bank regulations put in place by the Dodd-Frank Act (258-159)	Support	Yes	79.50%	20.5
May 22, 2018	Allowing patients with terminal illnesses the right to try unapproved treatments (Senate version) (250-169)	Support	Yes	78.10%	21.9

May 18, 2018	The 2018 farm bill (198-213)	Support	Yes	45.40%	54.6
May 16, 2018	Expanding private care options for veterans (347-70)	Support	Yes	95.00%	5
May 16, 2018	Making targeted attacks on law enforcement officers a federal crime (382-35)	Support	Yes	93.50%	6.5
May 8, 2018	Repeal of guidance meant to protect borrowers from discriminatory markups on auto loans (234-175)	Support	Yes	73.10%	26.9
April 12, 2018	Constitutional balanced budget amendment (233-184)	Support	Yes	66.20%	33.8
March 22, 2018	The 2018 fiscal year appropriations bill (256-167)	Support	Yes	61.10%	38.9
March 14, 2018	Funding for measures to prevent school violence, including training for officials and threat detection (407-10)	Support	Yes	97.70%	2.3
March 13, 2018	Allowing patients with terminal illnesses the right to try unapproved treatments (House version) (259-140)	Support	Yes	79.20%	20.8
February 9, 2018	Two-year budget bill (240-186)	Support	Yes	59.20%	40.8
February 6, 2018	Extension of government funding for six weeks (245-182)	Support	Yes	70.00%	30
January 30, 2018	Department of Defense Appropriations Act (250-166)	Support	Yes	75.30%	24.7
January 22, 2018	Extension of government funding for three weeks, ending the shutdown (266-150)	Support	Yes	79.50%	20.5
January 19, 2018	Motion to table articles of impeachment against President Trump (355-66)	Support	Yes	96.60%	3.4
January 18, 2018	Extension of government funding for four weeks (230-197)	Support	Yes	60.80%	39.2
January 11, 2018	Reauthorizing warrantless spying program as part of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (256-164)	Support	Yes	65.50%	34.5
January 11, 2018	Limiting the ability of officials to search and read private messages collected incidentally as part of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (183-233)	Oppose	No	59.40%	40.6
December 21, 2017	Extension of government funding for four weeks (231-188)	Support	Yes	61.80%	38.2
December 20, 2017	Overhauling the tax code (final version) (224-201)	Support	Yes	58.40%	41.6
December 19, 2017	Overhauling the tax code (conference committee version) (227-203)	Support	Yes	58.60%	41.4
December 7, 2017	Extension of government funding for two weeks (235-193)	Support	Yes	60.40%	39.6
December 6, 2017	Making concealed-carry firearm permits valid across state lines (231-198)	Support	Yes	60.40%	39.6
December 6, 2017	Motion to table articles of impeachment against President Trump (364-58)	Support	Yes	96.40%	3.6
November 16, 2017	Overhauling the tax code (House version) (227-205)	Support	Yes	57.80%	42.2
November 14, 2017	Reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program (237-189)	Support	Yes	65.00%	35
November 2, 2017	Eliminating the independent board tasked with keeping Medicare costs below limits (307-111)	Support	Yes	86.60%	13.4

October 26, 2017	Fiscal year 2018 budget resolution (216-212)	Support	Yes	52.60%	47.4
October 24, 2017	Prohibiting Department of Justice settlements that require parties to donate money to outside groups (238-183)	Support	Yes	74.20%	25.8
October 12, 2017	Disaster relief for Puerto Rico and other areas (353-69)	Support	Yes	88.60%	11.4
October 3, 2017	Banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy (237-189)	Support	Yes	72.00%	28
September 28, 2017	Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization and disaster relief (264-155)	Support	Yes	78.60%	21.4
September 14, 2017	Making appropriations for various executive departments (211-198)	Support	Yes	55.50%	44.5
September 14, 2017	Giving the government more power to deport and deny admission to immigrants suspected of being in gangs (233-175)	Support	Yes	76.70%	23.3
September 8, 2017	Raising debt limit/extending government funding/Hurricane Harvey relief (316-90)	Support	Yes	84.70%	15.3
September 6, 2017	Hurricane Harvey disaster relief package (419-3)	Support	Yes	99.50%	0.5
July 27, 2017	Making appropriations for defense and other purposes (235-192)	Support	Yes	64.60%	35.4
July 25, 2017	Imposing sanctions on Russia, Iran and North Korea (419-3)	Oppose	Yes	0.40%	-0.4
July 25, 2017	Repeal of a rule banning some financial companies from using mandatory arbitration clauses (231-190)	Support	Yes	66.70%	33.3
July 18, 2017	Delaying implementation of ozone standards (229-199)	Support	Yes	63.30%	36.7
June 29, 2017	Increasing penalties for undocumented immigrants who re-enter the U.S. after being convicted of certain crimes (257-167)	Support	Yes	80.50%	19.5
June 29, 2017	Penalizing states and localities that have “sanctuary” laws on immigration (228-195)	Support	Yes	67.00%	33
June 28, 2017	Limiting health care lawsuits related to coverage provided through a federal program (218-210)	Support	Yes	52.50%	47.5

[FiveThirtyEight, accessed [4/30/20](#)]

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Impeachment

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Handel Voted For A Resolution Believed To Be An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation

Handel Voted For Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the resolution that would that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The resolution was adopted 226-183. [H. Res. 970, [Vote #306](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Freedom Caucus Leaders Spearheaded The Resolution To Pressure The Deputy Attorney General To Comply With Congressional Demands Related To FBI Investigations Of Hillary Clinton And Russian Election Interference. “The resolution, which was spearheaded by House Freedom Caucus leaders Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan, is the latest step by conservatives who have been ratcheting up the pressure on Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to comply with congressional demands related to the FBI’s Hillary Clinton and Russia investigations. The measure itself is effectively symbolic, but Republicans intend to send a message to the Justice Department that the full Congress is demanding compliance with their document requests -- or else.” [CNN, [6/26/18](#)]

Democratic Critics Said The Resolution Was An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation, And Give Trump An Excuse To Fire Rosenstein. “But Democratic critics say this is all a plot to discredit the Mueller investigation. They think Trump’s allies are trying to hit the Justice Department with impossible demands, so they’ll either have to turn over extremely sensitive information about an ongoing message, or look bad by withholding it. Some even think this is mainly about giving Trump an excuse to fire Rosenstein, who, again, is Mueller’s boss.” [Vox, [6/28/18](#)]

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Handel Voted For A Substitute Amendment To Request Judiciary Provide Documents Related To Comey’s Handling Of Clinton’s Emails, Rather Than Documents Related To Trump’s Firing Of Comey. [H Res 446, Committee on the Judiciary, [Vote 18](#), 7/26/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [7/26/17](#)]

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Handel Voted For A Substitute Amendment To Request Judiciary Provide Documents Related To Comey’s Handling Of Clinton’s E-mails, Rather Than Documents Related To Trump’s Firing Of Comey. As a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Handel voted for an amendment that “turned a Democratic request for documents related to President Donald Trump’s firing of then-FBI Director James B. Comey on its head, making it

a different kind of treasure hunt. On a 16-13 vote, the panel on Wednesday approved a substitute amendment offered by GOP Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida that would ask the Justice Department for documents related to Comey's handling of the FBI investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server and other aspects of Comey's tenure." [H Res 446, Committee on the Judiciary, [Vote 18](#), 7/26/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [7/26/17](#)]

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Tax Returns

SUMMARY: Handel Repeatedly Voted Against Releasing Trump's Tax Returns

2017-2018: Handel Voted Three Times Against Legislation That Would Have Required The Release Of Trump's Tax Returns

- **Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns.** [H Res 879, [Vote #173](#), 5/9/18; CQ, [5/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/9/18](#)]
- **Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President's Tax Returns.** [H Res 831, [Vote #143](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#); Congressional Record, H 3409, [4/18/18](#)]
- **Handel Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #392](#), 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]

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Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President's Tax Returns. In April 2018, Handel voted for: "Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule..." According to Rep. Polis, defeating the previous question would "amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the disclosure of certain tax returns by Presidents and certain candidates for the office of the President, and for other purposes." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 226-189. [H Res 831, [Vote #143](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#); Congressional Record, H 3409, [4/18/18](#)]

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Conflicts Of Interest

SUMMARY: Handel Repeatedly Voted Against Addressing Conflicts Of Interest In Trump’s Administration

2018: Handel Voted Twice Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials

- **Handel Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials.** [HR 1116, [Vote #107](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]
- **Handel Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials.** [HR 4607, [Vote #94](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/6/18](#)]

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Handel Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Handel voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a federal financial regulator from including certain rules in its review under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 if such rules were issued or made at the ‘request of and for the personal gain of’ the president, the president’s family members, or senior executive branch officials who are required to file annual financial disclosure forms.” According to Rep. Clark, the “amendment simply states that before taking any action to eliminate or change a regulation, regulators must disclose any communications from the White House or the President’s family advocating for the action and whether the President, his family, or any senior administration officials would benefit financially from such action.” The motion was rejected, 182-228. [HR 4607, [Vote #94](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/6/18](#)]

Media

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coverage regarding the good work they have accomplished with President Donald Trump. ‘It’s unfortunate in the world of the media right now. Many outlets now, their compensation package is based on clicks to an article, and that puts intense pressure to have the most salacious things that you can cover,’ Handel said. ‘And I don’t necessarily put that in the lap of the individual reporter as much as I do with the management at a particular media outlet.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, [8/1/17](#)]

Issues

Abortion & Women's Health Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted in favor of a 20 week abortion ban, which critics argued was unconstitutional.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for requiring medical practitioners to care for babies born alive during abortions.*
- ✓ *Handel was an opportunistic supporter of Planned Parenthood when it suited her political interests. As a County Commissioner, Handel voted to authorize Planned Parenthood funding, noting that the money would be used for services other than abortion.*
- ✓ *However, when Handel ran for Governor, she reneged on her support for Planned Parenthood, and drew attacks from pro-life groups for her inconsistent record on abortion issues.*
- ✓ *When she was an executive at the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Handel was responsible for coercing the group to cut ties with Planned Parenthood, ultimately costing the group around \$77 million.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for blocking consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.*

Abortion

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Abortion Rights Groups Said The Legislation Had No Exception If The Pregnancy Threatened The Mother’s Health, And The Rape And Incest Exceptions Were Too Narrow. “Abortion rights groups and Democratic lawmakers panned the legislation ahead of its passage, arguing it is based on faulty science and contains no exception if a pregnancy would threaten a mother’s health. They also said the rape and incest exceptions are too narrow and that the bill is likely unconstitutional under existing Supreme Court rulings.” [Washington Post, [10/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 548) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 36) that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban, with certain exceptions.” The rule was adopted, 233-187. [HR 36, [Vote #547](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

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Planned Parenthood: 20 Week Abortion Bans Were Unconstitutional

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Handel Voted For Considering Legislation To Require Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions. In January 2018, Handel voted for a bill “that would require health care practitioners to give the same level of care to an infant born alive during an abortion procedure as they would give to any other infant born at the same gestational age, and would set criminal fines and penalties for not doing so.” The rule was adopted 228-189. [H Res 694, [Vote #30](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Handel's Work For The Susan G. Komen Foundation

Handel Initially Supported Planned Parenthood Funding, But Later Backtracked On These Positions And Was Criticized By Pro-Life Groups

As A Fulton County Commissioner And As A Candidate For Governor, Handel Supported State And County Funding For Planned Parenthood

As Commissioner, Handel Voted To Give Planned Parenthood A \$425,568 Because It Would Be “Used For Services Other Than Abortion.” “Handel doesn’t disagree that Republican voters are entitled to know how candidates stand on core conservative issues. But she maintains Stephens has blatantly distorted her record. She cites Stephens’ claim that Handel supports abortion due to a \$425,568 appropriation the Fulton County Commission made for Planned Parenthood last year. Handel said the vote on the funds was simply the county’s acceptance of a federal block grant. The money will be used for other services offered by Planned Parenthood - not abortions, she said.” [Cox News Service, [6/20/06](#)]

Handel Approved A Fulton County Budget That Included Money For Planned Parenthood. “On abortion, Broun --- without mentioning her by name --- pointed to a Karen Handel-approved Fulton County budget that included funding for Planned Parenthood. Handel, who has said the money was a federal pass-through grant to a facility that did not perform abortions, had a high-profile battle with Planned Parenthood several years later in 2012.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [4/20/14](#)]

As A Candidate For Governor, Handel Supported Removing Grants To Planned Parenthood From The State Budget. “The grant was authorized, regulated, administered and distributed through the State of Georgia. Because of the criteria, regulations and parameters of the grant, Planned Parenthood was the only eligible vendor approved to meet the state criteria. Additionally, none of the services in any way involved abortions or abortion-related services. In fact, state and federal law prohibits the use of taxpayer funds for abortions or abortion related services and I strongly support those laws. Since grants like these are from the state I’ll eliminate them as your next Governor.” [Karen Handel for Governor, Blog, [9/21/10](#)]

However, Handel Was Criticized For Flip Flopping On Her Support For Planned Parenthood

Charlie Harper, PeachPundit Editor, Said It Was “Just Amazing That Within Two Years... [Handel] Has Been On The Exact Opposite Sides Of The Same Issue.” “Charlie Harper, editor of PeachPundit and a friend of the former Georgia secretary of State, said he has no inside knowledge on the matter. But he noted that in her run for governor, Handel endured attacks for being too soft on abortion. ‘I just find it amazing that within two years ... she has been on exact opposite sides of the same issue, depending on whose prism and purpose it serves that day,’ Harper said. As for the fallout from the Komen controversy, ‘I hate to say scapegoat, but she’s definitely become the focal point on this issue,’ Harper said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/4/12](#)]

Handel Had “Previously Indicated An Appreciation” For Planned Parenthood, But “Turned Around And Used It As A Battle Cry In Her Campaign.” “Reis and others had previously applauded Handel, who had defended Georgia’s funding of Fulton County breast cancer screenings and family-planning services when other lawmakers proposed cutting it. ‘She had previously indicated an appreciation and an understanding of the work that Planned Parenthood does,’ Reis said. ‘Then she turned around and used it as a battle cry in her campaign.’” [Baltimore Sun, [2/4/12](#)]

Pro-Life Groups Attacked Handel For Her Stances On Planned Parenthood

Georgia Right To Life Criticized Handel’s Pro-Choice Positions, Including Her Support For Abortion Exceptions For Rape And Incest, And Support For In Vitro Fertilization. “Handel was criticized in 2010 by Georgia Right to Life for her opposition to the group’s proposed restrictions on in vitro fertilization, and her

contention that rape and incest should remain legally sanctioned reasons for abortion.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/17/13](#)]

Georgia Right To Life Attacked Handel’s Position On Abortion Through Robocalls. “Georgia Right to Life, which has spent the past several years persuading many GOP candidates to adopt the tougher definition, on Monday launched a late robo-call attack on Handel and her ‘extremely liberal record on abortion.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/21/10](#)]

NOTE: This article is only available online on Nexis.

Handel’s Change Of Position Cost The Komen Foundation Over \$77 Million In Donations

Handel Was At The Center Of A Controversy During Her Time At Komen, Pushing Them To Pull Cancer Screening Grants From Planned Parenthood, Which Led To A Reduction In Komen’s Fundraising Events

Handel Touted Her Time At The Komen Foundation, And Her Role In Cutting Ties To Planned Parenthood. “All seven candidates oppose abortion rights, but Handel noted her tenure at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure foundation. As an executive, she played a key role as the breast-cancer research fundraising organization tried to sever its financial ties with Planned Parenthood, which is a leading provider of breast-cancer screenings but also of abortions.” [Associated Press, [4/19/14](#)]

Handel Was At The “Center Of The Controversy” When Komen Controversially Announced It Was Pulling Grants For Cancer Screens From Planned Parenthood. “In early 2012, Komen created a firestorm when it announced it was pulling its grants, about \$680,000, for Planned Parenthood’s breast cancer screenings. Both Komen supporters and abortion rights advocates slammed the decision. Media reports put Karen Handel, executive vice president of public policy for Komen, at the center of the controversy. The reports said that during a failed gubernatorial bid in Georgia, Handel had made clear her intent to defund Planned Parenthood if elected and had continued to pursue that goal at Komen.” [Florida Times-Union, [11/2/14](#)]

Handel’s Anti-Planned Parenthood Stance At Komen Led Participation For Their “3-Day” Events To Drop So Much They Had To Be Cancelled. “The Susan G. Komen foundation canceled its signature 3-Day walk in Washington and six other cities next year, slashing the number of the fundraising events by half, as participation continues to drop more than a year after a funding controversy involving Planned Parenthood.” [Washington Post, [6/4/13](#)]

The Komen Foundation Lost Over \$77 Million In Donations After Cutting Ties With Planned Parenthood, And Handel Eventually Resigned From Komen

Komen Lost Over \$77 Million In Donations After The Planned Parenthood Funding Cuts. “The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation committed one of the great PR faux pas of the decade in January 2012, when it summarily cut off funding to Planned Parenthood in what appeared to be a bow to anti-abortion crusaders. Now, with its release of its latest financial statements, the cost of that decision can be measured: It’s more than \$77 million, or fully 22% of the foundation’s income. That’s how much less the Dallas-based foundation collected in contributions, sponsorships and entry fees for its sponsored races in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, compared with the previous year.” [Los Angeles Times, [1/8/14](#)]

Handel Resigned Shortly After The Planned Parenthood Controversy. “After a few days and much public criticism, Komen reversed the decision to defund Planned Parenthood. Handel resigned; then, in August 2012, Brinker announced that she would be stepping down.” [Florida Times-Union, [11/2/14](#)]

Critics Said The Komen Controversy Allowed Handel To Set Herself Up As A “Pro-Life Martyr”

Handel Raised Her Profile After She Turned Down Her Severance Package From The Komen Foundation

Salon’s Joan Walsh: Handel Denying Her Severance Package, Which Usually Come Along With Gag Orders, “Set Herself Wonderfully To Be This Pro-Life Martyr.” Joan Walsh from Salon said on MSNBC: “So [Handel] called her boss a liar. She declined a severance package which often comes along with a kind of gag order, let`s not disparage one another. I think she set herself up kind of wonderfully to be this pro- life martyr.” [MSNBC Video, 2/7/12]

NOTE: This citation is from the 2017 DCCC research book. The original video is unavailable online.

Accepting A Severance Package Would Have Hindered Handel From “Leveraging Her New Role As The Darling Of The Culture War Crowd.” “Severance packages routinely come with gag orders—stipulations on what the person leaving the organization can and cannot say about the conditions under which they left. While no one outside of Komen, Handel and their lawyers are privy to the conditions under which this offer was made, if the norm prevails, accepting it would prevent Handel from leveraging her new role as the darling of the culture war crowd. This entire subtext of the letter screams that Handel feels sacrificed at the altar of political correctness, but that she refused to sacrifice her own integrity in the process. In an election year already about bishops and birth control, being a spokesperson for the radical anti-woman, anti-choice, anti-equality movement probably plays more to her political nature than going quietly into the night.” [The Nation, [2/7/12](#)]

Critics Said Leaving Komen Helped Handel Regain Credibility In Pro-Life Circles

Handel Won A “Crusade To Score Political Points And Impose Her Radical Ideology” On Komen. “Handel won her crusade to score political points and impose her radical ideology on the organization, and certainly Nancy Brinker deserves blame both for allowing this to happen and for lying about it later on Andrea Mitchell’s show on MSNBC, when she claimed that Handel had no part in the decision.” [The Nation, [2/7/12](#)]

Handel Gained Back Some Standing With Pro-Life Groups After She Quit The Komen Foundation. “But she gained standing among some pro-life groups last year, when she quit her executive job with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure after the organization backed away from a plan to sever ties with Planned Parenthood – which Handel had endorsed. She wrote a book about her experience, and has been a featured speaker before conservative groups across the country.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/17/13](#)]

Handel Opposed Funding Conferences Designed To Empower Young Women And Help Prevent Domestic Violence, And Voted Against The Atlanta Declaration On Gender Equality

August 2006: Handel Was The Only Fulton County Commissioner Who Voted Against Funding Two Local Conferences Focused On Women’s Empowerment

Handel Was The Only Commissioner Voting Against Helping Fund A Conference Designed To Empower Women. “A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve. The motion carried by a vote of 5-1-0. Vice Chair Darnell and Commissioners Pitts, Lowe, Boxill, and Edwards voted yes. Commission Chair Handel voted no. Commissioner Riley did not vote. DEPARTMENT: Human Services SERVICE/COMMODITY: Call to Womanhood Event Planning Services.” [Fulton County Commission Meeting Minutes, [8/2/06](#)]

Handel Was The Only Commissioner To Vote Against Helping Fund The Call To Manhood Conference. “A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve number 1. The motion carried by a vote of 5-1-0. Vice Chair Darnell and Commissioners Pitts, Lowe, Boxill, and Edwards voted yes. Commission Chair Handel voted no. Commissioner Riley was present but did not vote. 1. DEPARTMENT:

Human Services SERVICE/COMMODITY: Call to Manhood Event Planning Program Services.” [Fulton County Commission Meeting Minutes, [8/16/06](#)]

Handel Was The Only County Commissioner To Vote Against An Atlanta Charter That Established Best Practices For Gender Equality In The City

Handel Was The Only Commissioner To Vote Against The Atlanta Declaration On Gender Equality For Local Actors. “A motion was made by Commissioner Boxill and seconded by Commissioner Pitts to approve. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1-0. Vice Chair Darnell and Commissioners Pitts, Boxill, and Edwards voted yes. Commission Chair Handel voted no. Commissioner Riley did not vote. Commissioner Lowe was absent. Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission - “Commissioner’s items. Unfinished Business. 06-1245. Request approval of Board support to adopt the Atlanta Declaration on Gender Equality for local actors.” [Fulton County Commission Meeting Minutes, [12/20/06](#)]

The Atlanta Declaration on Gender Equality for Local Actors Established Guidelines For Gender Equality Best Practices In Atlanta. [Fulton County Commission Meeting Minutes, [12/1/06](#)]

2017 – 2020: Handel Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List

2020: Handel Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List. “Karen Handel – Endorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund” [Susan B. Anthony List, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

2018: Handel Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List. “Karen Handel – Endorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund – Georgia – 6th District (Incumbent)” [Susan B. Anthony List, via WayBack Machine, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

2017: Handel Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List. “Former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel, the presumptive front-runner in the race, picked up the endorsement of the Susan B. Anthony List, a national conservative group that opposes abortion rights.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/10/17](#)]

Violence Against Women Act

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act. In September 2018, Handel voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “We must oppose this rule and defeat the previous question. The reason for such is not because we do not support the troops or our children but because defeating the previous question will enable this House to consider and pass H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to 230-188. [HR 6157; [Vote #402](#); 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/26/18](#)]

Agriculture & Food Access Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel voted for the House version of the 2018 Farm Bill that included strict work requirements for SNAP. She also voted for another version of the 2018 Farm Bill that also called for SNAP work requirements, but failed to pass.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for an amendment to allow states to privatize SNAP operations.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to block an effort to force the Trump administration to certify that their tariffs would not harm farmers and ranchers.*

2018 Farm Bill

Handel Voted For The Farm Bill Conference Report, Funding Farm And Nutrition Programs Through FY 2023

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Handel Voted For The House Version Of 2018 Farm Bill That Included Strict Work Requirements For SNAP

Handel Voted For The House Version Of 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits. The bill would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, the current sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program) and would modify certain utility standards in the Home Energy Assistance Program to require SNAP benefits recipients to provide documentation of such expenses in order to receive increased benefits using the Standard Utility Allowance.” The bill passed, 213-211. [H.R. 2, [Vote #284](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House farm bill passes with controversial food stamp changes [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

The Bill Would Tighten Eligibility For SNAP, Resulting In 400,000 Households Losing Benefits, And Would Risk Free And Reduced-Price School Meals For Thousands For Children. “The House farm bill would also tighten eligibility criteria under SNAP — changes that would result in some 400,000 households losing SNAP benefits. Thousands of children would also risk losing their enrollment in free and reduced-price school meal programs.” [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

Anti-Hunger Groups Said The Changes Would Make It More Difficult For Millions For Receive Nutrition Assistance, While Investing In Job Training Programs That Are Not Proven To Move People Out Of Poverty. “Republicans contend the plan would put people on a pathway to self-sufficiency. Democrats and anti-hunger groups say it would make it more difficult for millions of needy Americans to receive nutrition assistance, and also would invest in a state-run job training bureaucracy under SNAP that has yet to prove it helps people move out of poverty.” [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill That Included Strict Work Requirements For SNAP And Failed To Pass

Handel Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill, Which Would Reauthorize SNAP And Farm And Rural Programs. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits.” The bill failed 198 to 213. [HR 2, [Vote #205](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House Farm Bill Collapses Amid Republican Disarray [New York Times, [5/18/18](#)]

The House Farm Bill Included Strict Work Requirements For Food Aid Recipients, While Maintaining Farm Subsidies For Rural Communities. “The twice-a-decade measure — which would have imposed strict new work requirements on food aid recipients while maintaining farm subsidies important to rural lawmakers — failed on a 213-to-198 vote. It was a rebuke of Speaker Paul D. Ryan by a key bloc of conservatives over his refusal to schedule an immediate vote on a restrictive immigration bill sponsored by the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.” [New York Times, [5/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Allow States To Privatize SNAP Operations

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Allow States To Use Private Companies To Carry Out Program Eligibility Functions Of The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would allow states to carry out program eligibility and other administrative functions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in a number of different ways, including the use of non-governmental contractors, as long as such personnel have no direct or indirect financial interest in an approved retail food store.” The amendment was adopted, 222-192. [HR 1865, [Vote #196](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Amendment Would Allow States To “Privatize SNAP Operations.” “An amendment from Representative John Faso (R-NY) that would allow states to privatize SNAP operations. This change would allow private companies to take over administration of the program, despite failed attempts in some states over the years.” [CLASP, [6/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers

Handel Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the

previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would prohibit the Farm Bill from going into effect until the President certifies to Congress that none of the Administration’s recent actions related to trade and tariffs would cause harm to domestic farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 228-189. [H Res 900, [Vote #190](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/17/18](#)]

Budget Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel supported zero-based budgeting for federal agencies, meaning all annual budgets for agencies needed to start from zero.*
- ✓ *Proponents of zero-based budgeting argued that it could help implement spending cuts and balance budgets; however, the practice proved to be cumbersome during the Carter administration, and was eliminated under the Reagan administration.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for a funding bill that made it more likely a partial government shutdown would occur.*
- ✓ *In 2013, Handel called on Congress to return its pay during the 2013 shutdown, but also applauded the shutdown, which stemmed from an effort to defund the Affordable Care Act.*
- ✓ *Handel voted in favor of concurring with the FY18 Senate Republican budget, which called for \$5 trillion in cuts, including cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act, and also paved the way for the Republican Tax Scam.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for the FY 2018 House Republican budget, which pushed a plan to turn Medicaid into a voucher-like program and mandated \$203 billion in mandatory cuts.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for the FY18 Republican Study Committee budget that cut \$10 trillion over a decade and repealed the Affordable Care Act.*
- ✓ *Handel supported the Balanced Budget Amendment, which directly threatened Social Security and Medicare funding.*
 - ✓ *Handel voted twice to push forward a Balanced Budget Amendment.*
 - ✓ *Handel voted to block an amendment to the Balanced Budget Amendment to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.*
- ✓ *Handel voted twice to raise the debt limit.*

Government Spending

2018: Handel Supported Zero-Based Budgeting For Federal Agencies, Starting Budgets At Zero, A Carter-Era Budget Practice That Proved To Be Cumbersome And Was Later Abandoned

Handel Supported Zero-Based Budgeting

2018: Handel Supported Zero-Based Budgeting For Federal Agencies. “In addition, Handel believes every federal agency should be rolled through a zero-based budgeting process. ‘That will help a lot to drill down into the minutia of what’s happening through these different agencies. And already programs that have been established but have not been appropriated any dollars — I think it’s for five years — they’re being wiped off the books,’ she said.

‘Programs that are being appropriated money, and then it’s never being spent, those are coming off the books as well.’ [Marietta Daily Journal, [8/3/18](#)]

Zero-Based Budgeting Dictated That Annual Budgets Start From Zero, Irrespective Of Previous Spending Amounts. “Governments can also use these techniques to create a pure zero-base budget to build on: The mechanics are simple, All revenue and expense accounts are included and set to zero. This results in a full working budget at zero dollars, including historical data. It is ready to build on, using ZBB processes, documenting spending options in all areas, per the government’s budget instructions.” [OpenGov, accessed [3/2/20](#)]

Supporters Of Zero-Based Budgeting Argued It Could Help Cut Spending And Balance Budgets; However, It Proved To Be Extremely Complex When Implemented By The Carter Administration

Proponents Of Zero-Based Budgeting Argued It Could Help Cut Spending And Balance Budgets; However, The Practice Proved To Be Cumbersome During The Carter Administration. “Though the private sector uses ZBB, ZBB first rose to prominence in government during the 1970s financial crisis. Faced with mounting public pressure, U.S. President Jimmy Carter promised to balance the federal budget and reform the federal budgeting system using ZBB, which he had used while governor of Georgia. Though initially well received, ZBB proved not only complicated and time consuming, but also ineffectual, as it was Congress and the executive branch that were ultimately responsible for deciding whether to keep or eliminate a program. Additionally, the president’s budget office used a variant of ZBB as agencies were asked to rank their programs within funding limits. This forced the agencies to assign priorities and identify possible reductions. However, this meant that rather than starting from a true zero base as ZBB would suggest, the agencies would start from a “priority base” (e.g., 80-85% of the current year).” [Deloitte, Zero-Based Budgeting: Zero or Hero?, accessed [4/27/20](#)]

1980: Ronald Reagan Abandoned Zero-Based Budgeting After His Election. “President Reagan abandoned the system after his election in 1980. Since then, ZBB’s use in both the public and private sectors has been limited due to its high level of complexity and large requisite investment that can hinder its execution.” [Deloitte, Zero-Based Budgeting, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Government Funding And Shutdowns

FY2020

Handel Voted For A Funding Bill That Made It More Likely A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur

Handel Voted For Funding The Government Through Feb. 2019 And Authorizing \$5.7 Billion For Construction Of A Border Wall On The U.S.-Mexico Border. In December 2018, Handel voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. The bill is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019. It would also authorize \$5.7 billion for construction of a border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as an estimated \$7.8 billion in emergency disaster relief funding.” The bill passed by a vote of 217 – 185. [H.R. 695, [Vote #472](#), 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/18](#)]

Headline: CNBC: House Passes Spending Bill With Border Wall Money — Setting Up Shutdown Stalemate With Senate. [CNBC, [12/20/18](#)]

Eight Republicans Joined All 177 Voting Democrats To Oppose The Measure. “The House of Representatives Thursday approved a bill that would fund most of the federal government through early February -- and provides \$5.7 billion for President Trump's long-promised border wall, increasing the chances of a partial government shutdown later this week. Eight Republicans joined all 177 voting Democrats to oppose the measure, which passed 217-185. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60

votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall.” [Fox News, [12/20/18](#)]

Voting Yes On The Measure Made It More Likely That A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur.

“That, in turn, makes it more likely that parts of the federal government, including nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, will cease operations at midnight Friday.” [Fox News, [12/20/18](#)]

FY 2018 Omnibus

Handel Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018

Handel Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill that would provide \$855.1 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments and agencies, including \$674.4 billion for the Defense Department and \$178.1 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments. The Defense Department total would include \$606.5 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps, and would include \$67.9 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide \$90.3 billion in discretionary spending for the Health and Human Services Department, \$71.4 billion for the Education Department and \$12.1 billion for the Labor Department. The measure would also provide funding for federal government operations until Dec. 7, 2018, at an annualized rate of approximately \$1.3 trillion.” The amendment was adopted 361-61. [HR 6157, [Vote #405](#), 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passing The \$1.3 Trillion FY18 Omnibus That Prevented A Government Shutdown

Handel Voted For The \$1.3 Trillion FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Package That Funded The Government Through September 30, 2018. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further amendment that would provide roughly \$1.3 trillion in funding for federal government operations and services through Sept. 30, 2018. The measure would provide a total of \$654.6 billion in additional funding to the Defense Department [...] \$98.7 billion to the Health and Human Services Department, [...] \$3.4 billion to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance abuse block grants, and would provide roughly \$3.7 billion to the National Institutes of Health, including an additional \$500 million for research into opioid addiction. It would provide \$47.7 billion to the Homeland Security Department, including \$1.6 billion for the purpose of bolstering security measures on the U.S.-Mexico border, including the construction of new fencing along sections of the border, and would provide \$7.1 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations and enforcement. The measure includes provisions from multiple bills related to school safety and firearms regulations, including a bill (S 2135) that would require the Department of Justice to certify that appropriate records have been submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by federal agencies and state governments with respect to individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms. The measure includes language from the bill (S 2495) that would authorize \$75 million a year through fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence.” The motion as agreed to, 256-167. [H Res 796, [Vote #127](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passing The House Version Of \$1.23 Trillion Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

Handel Voted For Passing The \$1.23 Trillion Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, including \$621.5 billion for defense and \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending.” The bill passed by a vote of 211-198. [H R 3354, [Vote #528](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Omnibus Appropriations Bill Was Not Taken Up In The Senate. [HR 3354, last action [9/27/17](#)]

2018 Short Term Government Shutdowns

Handel Voted For A Short Term Government Funding Deal That Added \$320 Billion To The Deficit, But Ended The Second Shutdown In Three Weeks

Handel Voted For Concurring With The Senate On The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through March 23, 2018. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through March 23, 2018. The bill would increase defense spending caps to \$629 billion for fiscal 2018 and \$647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by \$63 billion in fiscal 2018 and \$68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide \$89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including \$23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, \$28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund, and \$4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, [Vote #69](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#)]

Budget Deal Ending Second Government Shutdown Of 2018 Added \$320 Billion To The Deficit – The Second Shutdown In Three Weeks. “But action did not come soon enough to avoid a brief government shutdown — the second in three weeks — thanks to a one-man protest from Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who delayed the Senate vote past midnight to mark his opposition to an estimated \$320 billion addition to the federal budget deficit.” [Washington Post, [2/9/18](#)]

Budget Deal Raised Sequestration Caps For 2018 And 2019 By \$296 Billion, Suspended The Debt Ceiling Until March 2019, And Approved An Additional \$90 Billion In Disaster Relief. “Attached to the CR is language raising the sequestration budget caps for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 by a total of \$296 billion, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2019 and approving an additional \$90 billion in disaster relief, among a host of other policy provisions.” [Roll Call, [2/9/18](#)]

CNN: Continuing Resolution Included A Full Year Of Defense Spending To “Sweeten The Deal For Conservative And Defense Hawks... Who Have Been Emphatic That They Wouldn’t Support The Fifth Continuing Resolution In Six Months.” “The House of Representatives passed legislation funding most federal agencies through March 23, and the Pentagon for a full fiscal year, roughly two days before the government faces a shutdown. The bill passed 245-182, but this is just the first step. The bill will next go the Senate, where Democrats are expected to oppose it because it doesn’t also provide longer term money for domestic programs like opioid recovery efforts, transportation, and education. [...] GOP leaders tacked on a full year of defense funding to sweeten the deal for conservative and defense hawks in their ranks who have been emphatic that they wouldn’t support the fifth continuing resolution in six months without some kind of certainty for the country’s military.” [CNN, [2/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For House Passage Of Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Through March 23. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide for an extension of the current continuing resolution through March 23, 2018. The measure would provide for \$659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department through fiscal 2018 and would provide \$3.6 billion annually for community health centers through fiscal 2019. It would also eliminate the cap on various Medicare payments and would extend funding for rural

hospitals that see large numbers of Medicare patients.” The motion was adopted, 245-182. [H.R. 1892, [Vote #60](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years, Thus Ending A Three Day Shutdown

Handel Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 8, 2018. The measure would fund the state Children’s Health and Insurance Programs at \$21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 266-150. [H.R. 195, [Vote #44](#), 1/22/18; CQ, [1/22/18](#)]

Measure Ended A Three Day Government Shutdown. “Congress voted late Monday to reopen the government after a three-day shutdown, sending President Trump a short-term spending bill that passed after Senate Republican leaders pledged to act on immigration policy next month. [...] Roughly 60 hours after government funding lapsed, a bipartisan group of negotiators in the Senate prevailed with leadership and trading Democratic support for reopening the government for a commitment by Republicans to hold a vote resolving the status of young undocumented immigrants by mid-February.” [Washington Post, [1/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Deal To Fund The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Fund CHIP For Six Years – But The Measure Failed To Protect DREAMers, Aid Puerto Rico, Or Respond To The Opioid Crisis

Handel Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 16, 2018, at an annualized rate of \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of \$621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The measure would fund the state Children’s Health and Insurance Programs at \$21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 230-197. [H.R. 195, [Vote #33](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Measure Failed To Protect DREAMers, Aid Puerto Rico, Or Respond To The Opioid Crisis. “In the Senate, at least about a dozen Democratic votes would be needed to approve the measure, and there was little chance that those would materialize. Democrats are intent on securing concessions that would, among other things, protect from deportation young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children, increase domestic spending, aid Puerto Rico and bolster the government’s response to the opioid crisis.” [New York Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Bill Failed In The Senate, Leading To A Government Shutdown – The First Time A Shutdown Involving Furloughs Occurred While One Party Controlled Washington. “The federal government entered the 18th partial shutdown of the modern budget era at midnight Saturday after the Senate failed to reach a deal on a funding bill. The modern budget process began with the passage of the Budget Act of 1974. Since then, there

have been a slew of different circumstances that prompted shutdowns, but this shutdown is unique for one reason. This is the first time that one party has controlled the House, the Senate, and the White House during a shutdown in which federal employees are furloughed.” [Business Insider, [1/20/18](#)]

2013: Handel Called On Congress To Return Its Pay During The 2013 Shutdown, But Also Applauded The Shutdown, Which Stemmed From An Effort To Defund The Affordable Care Act

Handel Called On Congress To Return Its Pay During The 2013 Shutdown. “Nunn’s other proposals included legislation to block lawmakers and the president from receiving a paycheck if an annual budget isn’t passed. That’s similar to former Secretary of State Karen Handel, who called on Congress to return their pay during last year’s government shutdown.” [Associated Press, [1/14/14](#)]

Handel Is “Proud To Stand With Senator Lee And Senator Cruz In Defunding Obamacare” And Said The “Must-Pass” Continuing Resolution And Debt Ceiling Debates Were The Last Opportunities To Defund It. “I am proud to stand with Senator Lee and Senator Cruz in defunding Obamacare and drawing a line in the sand. This is our time to do it. We are going to have two remaining opportunities, Erik, the continuing resolution for the budget and then the debt ceiling debate. Both are bills that are must-passes, so this is the opportunity for Republicans to stand up.” [Erick Erickson Radio Show, [8/7/13](#)]

NOTE: This source is only available in Nexis.

Handel Agreed With Senator Lee On A Government Shutdown Over Affordable Care Act Funding: “We Need To Put A Line In The Sand, And We Cannot Blink On This.” In July 2013 on Zpolitics podcast, Handel said: “Well we absolutely need to have a full repeal, and I don’t, um, buy into the notion that this is the quote ‘Last chance’, it will be the last opportunity before a lot of things to go into play but as things, should congress not be successful in defunding, you know, we’re gonna start to see the really dire effects of this and it will be important to be on the ready to start to dismantle this thing as we go forward, should it go into full implementation. What I would be doing is standing strong with Senator Lee that we need to put a line in the sand, and we cannot blink on this.” [Zpolitics podcast, [7/31/13](#)]

Budget Resolutions

NOTE: Unlike appropriations bills, budget resolutions are not signed by the President and do not enact spending. Instead, the resolutions set targets for Congressional committees who will then write appropriations bills.

FY 2018

Handel Voted For Concurring With FY18 Senate Republican Budget

Handel Voted For Agreeing To The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget That Provided \$3.1 Trillion In New Budget Authority. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Black, R-Tenn., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would allow the cap on defense spending to be raised to \$640 billion for fiscal 2018, without the need for offsets. It would require the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than \$1.5 trillion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. It would also instruct the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would reduce the deficit by \$1 billion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. The concurrent resolution would authorize the establishment of various reserve funds, including a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to repealing or replacing the 2010 health care overhaul law, and a revenue-neutral reserve fund related to modifying the federal tax system.” The budget passed 216-212. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #589](#), 10/26/17; CQ Floor Votes, [10/26/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House approves Senate-passed budget plan, paving way for tax reform [CBS News, [10/26/17](#)]

AP: “The Budget Plan Calls For \$5 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over The Decade, Including Cuts To Medicare, Medicaid And The Obama-Era Health Care Law.” “The budget plan calls for \$5 trillion in spending cuts over the decade, including cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the Obama-era health care law, though Republicans have no plans to actually impose those cuts with follow-up legislation. Some Democrats criticized the measure for ruthless spending cuts; others took the opposite approach, failing it for tackling the deficit.” [Associated Press, [10/26/17](#)]

Senate Budget Directed Energy And Natural Resources Committee To Find \$1 Billion In Deficit Reduction, Which Was Likely To Come From Opening ANWR To Oil And Gas Leasing. “Democrats on Tuesday said they planned to introduce an amendment to the budget resolution (S Con Res 25) to strip a provision in its reconciliation instructions that would direct the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to find \$1 billion in deficit reduction. Those savings are likely to come in the form of legislation that would open ANWR to oil and gas leasing, which would generate revenues from the sale of federal leases to drilling companies and from royalties on the sale of oil and gas extracted from federally owned land.” [CQ, [10/17/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 580) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71) that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts.” The resolution was adopted 233-188. [HRes 580, [Vote #583](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Handel Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget

Handel Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.2 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume \$1.22 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2018. It would assume the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law. It also would propose reducing spending on mandatory programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and changing programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as food stamps). It would call for restructuring Medicare into a “premium support” system beginning in 2024. I would also require the House Ways and Means Committee to report out legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would provide for a revenue-neutral, comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code and would include instructions to 11 House committees to trigger the budget reconciliation process to cut mandatory spending. The concurrent resolution would assume that, over 10 years, base (non-Overseas Contingency Operations) discretionary defense spending would be increased by a total of \$929 billion over the Budget Control Act caps and non-defense spending be reduced by \$1.3 trillion.” The concurrent resolution was adopted, 219-206. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts to repeal the “Obamacare” health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

Politico: House Budget Included “\$203 Billion In Mandatory Cuts Achieved Largely By Cutting Safety Net Programs.” “Under the House budget, any tax reconciliation bill would have to include the \$203 billion in mandatory cuts achieved largely by cutting safety net programs. That prompted some GOP moderates to warn of the political optics of cutting food stamps or Medicaid to pay for corporate tax breaks. The House budget also lays out strict parameters to prevent a tax plan from adding to the deficit, even short-term. And that language has given heartburn to Budget panel members like Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Ohio), who almost voted

against the resolution because he was afraid it doesn't provide tax writers with enough funding flexibility to achieve desired cuts." [Politico, [10/2/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of The Fiscal 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Handel voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 553) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71)." The rule was adopted, 232-188. [H Res 553, [Vote #552](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#)]

2017: Handel Voted For FY2018 Republican Study Committee Budget That Cut \$10 Trillion Over A Decade And Repealed The Affordable Care Act

Handel Voted For An Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Handel voted for: "McClintock, R-Calif., substitute amendment that would provide for \$2.9 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018. It would balance the budget by fiscal 2023 by reducing spending by \$10.1 trillion over 10 years. It would cap total discretionary spending at \$1.06 trillion for fiscal 2018 and would assume no separate Overseas Contingency Operations funding for fiscal 2018 or subsequent years and would incorporate funding related to war or terror into the base defense account. It would assume repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and would convert Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program into a single block grant program. It would require that off budget programs, such as Social Security, the U.S. Postal Service, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, be included in the budget." The amendment was rejected, 281-139. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #555](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

RSC Budget Would Gradually Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security To 69. "The RSC budget would eliminate Social Security's long-run shortfall and make the program sustainably solvent by adopting Representative Sam Johnson's (R-TX) 'Social Security Reform Act,' which would slow initial benefit growth for higher-earners, gradually raise the normal retirement age to 69, and means-test annual cost-of-living adjustments, which would be calculated based on the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI)." [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, [9/11/17](#)]

RSC Budget Targeted Medicare And Medicaid, As Well As Food Assistance For Families In Need. "The trillions of dollars in RSC-backed cuts are mainly for show, as there is little appetite within the conference or at the other end of the Capitol for deep reductions to the growth rate of mandatory spending. The RSC budget targets the major health care benefit programs Medicare and Medicaid and overhauls other means-tested benefits for the poor such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families." [Roll Call, [10/3/17](#)]

RSC Budget Included More Than \$10 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over A Decade, About Twice As Much As The House Republican Budget. "House Republicans will get the chance Thursday to vote for an alternative budget blueprint that offers up more than \$10 trillion in spending cuts over a decade. [...] The Budget Committee-approved plan also proposes sizable cuts to mandatory programs, but only about \$5.4 trillion in total reductions, about half of what the RSC wants. In addition, the RSC budget proposes to get to balance by fiscal 2023, as opposed to fiscal 2027 in the underlying resolution headed to the floor Thursday." [Roll Call, [10/3/17](#)]

RSC Budget Repealed The Affordable Care Act And Replaced It With The American Health Care Reform Act. "(b) Policy on Replacing Obamacare.--It is the policy of this resolution that Obamacare must not only be repealed, but also replaced by enacting the American Health Care Reform Act." [McClintock Substitute Amendment, [10/5/17](#)]

Handel Supported The Balanced Budget Amendment, Which Directly Threatened Social Security And Medicare

Handel Supported The Balanced Budget Amendment

Handel Supported The Balanced Budget Amendment, Citing The Need To Curb “Wasteful Spending” In Washington, D.C. “Representative Karen Handel (R-GA) may have just come up with a new definition for chutzpah that surpasses anything heretofore. She recently sent out a blast email pleading for money, and the email starts off with the following, ‘I know many of you are frustrated with the wasteful spending by those in Washington, D.C. – so am I. Our budget process is broken, and I believe the first step in fixing this problem is passing a Balanced Budget Amendment. This amendment would hold Congress accountable for their spending practices and force them to balance our nation’s budget – just like Georgia families have to do.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, Oliver Halle Op-Ed, [4/9/18](#)]

The Balanced Budget Amendment Threatened Social Security And Medicare

Center for American Progress: The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans’ Health Care, Social Security, and Jobs [Center for American Progress, [4/11/18](#)]

AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.” “AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. [...] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, [4/9/18](#)]

National Committee To Preserve Social Security And Medicare: A Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment Threatens Social Security [NCPSSM, [7/2011](#)]

National Women’s Law Center: A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Threaten Social Security [NWLC, [6/23/11](#)]

Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, Medicare Part A Would Not Be Able To Pay For Hospitalization Costs, Because It Is Funded Through A Fund Of Saved Treasury Securities. “Medicare Part A — the Hospital Insurance trust fund — has the same structure as Social Security. That trust fund currently holds about \$200 billion in Treasury securities, but under a balanced budget amendment, it would be unconstitutional for Medicare to draw down those savings to pay hospitalization costs because all federal expenditures — which includes Medicare payments — would have to be covered by taxes collected in the same year.” [CBPP, [3/16/18](#)]

Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, The Military And Federal Employee Civil Service Retirement Systems Would Not Be Able To Pay Retirees, Because They Are Funded Through Funds Of Saved Treasury Securities. “As a result, the \$700 billion in Treasury securities held by the military retirement trust fund and the \$900 billion in Treasury securities held by the civil service retirement trust fund would be unavailable to pay promised retirement pensions.” [CBPP, [3/16/18](#)]

A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Make Recessions Longer And Deeper, Causing Very Large Job Losses. “The economic problems with such an amendment are the most serious. By requiring a balanced budget every year, no matter the state of the economy, such an amendment would raise serious risks of tipping weak economies into recession and making recessions longer and deeper, causing very large job losses.” [CBPP, [3/16/18](#)]

HEADLINE: Balanced Budget Amendment Could Lead to Extreme Budget Cuts [CBPP, [4/11/18](#)]

CBPP: Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, “Programs Such As Social Security, Medicare, National Defense, And Veterans’ Benefits Could Be Cut By An Average Of One-Fifth.” “Programs such as Social Security, Medicare, national defense, and veterans’ benefits could be cut by an average of one-fifth under a constitutional amendment before the House this week to require a balanced budget in every year. If policymakers chose to protect some programs from cuts, the cuts in other programs would be even deeper. If they protected Social Security and Medicare, for example, all other programs would be cut by two-fifths.” [CBPP, [4/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted Twice To Push Forward A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution

Handel Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the U.S. government to operate under a balanced budget each year, beginning five years after ratification. Under the proposal, three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit, but a simple majority would be sufficient to waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 233-184. [H J Res 2, [Vote #138](#), 4/12/18; CQ, [4/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 811) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4790) regarding ‘Volcker Rule’ regulation and exemptions thereto, and providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” The rule was adopted 230-184. [H Res 811, [Vote #134](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on [...] providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” According to Rep. McGovern, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule which would amend the bill to exempt Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, vital pillars of our social safety net.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-186. [H Res 811, [Vote #133](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#); Congressional Record, H3018, [4/11/18](#)]

Debt Limit**Handel Voted Twice To Raise The Debt Limit**

2018: Handel Voted For A Continuing Resolution That Suspended The Debt Limit Through March 2019. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through March 23, 2018. The bill would increase defense spending caps to \$629 billion for fiscal 2018 and \$647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by \$63 billion in fiscal 2018 and \$68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide \$89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including \$23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, \$28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and

Urban Development Community Development Fund, and \$4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, [Vote #69](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#)]

2017: Handel Voted For Suspending The Public Debt Limit For Three Months. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would make available \$15.25 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey. The measure would suspend the public debt limit from the bill’s date of enactment until Dec. 8, 2017, and would provide for government operations to be funded at fiscal 2017 levels until Dec. 8, 2017.” The motion passed, 316-90. [H R 601, [Vote #480](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Crime & Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *When she was a county commissioner, Handel refused to fully fund Fulton County jails, leading the county to declare a state of emergency and forcing it to relocate prisoners.*
- ✓ *Handel pushed back against the Fulton County Sheriff's budget requests for more funding to stem overcrowding in jails.*
- ✓ *Handel instead proposed transporting inmates to other jails, and also suggested that the sheriff "make do with the crowding."*
- ✓ *Handel refused to authorize more funding even after Clayton County offered to take 300 inmates from Fulton County jails.*
- ✓ *The jail was 700 prisoners over capacity. Some prisoners had to be moved to another county.*

Funding For Fulton County Jails

Handel Refused To Properly Fund County Jails, Despite Overcrowding And Escapes

2004: Handel Pushed Back Against The Fulton County Sheriff's Budget Requests For More Funding To Stem Overcrowding In Jails

When The County Jail Had Multiple Escaped Inmates, Handel Refused To Believe That It Was A Budget Issue That Led To Overcrowding. "Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett will try to ease a "state of emergency" at the county jail by, among other things, temporarily shipping some inmates to other counties... Huber said Barrett believes crowding is one of the reasons for the jail's problems in the last year, during which at least eight inmates have been mistakenly released. The jail has 2,900 inmates, 700 more than its official capacity... Fulton County Commission Chairwoman Karen Handel called Barrett's funding claims a "deft political maneuver" by the elected sheriff to deflect attention from another escape. 'Every time an elected official gets in trouble for not doing their job well, they claim they don't have enough money,' Handel said. But Handel, a Republican, said the budget for Barrett, a Democrat, has grown from \$74 million in 2001 to \$81 million this year. "I am absolutely convinced this is not a money issue," she said. Handel said it is up to Barrett to decide how to properly use her department's budget, including hiring new employees if necessary." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/8/04](#)]

Handel Refused To Give Sheriff Jackie Barrett More Funding Despite The Fact That Overcrowding Resulted In Prison Escapes. "Clayton County offered Tuesday to house 300 of Fulton County's inmates to help Sheriff Jackie Barrett deal with problems at the crowded jail. The offer, however, didn't come without a price tag, nor did it stop the criticism of the way Barrett has managed her jail. Fulton County Commission Chairwoman Karen Handel, who has dismissed Barrett's assertions that she needs more money to deal with problems at the jail, will meet with the sheriff today at the Fulton County Justice Center. The Republican chairwoman said she hoped the sit-down with the Democratic sheriff would help resolve the debate over funding and operation of the jail, which has been plagued by improper prisoner releases and escapes the past year. However, Handel said Barrett wouldn't be getting any more money. 'If she can't run her jail with \$80 million a year, that is for her to work out,' she said." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/10/04](#)]

Handel Instead Proposed Transporting Inmates To Other Jails, And Also Suggested That The Sheriff “Make Do With The Crowding”

Handel Wanted Sheriff Barrett To Transfer Inmates To Other Jails And Make Prison Operations Safer Without More Funding. “Handel said Barrett should transfer prisoners to other jails or take any other steps she can, within the budget, to improve operations and make the facility safer.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/10/04](#)]

Handel Suggested That Sheriff Barrett Squeeze Funds From Her Operational Budget Or “Make Do With The Crowding.” “But Handel did not budge from her assertion that more money was not needed. ‘Every time an elected official gets in trouble for not doing their job well, they claim they don’t have enough money,’ Handel said. The sheriff will have to squeeze it from her operational budget --- as she did to hire 18 more guards in February --- or make do with the crowding, Handel said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/10/04](#)]

Handel Refused To Authorize More Funding Even After Clayton County Offered To Take 300 Inmates From Fulton County Jails

Clayton County Had To Offer To Take 300 Fulton County Jail Inmates If They Paid, But Handel Refused To Authorize More Funding. “Clayton County has offered to house 300 Fulton County Jail inmates to help deal with overcrowding, Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett said. Barrett said Tuesday that would relieve nearly half of the Fulton County jail’s current overcrowding. The jail is designed to accommodate 2,200 inmates but now holds about 2,900. Barrett said the transfer would be a cost-effective way to ease overcrowding. Clayton Sheriff Stanley Tuggle said he could house the inmates in an unused section of his jail but that Barrett had to provide the guards and that Fulton County would have to pay \$25 to \$35 a day per inmate - or at least \$228,000 a month. Barrett said she would need more money from the Fulton County Commission for that. Commission Chairwoman Karen Handel continued her assertion that more money was not needed.” [Associated Press, [3/10/04](#)]

The Jail Was Declared In A State Of Emergency And Prisoners Had To Be Moved

Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett Sent Inmates To Other Counties After Declaring A State Of Emergency At The County Jail. “Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett plans to temporarily send some inmates to other counties after declaring a ‘state of emergency’ at the county jail. The Fulton County Jail has seen a number of problems recently, including an escape Friday and the unintentional release of two suspects earlier in the week.” [Athens Banner-Herald, [3/9/04](#)]

The Jail Had 2,900 Prisoners, 700 More Than Its Official Capacity, At Least Partially Because Atlanta Shifted Cases To The County Court System. “[Sheriff Spokesperson Lt. Clarence Huber] said Barrett believes overcrowding is one of the reasons for the jail’s problems in the last year, during which at least eight inmates have been mistakenly released. The jail has 2,900 inmates, 700 more than its official capacity. One of the reasons for the rising workload, Huber said, is the city of Atlanta’s decision to shift cases involving violations of state law to the county court system. That has meant more work for the jail since January 2003. In that time, the number of prisoners booked at the jail increased 24 percent, Huber said.” [Athens Banner-Herald, [3/9/04](#)]

Education Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel was a strong proponent of creating a new state commission to create new charter schools.*
- ✓ *Critics argued that the commission would be unaccountable to Georgia constituents, since voters would have no method of recourse against the board's officials.*
- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted for the FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution, which would cut over \$75 billion in Pell Grant funding, even though students in Handel's district received 7,555 Pell Grants worth \$29,401,472.*
- ✓ *In 2010, Handel said she supported keeping Georgia's then-teacher retirement system in place for past and future teachers.*
- ✓ *Handel supported using teacher retirement funds for venture capital investments in startups and small businesses in Georgia.*

Charter Schools

Handel Strongly Supported A State Commission To Create New Charter Schools And Bypass Local Boards In The Process

2008: Handel Supported A Bill To Create A State Commission To Recommend New Charter Schools And Bypass Local Boards

Handel Supported House Bill 881. In a questionnaire, Handel wrote "I fully support HB 881." [Georgia Charter Schools Association, Key Charter Schools Questions for Gubernatorial Candidates, [4/30/10](#)]

House Bill 881 Created A State Commission To Recommend New Charter Schools And Bypass Local Boards. "A crucial House committee Tuesday supported the creation of a state commission that would recommend new charter schools, which potentially would provide Georgians with more tuition-free schooling options. Under House Bill 881, which won approval 22-4 in the House Education Committee, the seven-member panel could begin sanctioning new k-12 schools as early as next year. The appointed commission would operate in addition to county and city boards of education, which recommend charter campuses to the Georgia Board of Education. 'I absolutely believe most charter school applicants would prefer to work through their local boards of education,' said state Rep. Jan Jones (R-Alpharetta), who sponsored the legislation. 'But there will be instances where the local boards are indifferent, disinterested or, on the rare occasion, hostile.'" [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/30/08](#)]

Handel Argued The Commission Would Encourage Negotiations Between Schools And Petitioners, But The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Called It "A Frontal Assault On The Constitutional Powers Of School Boards"

Handel Argued That The Georgia Charter Schools Commission Created An Environment Where Local School Systems Needed To Negotiate In Good Faith With Petitioners. In a questionnaire, Handel wrote: "The creation of the Georgia Charter Schools Commission, as well as other changes in state law, have helped level the playing field for public charter school applicants by creating an environment where local school systems need to negotiate 'in good faith' – 'or better faith' – with petitioners because of the potential for state and/or GCSA

approval of the schools. I applaud and fully support these significant changes.” [Georgia Charter Schools Association, Key Charter Schools Questions for Gubernatorial Candidates, [4/30/10](#)]

The Georgia Charter School Commission Would Allow Charter Schools To Receive State, Federal, And Local Dollars Without Local Input. “While the state school board can now overrule a local board and sanction a charter, that new school is not entitled to the tax dollars raised locally for education, only to the state and federal shares. Under House Bill 881, charters get the whole caboodle --- state, federal and local dollars. (The bill obfuscates this issue with some cloudy language, but local tax dollars are in the mix.)” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Editorial, [1/31/08](#)]

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Wrote, “HB 881 Represents A Frontal Assault On The Constitutional Powers Of School Boards And A Shift Of Critical Decision-Making To A Political Commission With No Firsthand Knowledge Of The District.” “HB 881 represents a frontal assault on the constitutional powers of school boards and a shift of critical decision-making to a political commission that will have no firsthand knowledge of the district’s needs, the local system’s own development plans or whether the charter applicants have any credibility or relationships in the community.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Editorial, [1/31/08](#)]

Critics Argued The Charter School Commission Would Have No Accountability To Voters

Critics Argued That The Charter School Commission Would Have Had No Accountability To Local Voters. “Nor will the commission have any accountability to local voters, who, if angry over their school board member’s resistance to charters, could always vote the rascal out of office. Those voters will have no recourse against the actions of this commission, which will operate in de facto anonymity, most likely in a nice suite of state offices in Atlanta.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Editorial, [1/31/08](#)]

“The General Assembly Is Wrestling Control From School Boards At The Same Time It’s Dumping More Of The Financial Burden For Education On Them.” “In a great act of chutzpah, the General Assembly is wresting control from school boards at the same time it’s dumping more of the financial burden for education on them. The message to the local districts seems to be ‘pay more, say less.’ Nor have lawmakers considered any of the nuanced and contradictory evidence about the efficacy of charter schools. Yes, there are wonderful charter schools in Georgia, although some of the most impressive were existing public schools that converted to charter status. DeKalb’s Chamblee High School and Cobb’s Walton High excelled long before adding the word ‘charter’ to their names.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Editorial, [1/31/08](#)]

College Affordability

Pell Grants

Students In Handel’s District Received \$29,401,472 In Pell Grants...

2017-2018: Georgia’s 6th District’s Students Were Awarded 7,555 Pell Grants Worth \$29,401,472 Dollars. [National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, Federal Student Aid Programs by Congressional Districts, [2017-2018](#)]

...But Handel Still Voted To Slash Pell Grants

2017: Handel Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

FY18 House Republican Budget Cut Pell Grants By More Than \$75 Billion. “The budget calls for significantly scaling back Pell Grants, which help nearly 8 million students from low- and moderate-income

families afford college. [...] The Pell cuts of more than \$75 billion would occur even though Pell Grants currently cover just 29 percent of the costs of college — the smallest portion covered in the program’s history. The cuts in Pell would be accompanied by up to \$120 billion in cuts to student loans.” [CBPP, [9/5/17](#)]

Teacher Pensions

2010: Handel Supported Keeping Current Teachers’ Retirement System Defined Benefits For Past And Current, And Future Teachers

2010: Handel Supported Keeping Current Teachers’ Retirement System Defined Benefits For Past And Current Teachers. “Do you favor keeping the current Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS) defined benefit plan for all past, current and future K-12 teachers? If not, what changes do you believe need to be made?” Handel responded: “We must keep our commitments to past and current teachers.” [Professional Association of Georgia Educators Questionnaire, [7/31/10](#)]

Handel Supported Using Teacher Retirement System Funds For Venture Capital Investments In Georgia-Based Start-Ups And Small Businesses

Handel Supported Using Teacher Retirement System Funds For Venture Capital Investments In Georgia-Based Start-Ups And Small Businesses. “Do you favor using Teacher Retirement System (TRS) funds for venture capital investments? Explain briefly.” Handel responded: “I support the establishment of an ‘Enterprise Fund’ to invest in Georgia-based start-ups and small businesses, particularly in the areas of technology and emerging sciences. Currently Georgia is the only state in the nation that does not have a program of this nature. However, I Support only a very small percentage (less than one percent) for such a program.” [Professional Association of Georgia Educators Questionnaire, [7/31/10](#)]

Election Law, Campaign Finance & Voting Rights

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel voted to block an amendment to create a small dollar donor matching system and require campaigns to disclose all bundlers.*
- ✓ *2009: Handel tried to force through a voter verification system that purged eligible voters from the rolls.*
 - ✓ *The system was rebuked by the U.S. Department of Justice, as it required verification of a voter's citizenship status whenever they registered to vote, and consequently flagged and purged nearly 200,000 people.*
- ✓ *2008: When she was Secretary of State, Handel refused to extend early voting hours, despite incredibly long lines to vote.*
 - ✓ *Handel claimed she would have needed federal approval to do so; however, early hours were extended in Florida without federal approval.*
- ✓ *As Secretary of State, Handel promoted a discriminatory voter ID statute that disproportionately reduced voter turnout in minority communities in Georgia.*

Campaign Finance Reform

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclose All Bundlers

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclose All Bundlers. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would help reduce the influence of big money in politics by establishing a small-donor matching system, permitting unlimited coordinated party expenditures from small donor sources, and by requiring disclosure by all bundlers of bundled contributions. Mr. Sarbanes’ bill is part of House Democrats’ Better Deal Agenda that will help make government more open and transparent.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 222-184. [H Res 905, [Vote #210](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/22/18](#)]

Voter Roll Purges

2009: Handel Tried To Force Through A Voter Verification System That Purged Eligible Voters From The Rolls And Was Rebuked By The U.S. Department Of Justice

Handel’s “Controversial System” Of Verifying Citizenship “Led To The Purging Of Voters”

Handel’s “Controversial System” Of Verifying Citizenship “Led To The Purging Of Voters.” “Georgia’s system was used last year, in the months before the 2008 general election, and was highly criticized by voting rights advocates. In fact, the state became a hotbed of voting rights issues during the entire election cycle, and Facing

South reported extensively on Handel's controversial system of verifying citizenship that led to the purging of voters whose citizenship was called into question by the state's database." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

In 2007, Handel Created Georgia's Voter Verification System, Which Required Verification Of A Voter's Citizenship Status When They Registered

"Handel And Her Aides" Created A Voter Verification System In 2007 That Extended Georgia's Requirement TO Verify A Voter's Identity When Registering To Include Verification Of Citizenship.

"Handel and her aides created the verification system in 2007, extending the state's requirement to verify a voter's identity at the time of registration to include the verification of citizenship as well." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Program Matched Information Submitted By The Voter With Information From The State Department Of Driver Services And Social Security Administration; Voters Were "Flagged" If They Information Didn't Match. "The citizenship verification program matches information a potential voter has submitted with information maintained by the state Department of Driver Services and the federal Social Security Administration. Voters are 'flagged' when they have non-matching information." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

When The Databases Were Queried, "Any Information That Didn't Match Put The Individual At Risk For Losing Their Voting Privileges." "Almost 200,000 individuals were tagged, according to the DOJ, as a 'non-match.' Meaning when the databases were queried, any information that didn't match put the individual at risk for losing their voting privileges." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Handel's System Ended Up Flagging Almost 200,000 People, And Thousands Had To End Up Proving They Were Citizens

HEADLINE: "Some Voters 'Purged' From Voter Rolls." [CNN, [10/26/08](#)]

Almost 200,000 Individuals Were Flagged As Not Having Matching Information, With 7,007 Flagged As Potential Non-Citizens. "Almost 200,000 individuals were tagged, according to the DOJ, as a 'non-match.' Meaning when the databases were queried, any information that didn't match put the individual at risk for losing their voting privileges. Another report flagged the 7,007 people as potential non-citizens." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

DOJ: Georgia's Program "Flagged [Over 3,500] Persons Who Have Subsequently Demonstrated That They Are In Fact Citizens." In June 2009, Facing South reported: "According to the DOJ analysis, Georgia's program 'flagged a large number of persons who have subsequently demonstrated that they are in fact citizens, Indeed, of the 7,007 individuals who have been flagged...as potential non-citizens, more than half were in fact citizens.'" [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Black, Hispanic And Asian People Were Flagged More Than White People. "The DOJ also calculated that although blacks and whites made up equal numbers of the newly registered, blacks were flagged 60 percent more than whites. The DOJ similarly found that 'Hispanic and Asian individuals are more than twice as likely to appear on the (flagged) list as are white applicants.' In essence the program puts an undue burden on blacks, Hispanics and Asians to prove their citizenship when trying to vote." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Critics Said Handel Was Effectively Undertaking A Voter Roll Purge

Voting Rights Advocates Argued The System "Amounted To A 'Systematic Purging' Of Rolls Just Weeks Before The [2008] Election." "Voting rights advocates argued that Georgia's efforts amounted to a 'systematic purging' of rolls just weeks before the election." [Facing South, [6/4/09](#)]

Voter Advocacy Group Said That Many People Required To Prove Their Citizenship Were Citizens, “Which Suggests There Are Some Significant Flaws In The System They’re Using.” “A voting rights group and a spokesperson from the Obama campaign asks the same question. ‘There have been a bunch of people who have been able to come into Cobb County and prove that they are citizens, which suggests there are some significant flaws in the system they’re using,’ said Sharon Shalf, an attorney with Georgia Election Protection. ‘It is troubling to us. It’s troubling that a lot of people are getting letters questioning their citizenship.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/9/08](#)]

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Handel’s Office Requested 2 Million Identity Verifications With The Social Security Administration, The Highest Of Any State. “The letter comes days after the Social Security Administration questioned the state’s high volume of requests to verify voter identities. Georgia’s 2 million requests surpassed those of any other state. The state is also examining the citizenship of some Georgia voters. As of Friday, the secretary of state had asked counties to check the status of 2,675 individuals whose driver’s license records indicated they were not citizens, but who had registered to vote, Carrothers said. ‘It’s imperative that the information provided by the voter is true and they are who they say they are,’ Carrothers said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/9/08](#)]

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A Federal Court Ruled That Handel Had To Retroactively Allow Thousands Of Voters To Cast Ballots, As Georgia’s Voter Verification System Had Not Been Approved By The DOJ

Jose Morales, A U.S. Citizen, Was Kicked Off The Voter Rolls And Was Refused Renfranchisement Despite Providing Sufficient Evidence. “Weeks before the 2008 election, thousands of registered voters in Georgia had their citizenship challenged by the state, a policy spearheaded by Handel. One of them was Jose Morales, a student at Kennesaw State University, a legal permanent resident since he was a toddler who became a US citizen in November 2007. After filling out a voter registration form in September 2008, Morales received a letter from Cherokee County telling him that he must provide evidence of his citizenship in court or would be kept off the voter rolls. Morales drove 30 minutes from his home in Kennesaw to the Cherokee County Elections office in Canton, to give the clerk a copy of his passport. He was told that was sufficient evidence to prove his citizenship and received a copy of his voting card a week later. But a month before the election, on October 7, 2008, he received another letter saying he was still not qualified to vote and had to appear again before the Cherokee County Elections office to prove his citizenship again or else he would be purged from the rolls.” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Handel Was Sued By The ACLU

ACLU Sued Georgia On Morales’ Behalf, Saying The State’s Citizenship Verification Process Violated The Law. “At that point, the ACLU sued Georgia on Morales’s behalf, holding that the state’s citizenship verification process violated the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. ‘Despite all the steps he has gone through, Mr. Morales’ right to vote is still being threatened,’ the lawsuit said. ‘Mr. Morales wants to vote, particularly in the upcoming election, and wants to make sure his vote is counted.’” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Handel “Criticized The Lawsuit And Spread Unfounded Claims About Noncitizens Voting.” “Handel criticized the lawsuit and spread unfounded claims about noncitizens voting. ‘Unfortunately, some groups appear to want to open the door to allow non-citizens to register and vote in the General Election,’ she wrote.” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

A Panel Of Federal Judges Ultimately Ruled Against Handel

A Panel Of Federal Judges Ruled That Voters Whose Eligibility Had Been Questioned Must Be Allowed To Cast A Ballot In The 2008 Election. “Georgians whose eligibility to vote has been questioned must be allowed to

cast a ballot in the Nov. 4 election, a panel of federal judges ruled Monday.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

Panel Said That Handel Failed To Have Her Voter Verification System Reviewed By The Department Of Justice Under The Voting Rights Act. “The judges said in their order that Handel should have had the new system approved by the U.S. Department of Justice for review before implementing it, as required under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. That process is under way, after the Justice Department asked the state to submit it for review.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

Panel Said That No Names Could Be Removed From The Voter List Unless A Person Admitted In Writing That They Were Ineligible To Vote. “The court also said that no names can be removed from voter lists unless a person admits, in writing, that he or she is ineligible to vote.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

... But By Then, It Was Too Late For Many Voters To Resolve Whatever Issue Had Been Flagged

Court Ordered Handel To “Make Diligent And Immediate Efforts To Notify” Every Person Whose Registration Had Been Flagged. “The court also ordered Secretary of State Karen Handel to ‘make diligent and immediate efforts to notify, in a uniform manner, every person whose voter registration presently remains flagged.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

Those Whose Citizenship Was In Question Could Go To A County Office Before Election Day And Produce Documents Proving They Were A Citizen. “A panel of federal judges this week ordered Handel’s office to come up with a way of alerting those whose status has been questioned and allowing them to vote in some way on Election Day. Those whose citizenship is in question can go to a county elections office before Election Day and produce documents proving their citizenship and resolve the issue, Carrothers said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

Those Who Didn’t Could Cast A “Challenge Ballot,” Which Would Not Be Counted Until Counties Conducted Hearings And Determined The Voter Was A Citizen. “The letter from Handel’s office tells the voters that if they appear at their polling place with the issue still unresolved, they will be given a ‘challenge’ ballot --- a paper version of the ballot that appears on electronic voting machines. The ballot will not be included in the precinct’s vote totals, Handel said. Counties that have election boards will conduct hearings on these and other challenged ballots at 10 a.m. the Friday after the election. They will determine whether the person is a citizen.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/28/08](#)]

But The Timing Of The Ruling Made It So Voters Only Had A Few Days To Resolve Issues. “But if the letters were only mailed Wednesday, that means that many flagged voters will only be receiving the letters today -- giving them only 1-2 business days at crowded election offices to resolve the problem. If they’re not able to, Handel has made it clear the votes might not count.” [Facing South, [10/31/08](#)]

Handel Even Allowed Voters To Challenge Another’s Citizenship While At The Polls, Forcing Them To Cast A Challenge Ballot

Handel Allowed Any Voter To Challenge Another’s Qualifications To Cast A Ballot; If This Occurred, That Voter Would Have To Cast A Challenge Ballot. “Any voter can challenge another’s qualifications to cast a ballot by notifying a precinct poll manager, Handel said. That voter then would be given a challenge ballot and would have to go before the election board.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/30/08](#)]

Handel’s Policy “Could Be Used To Target The State’s Rapidly-Growing Latino Population And Other Racial Groups.” “Even more worrisome is that Handel made a point of stating that any voter’s citizenship can be contested by any other voter, a policy which could be used to target the state’s rapidly-growing Latino population and other racial groups.” [Facing South, [10/31/08](#)]

When The DOJ Did Review Handel's System, They Found It Inaccurate And Discriminatory, And Rejected It

The U.S. Justice Department “Rejected Georgia’s System Of Checking Whether Prospective Voters Are Citizens.” “The Justice Department has rejected Georgia's system of checking whether prospective voters are citizens, a process that became the subject of a federal lawsuit in the weeks leading up to November's election.” [AP, [6/2/09](#)]

DOJ Said State’s Voter Verification Program Was “Frequently Inaccurate And Has A ‘Discriminatory Effect’ On Minority Voters In Georgia.” “In a letter released Monday, the department said the state's voter verification program is frequently inaccurate and has a ‘discriminatory effect’ on minority voters in Georgia. ‘This flawed system frequently subjects a disproportionate number of African-American, Asian and/or Hispanic voters to additional, and more importantly, erroneous burdens on the right to register to vote,’ Loretta King, acting assistant attorney general of the Justice Department's civil rights division, said. Her letter was sent to Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker on Friday.” [AP, [6/2/09](#)]

Decision Meant Georgia Would Have To Halt The Voter Verification Checks Unless They Got The DOJ To Reconsider. “The decision means Georgia must halt the voter verification checks, although the state can still ask the Justice Department to reconsider, according to the letter and to the Georgia secretary of state's office.” [AP, [6/2/09](#)]

Handel “Blasted The Justice Department’s Decision,” Said That “Politics Took Priority Over Common Sense And Good Public Policy.” “Secretary of State Karen Handel on Monday blasted the Justice Department's decision, saying it opens the floodgates for noncitizens to vote in the state. ‘Clearly, politics took priority over common sense and good public policy,’ said Ms. Handel, a Republican candidate for governor in 2010.” [AP, [6/2/09](#)]

Handel Tried To Force Her System Through Again, But The DOJ Rejected It A Second Time

DOJ “For The Second Time” Rejected Handel’s Voter Citizenship Verification System, After They Requested Reconsideration. “The U.S. Department of Justice has for the second time rejected Georgia's system of using Social Security numbers and driver's license data to check whether prospective voters are citizens. The Justice Department first rejected Georgia's request for preclearance for the checks in May. The state asked the department in August to reconsider that rejection.” [AP, [10/17/09](#)]

DOJ Was Unable To Conclude That Georgia “Has Carried Its Burden Of Showing That The Original Voter Registration Verification Program Has Neither A Discriminatory Purpose Nor A Discriminatory Effect.” “In a letter sent to Georgia Deputy Attorney General Dennis Dunn on Tuesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney General Thomas Perez said the state's August request contains so many changes to the original voter registration verification process that it constitutes ‘a new change affecting voting that the state desires to implement.’ ‘I remain unable to conclude that the State of Georgia has carried its burden of showing that the original voter registration verification program has neither a discriminatory purpose nor a discriminatory effect,’ Mr. Perez wrote.” [AP, [10/17/09](#)]

Early Voting Hours

2008: Despite Hours-Long Lines To Vote, Handel Refused To Extend Early Voting Hours

Amidst Huge Voter Turnout In 2008, Atlanta Polling Places Experienced Computer Glitches And Hours-Long

Polling Places In Atlanta Were “Plagued By Long Lines And Computer Glitches” During The Early Voting Of The 2008 Presidential Election. “Some polling places have been plagued by long lines and computer glitches in recent days, especially in densely-populated metro-Atlanta. Hundreds of voters in southwest Atlanta waited in line until nearly 10:30 p.m. Thursday because of computer problems at an one advance voting site.” [Associated Press, [11/1/08](#)]

Early Voting In The 2008 Presidential Election Far Surpassed Turnout Predictions, Handel Predicted 25% Early Vote Turnout But It Was Actually Closer To 31%. “As early voting drew to a close in Georgia, shattering turnout predictions, Democrats on Friday called on state officials to keep polling places open through Election Day to accommodate crowds that have waited in lines for hours to cast a ballot. By early Friday, some 1.77 million Georgians had voted 31 percent of the state’s 5.6 million registered voters. Early voting is set to end Friday. The time varies from county to county. Before the polls opened on Sept. 22, Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel predicted a 25 percent early voting turnout.” [Associated Press, [11/1/08](#)]

Rep. John Lewis Of Atlanta Requested Handel Extend Early Voting Hours, But Handel Refused Because She Said She Needed Federal Approval...

Rep. John Lewis And Democrats Requested That Handel Extend Early Voting Hours Because Of Record Lines And Turnout In The 2008 Election. “With long lines at the polls continuing on the Friday before Election Day, U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who represents Atlanta, and other Democrats held a press conference at the state Capitol, calling on Secretary of State Karen Handel and Gov. Sonny Perdue to extend voting hours over the weekend, following the lead of Florida officials.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/9/08](#)]

Handel Maintained That Georgia Could Not Extend Hours Because They Would Have To Get Federal Approval Under The Voting Rights Act. “But that is easier said than done in Georgia, according to Handel, a fellow Republican and Georgia’s chief elections officer. Georgia counties cannot add polling stations or expand their hours to the weekends without approval by the U.S. Justice Department, since Georgia is covered under the federal Voting Rights Act, Handel said. She also suggested that keeping the polls open on the weekend before Election Day could create logistical problems because local officials use that time to set up for Tuesday.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/9/08](#)]

...Even Though Florida’s Governor Was Able To Extend Early Voting Hours Without It

In Florida, Governor Signed An Executive Order Allowing Extended Hours For Early Voting. “Faced with a record voter turnout, Florida Gov. Charlie Crist signed an executive order on Oct. 28, declaring a state of emergency and allowing early voting on the Saturday and Sunday before Election Day.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/9/08](#)]

Handel Dismissed Concerns About Long Lines, Inviting A Harsh Critique From The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Handel: Lines Are To Be Expected On Election Day. “Of course, there are lines this week, and there will be lines on Election Day. Most Georgians reasonably expect that. My job is to ensure our counties are doing everything they can so voters are able to cast their ballots as quickly and easily as possible. The overwhelming majority of Georgia’s county election offices are properly managing this record turnout. Most elections officials made the necessary preparations and their voters have benefited from an efficient voting process. In the counties where there have been problems, their officials have reacted quickly --- deploying additional resources and personnel. Today, the process is moving much more efficiently in these counties than it was earlier this week.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, op-ed, [10/30/08](#)]

Handel: “Any Changes Now Would Introduce Prohibitive Legal, Practical And Logistical Hurdles To Our Elections Process.” “Moreover, any changes now would introduce prohibitive legal, practical and logistical hurdles to our elections process.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, op-ed, [10/30/08](#)]

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Editorial: Handel Responded To Complaints Of Long Lines To Vote “With Dismissal Rather Than Solutions.” “As the state’s chief elections officer, Handel must keep the appearance of politics out of her actions. She has failed to do so repeatedly. When early voters --- both Democrats and Republicans --- complained of waiting in lines as long as eight hours to vote this week, she responded with dismissal rather than solutions. She may find that Georgians respond the same way the next time she seeks their votes.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, editorial, [10/31/08](#)]

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Atlanta Journal-Constitution Editorial: “No Matter The Outcome Of Tuesday’s Election, A Loser Has Emerged --- Secretary Of State Karen Handel.” “No matter the outcome of Tuesday’s election, a loser has emerged --- Secretary of State Karen Handel.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, editorial, [10/31/08](#)]

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Voter ID

2005: As Secretary Of State, Handel Prompted A Discriminatory Voter ID Statute

Handel Personally Championed Georgia’s Strict Voter ID Law

2005: Handel “Championed Georgia’s Strict Voter-ID Law.” “At the same time she was trying to purge qualified voters from the rolls and prevent Democrats from running for office, Handel championed Georgia’s strict voter-ID law, among the first of its kind to take effect in 2005. Four of five career lawyers at the Justice Department recommended blocking the law, but political appointees in the George W. Bush administration approved it even though the bill’s Republican sponsor in the legislature, Rep. Sue Burmeister, told DOJ lawyers: ‘If there are fewer black voters because of the bill, it will only be because there is less opportunity for fraud. She said when black voters in her precinct are not paid to vote, they do not go to the polls.’” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Handel Cited The Law As One Of Her “Most Important Accomplishments.” “To this day, Handel cites the voter-ID law as one of her “most important accomplishments.” She said in a TV ad for the Sixth District race: ‘As secretary of state, I fought President Obama to implement photo ID and won,’ even though Georgia’s voter-ID law was passed in 2005 and took effect in 2007, well before President Obama assumed office.” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Handel: Georgia’s Voter ID Law Is A “Common-Sense Measure” That “Protects Every Citizen’s Legal Vote From Being Canceled By One Cast Fraudulently.” “Georgia’s voter ID law --- much like Indiana’s --- protects every citizen’s legal vote from being canceled by one cast fraudulently. It doesn’t matter how many times or different ways Tucker writes it, the facts remain the same. It’s a common-sense measure supported by 80 percent of Georgians (according to this newspaper), regardless of race, political affiliation or age.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/18/08](#)]

Handel Claimed No One Had Been Harmed By The Law, Despite Ample Evidence To The Contrary

Handel Claimed That No Voter Had Been Harmed By The Voter ID Law. “‘Opponents of photo ID have failed to produce even one voter who has been harmed by the requirement, despite nearly three years of scouring the state in search of such an individual,’ Handel wrote in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Marietta Citizen Said His Mother Was Rejected For A Georgia ID Due To Her Maiden Name Not Matching Her Married Name, And Was Not Able To Vote As A Result. “That prompted a response from reader Ed Neubaum of Marietta, who wrote: ‘My 73-year-old mother is one. After moving to Georgia from Florida, we attempted to obtain a Georgia ID. Based on the then-published requirements on the Department of Motor Vehicles Web site, we gathered proof of her new address (bank statement), birth certificate and valid Florida driver’s license. At the DMV, we were told that as of May, the secretary of state required her marriage certificate because the name on her birth certificate did not match her driver’s license. They would accept a passport with her married name, something she has never applied for. The harm: Tracking down and paying \$40 for a copy of her marriage certificate. Two trips to the DMV, time and gas. Missing the July 15 primary.’” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

Political Scientists Found That The Georgia Voter ID Law Reduced Voter Turnout. “In fact, political scientists M. V. Hood III and Charles S. Bullock III found that the Georgia law did reduce voter turnout. When the law passed, they noted, 289,622 Georgia registrants—5.66 percent of the electorate—had neither a driver’s license nor state ID card. Before the voter ID law: ‘In 2004, those registrants lacking photo ID had a turnout rate of 47.6% compared with other registrants with a 72.9% rate of turnout.’ After the voter-ID law: ‘In 2008, the turnout rate for those registrants lacking ID drops to 39.6%, whereas for those with photo ID the rate falls to 70.0%.’ ‘Stated succinctly, we estimate turnout in Georgia in 2008 would have been about four-tenths of a percentage point higher had the courts blocked the law.’” [The Nation, [6/19/17](#)]

GA Association Of Latino Elected Officials: “African-American, Hispanic And Asian Communities Have Been Disproportionately Affected” By Voter ID Law. “Minority groups, like the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials, say they’ve seen the disenfranchisement firsthand. During the 2010 elections, group officials say they were forced to drive voters who didn’t have IDs to local elections offices to get the problem cleared up, and then drive them back to their polling sites. ‘Certainly what we have seen...borne out in Georgia is that African-American, Hispanic and Asian communities have been disproportionately affected,’ said Jerry Gonzalez, executive director of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials, ‘What we want is to make sure of is that nobody is denied their right to vote.’” [The Grio, [4/3/12](#)]

Energy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel voted for the Fiscal Year 2019 energy appropriations bill that cut renewable energy programs and rolled back clean water protections.*
- ✓ *The bill included cuts to renewable energy research, funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository, and a rider to repeal the “waters of the United States” rule.*
- ✓ *Rep. Lowey said Republicans deliberately grouped Veterans and Energy appropriations together in order to force cuts to clean energy initiatives and roll back clean water protections.*

Renewable Energy

Handel Voted For An Energy Appropriations Bill That Cut Renewable Energy Programs And Rolled Back Clean Water Protections

Handel Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation; \$98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and \$3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. It would provide \$11.2 billion for programs that maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons in the United States’ stockpile. As amended, it would provide \$1.1 billion in funding for the Veterans Community Care Program.” The bill passed by a vote of 235-179. [HR 5895, [Vote #257](#), 6/8/18; CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Bill Included Cuts To Renewable Energy Research, Funding For Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, And Rider To Repeal “Waters Of The United States” Rule. “House lawmakers want more money for nuclear weapon modernization efforts while introducing cuts to renewable energy research. It also would set aside funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada and continue funding for the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility in South Carolina. The House bill includes controversial policy riders meant to ease the repeal of the EPA-Army Corps joint ‘Waters of the United States’ regulation. Democrats have called the measure a “poison pill” unlikely to survive Senate scrutiny.” [CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Rep. Lowey: Republicans Attached Veterans Affairs Appropriations To Energy Appropriations To Force Through Cuts To Clean Energy Initiatives And Roll Back Clean Water Protections. “This broken process has a simple aim: Republicans are using America’s veterans as pawns to force through cuts to clean energy research and harmful policy provisions that weaken environmental safeguards. [...] With gas prices approaching \$3 a gallon, the bill cuts energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. It cuts transformational science efforts, such as the successful and popular ARPA-E program. Just as bad, it contains many harmful riders, including rolling back clean water protections, blocking the National Oceans Policy, further endangering salmon on the Columbia River, and weakening gun safety rules on public lands.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, [6/7/18](#)]

Environmental Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2014, Handel said she was inclined to review clean water regulations that she worried were “crushing jobs.”*
- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted to delay the deadline for the EPA to implement new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone by eight years.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to reduce EPA funding by \$1.8 million.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to reduce funding for the Coal Mine Safety and Health program by 10 percent.*

Clean Water

2014: Handel Said She Was Inclined To Look Into Reviewing Clean Water Regulations Because She Worried They Were “Crushing Jobs”

When Asked About Poisoned Drinking Water In West Virginia And The Target Credit Card Breach, Handel Said Regulations Were “Crushing Jobs” And Not Protecting Consumers. “If elected, Handel said she’d seek a review of regulations, such as those from the Environmental Protection Agency and the 19 federal agencies that oversee the payment processing industry. When a reporter mentioned the poisoning of drinking water in Charleston, W.Va., and the breach of Target’s credit card security, Handel said that pointed to the need. Existing regulations may be burdensome to businesses but not actually protect consumers, she said. ‘Arguably they are crushing jobs, and we’re not sure we’re getting much on the other end of it,’ Handel said.” [Macon Telegraph, [2/5/14](#)]

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Pollution

Handel Voted For Delaying Clean Air Standards

Handel Voted For “Extend[ing] For Eight Years The Deadline For The EPA To Implement New National Ambient Air Quality Standards For Ground-Level Ozone.” In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend for eight years the deadline for the EPA to implement new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone (the EPA issued such deadlines on Oct. 26, 2015). The bill would require the EPA to review the national ambient air quality standards for each pollutant every ten years, instead of every five, and would require the agency to evaluate possible adverse effects of standard changes, including effects related to public health, welfare and economics, prior to establishing or revising a national ambient air quality standard.” The bill passed by a vote of 229-199. [H R 806, [Vote #391](#), 7/18/17; CQ, [7/18/17](#)]

League Of Conservation Voters Opposed HR 806, Saying It Gutted The Clean Air Act And Jeopardized Health By Undermining EPA Standards Related To Smog. “LCV urges you to vote NO on H.R. 806, the ‘Ozone Standards Implementation Act,’ a radical bill that jeopardizes the health of our families by undermining the EPA’s recently-updated standards for ozone pollution (a.k.a. smog) and eviscerating a central pillar of the Clean Air Act. [...] For the first time ever, H.R. 806 would allow the EPA to consider factors unrelated to health, like technical feasibility in the initial standard setting process. States consider

feasibility and cost when they implement the standards. This system has worked extremely well since 1970 as air quality has improved dramatically while the economy has grown.” [League Of Conservation Voters, [7/17/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Implementation Of New Air Quality Standards If Those Standards Could Pose Health Risks To Those Without Access To “Affordable, Comprehensive” Health Care. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit implementation of the bill’s provisions if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Congressional Budget Office, finds such implementation could increase various health risks for individuals without access to “affordable, comprehensive” health insurance.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit implementation of the underlying bill if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee finds that application of the underlying bill could increase health risks to vulnerable populations including children, seniors, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and minority and low-income communities.” Motion rejected by a vote of 191-235. [H R 806, [Vote #390](#), 7/18/17; CQ, [7/18/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/18/17](#)]

Environmental Protection Agency

Handel Voted For Reducing EPA Funding

Handel Voted For Reducing EPA Funding By \$1.8 Million, In Line With Trump’s FY 2018 Budget Proposal. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce funding for the EPA by \$1.8 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-260. [H R 3354, [Vote #492](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Mining Communities

Handel Voted For Reducing The Funding For The Coal Mine Safety And Health Program By 10 Percent – Eliminating 96 Employees – In The FY 2018 Omnibus

Handel Voted For Reducing The Funding For The Coal Mine Safety And Health Program By 10 Percent – Eliminating 96 Employees – In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment that would reduce the funding for the Coal Mine Safety and Health program by 10 percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-238. [H R 3354, [Vote #511](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

FEMA & Disaster Relief Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In the midst of disastrous wildfires in California, Handel voted for a bill that inadequately funded firefighting while repealing environmental protections and regulations on the logging industry.*
- ✓ *Handel criticized the federal flood insurance program, but did not specify whether or not she would support legislation to cap flood insurance premium increases.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for reauthorizing the national flood insurance program without risk-reduction programs or flood-risk mapping. Critics said that reauthorizing the programs without these reform would not substantively mitigate risks posed by hazardous flooding in the United States.*

Disaster Relief

2017 Supplemental Disaster Funding

Handel Voted For \$81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations

Handel Voted For \$81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make further supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and wildfires that occurred in calendar year 2017. The bill would authorize \$81 billion in aid for ongoing response and recovery from 2017 hurricanes and wildfires, and would authorize Puerto Rico to use surplus toll credits to cover the local share of federal highway emergency relief. The bill would remove a cap on federal highway assistance to U.S. territories for fiscal 2018 and 2019.” The bill passed 251 to 169. [HR 4667, [Vote #709](#), 12/21/17; CQ, [12/21/17](#)]

2017 Wildfires

In The Midst Of Disastrous Wildfires In California, Handel Voted For A Bill That Inadequately Funded Firefighting While Repealing Environmental Protections And Regulations On The Logging Industry

Handel Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017, Allowing President To Declare Wildfire Disasters And Fund FEMA Relief As Well As Expedite Timber Salvage After Fires. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also exempt various forest management activities from filing environmental impact statements and would provide for expedited timber salvage operations and reforestation activities after catastrophic events. It would prohibit any court from issuing restraining orders or injunctions against salvage operations or reforestation activities undertaken in response to a large-scale catastrophic event.” The bill passed 257-166. [HR 2936, [Vote #598](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

National Parks Conservation Association: The Resilient Federal Forests Act Was “Extreme And... Puts Our Forests, Communities And Wildlife At Risk.” “NPCA, along with partners, submitted the following position to the House of Representatives ahead of an expected floor vote the week of October 30, 2017. On behalf of our millions of our members and supporters, we urge you to OPPOSE the Resilient Federal Forest Act

of 2017 (H.R. 2936). This bill is extreme and unfortunately, instead of protecting and restoring our public forests, H.R. 2936 puts our forests, communities and wildlife at risk.” [NCPA, [10/31/17](#)]

NCPA: Wildfire Suppression Funding In The RFFA Was “Completely Inadequate, Leaving Unaddressed The Largest Part Of The Problem: The Growing Impact Of Wildfire Suppression On The Forest Service’s Annual Budget.” “The provisions offered in response to the wildfire funding crisis, even in this most recent version of the bill, are completely inadequate, leaving unaddressed the largest part of the problem: the growing impact of wildfire suppression on the Forest Service’s annual budget.” [NCPA, [10/31/17](#)]

Handel Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 595) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2936) that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also include various categorical exclusions from certain environmental reviews.” The resolution was adopted 232-184. [HRes 595, [Vote #593](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

2017 Hurricanes

Main Harvey Relief Bill

2017: Handel Voted For \$7.9 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding To Cover The Costs Of Responding To Hurricane Harvey. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would provide for the House to concur in the Senate amendments to a bill (HR 601) that would codify practices and programs at the United States Agency for International Development related to U.S. education assistance abroad, with further amendment that would appropriate \$7.9 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 as an initial payment to cover the costs of responding to Hurricane Harvey. The total would include \$7.4 billion for the Homeland Security Department’s Disaster Relief Fund, which will be used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support ongoing hurricane response efforts. It would also include \$450 million for the Small Business Administration’s disaster loan program to assist small businesses and homeowners.” The motion passed, 419-3. [HRes 502, [Vote #441](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Funding Tied To FAA Authorization

Handel Voted For A Six Month Extension Of FAA Taxes Tied To Hurricane Relief And Flood Insurance Programs. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs and would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market. It would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and would allow the federal government to reimburse the governments of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for any disaster tax relief that those islands provide their citizens.” The bill passed by a vote of 264-155. [HR 3823, [Vote #542](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of Extending Expiring FAA Authorities, Establishing Development Of A Private Flood Insurance Market, And Modifying Tax Provisions For People Impacted By Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 538) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3823) that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of

September 28, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 223-190. [H RES 538, [Vote #539](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring The Government Pay The U.S. Virgin Islands And Puerto Rico Amounts Equal To 400 Percent Of The Loss In Revenues From Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the secretary of the Treasury to pay to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico amounts equal to 400 percent of the loss in revenues from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria for the repair of infrastructure and the payment of health care costs on the islands. It would also modify corporate taxes and charitable contribution limitations in relation to disaster relief.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-277. [H R 3823, [Vote #541](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

General Disaster Relief Funding

Hurricane Relief

Handel Voted For Making \$36.5 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding For Fiscal Year 2018 To Partially Cover Costs Of Natural Disasters. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H Res 569) that would provide that upon agreeing to the resolution, the House will have been considered to have concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2266) with a House amendment that would make available \$36.5 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2018 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including hurricanes and wildfires. The measure would include \$18.7 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund - \$4.9 billion of which would be used for disaster relief loans to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would also cancel \$16 billion of the Treasury debt incurred by FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program, would release \$1.2 billion in contingency reserves from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for use in Puerto Rico would provide \$577 million in funding to fight wildfires.” The motion was agreed to 353-69. [HRes 569, [Vote #566](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Flood Insurance

Handel Criticized The Federal Flood Insurance Program, Without Specifying How She Would Have Voted On A Bill To Cap Flood Insurance Premium Increases

Handel Criticized The Federal Flood Insurance Program, Without Specifying How She Would Have Voted On A Bill To Cap Flood Insurance Premium Increases. “Congress recently passed a bill to cap federal flood insurance premium increases, partially reversing a 2012 reform bill that led to a big strain on some homeowners. Kingston voted for the bill. Gingrey and U.S. Rep. Paul Broun, an Athens Republican, voted against it. Perdue and former Secretary of State Karen Handel criticized the program without saying which way they would have voted on the House bill.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/30/14](#)]

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Handel Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping

Handel Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would make modifications to the program, including: raise annual surcharges and reserve fund assessments on federal flood insurance policyholders,

raise rates on properties that incur multiple losses, establish an annual deductible for severe and extreme repetitive loss properties and end the requirement that flood insurance be purchased for commercial and multifamily properties located in flood risk zones. It would also require that flood insurance provided by private sector carriers be accepted by Federal Emergency Management Agency and considered as meeting the National Flood Insurance Program's mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, and would allow private insurers and any other interested party to review FEMA information regarding its assessments of flood risk." The bill passed 237-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #630](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "U.S. House Of Representatives Misses Mark In Reducing Nation's Flood Risk.

"Unfortunately, this bill falls short of significant improvements needed to bolster risk reduction and flood-risk mapping efforts under the National Flood Insurance Program," Murdock said. "The program has failed to achieve its intended goal of lessening our nation's flood risk. Congress needs to place more emphasis on reforms that mitigate risk and promote using the best-available science and technology in mapping processes. It is particularly important that reforms enable the restoration of functioning floodplains and disincentivize development in areas of high flood risk." [Nature Conservancy, [11/15/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring FEMA To Certify That Claims From Hurricane Sandy Were Resolved Before The National Flood Insurance Program Is Reauthorized.

In November 2017, Handel voted against: "Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill's provisions from taking effect unless the Federal Emergency Management Agency certifies the resolution of all claims for losses resulting from Hurricane Sandy of 2012 that were covered under the National Flood Insurance Program." The motion was rejected 236-190. [HR 2874, [Vote #629](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 And Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program.

In November 2017, Handel voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 616) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 2810) that would authorize \$692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 2874) that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would modify several aspects of the program. The rule would require the House clerk to not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has adopted the conference report to accompany the Fiscal 2018 Defense Authorization (HR 2810) until the House receives a message from the Senate that the Senate has passed a bill (HR 4374), without amendment, that would authorize the Food and Drug Administration to expedite consideration of certain medical products at the Pentagon's request." The rule was adopted 233-187. [HRes 616, [Vote #627](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Financial Protections & Wall Street

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel took \$1,074,983 from the finance, insurance, and real estate sectors over her career.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to roll back Wall Street reform*
- ✓ *The bill rased the minimum asset level at which the more stringent bank regulation provisions of the 2010 financial overhauls applied, from \$50 billion to \$250 billion.*
- ✓ *Critics said this would disproportionately benefit large banks.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to allow lenders with less than \$10 billion in assets to forego mortgage escrow requirements.*

Wall Street Reform

Career: Handel Received \$1,074,983 In Campaign Contributions From Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate – And \$270,550 From PACs Alone

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Handel Voted To Roll Back Wall Street Reform

2018: Handel Voted For Legislation That Narrowed The Scope Of Banks That Subject To Stringent Trading Regulations That Were Part Of The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act

2018: Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Raise The Minimum Asset Level At Which The More Stringent Bank Regulation Provisions Of The 2010 Financial Overhaul Applied, From \$50 Billion To \$250 Billion. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would apply the more stringent bank regulation provisions of the 2010 financial overhaul to banks with \$250 billion in assets, instead of those with at least \$50 billion in assets. It would also allow banks with less than \$10 billion in assets to trade with depositors’ money. The bill would lift the threshold for disclosure requirements to \$10 million for employee-owned securities and would allow venture capital funds to have up to 250 investors and be exempt from certain registering requirements. It would provide consumers with the right to request a ‘security freeze’ on their credit reports, which would prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information from the consumer’s credit report without express authorization. It would define a ‘qualified mortgage’ as any residential mortgage loan held by a bank, removing the requirement that for a ‘qualified mortgage,’ a bank must determine that a mortgage recipient has the ability to repay.” The bill was passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 258-159. [S. 2155, [Vote #216](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Critics Said The Bill Created Loopholes That Larger Banks Would Exploit. “Rothfus made his claim after voting in favor of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 2155, which supporters said will lessen the Dodd-Frank burden on community banking institutions — defined as those with

less than \$10 billion in assets — and which critics argue creates wiggle room and loopholes that larger banks will exploit. The rollback was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 24.” [PolitiFact, [5/31/18](#)]

The Bill Contained Policies Which Would Roll Back Or Eliminate Key Parts From The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act. “Late last year the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which was sponsored by Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, with nearly 20 co-sponsors on both sides of the aisle, was introduced in the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs [...] The bill contains policies which would roll back or eliminate key parts from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.” [Housing Wire, [3/6/18](#)]

Financial Protections

Handel Voted To Allow Risky Mortgage Lending Practices

Handel Voted For Allowing Certain Lenders To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt lenders with assets of \$10 billion or less from the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul requirement that such lenders establish escrow accounts for the first five years of so-called “high-priced” mortgage loans, if the lenders hold the loan on its own balance sheet for three years after the loan is made, and it would exempt companies that service up to 20,000 mortgage loans from current loan servicing and escrow account administration requirements.” The bill passed 294 to 129. [HR 3971, [Vote #675](#), 12/12/17; CQ, [12/12/17](#)]

Maxine Waters: HR 3971 Could “Set The Stage” For Another Financial Crisis. “A bill opponent, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said dropping the regulations would ‘set the stage for a return of the harmful practices of the subprime meltdown and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.’” [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.” In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would change the definitions of ‘mortgage originator’ and ‘loan originator’ to exempt companies that manufacture homes and sell manufactured homes from various mortgage-related regulatory requirements. It would increase the maximum allowable rates and fees that may be applied to a manufactured home loan before the loan is classified as a high-cost mortgage.” The bill passed 256 to 163. [HR 1699, [Vote #651](#), 12/1/17; CQ, [12/1/17](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “passage of the bill that would exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent cap on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by modifying the definition of ‘points and fees.’” According to the Center for Responsible Lending, “the Mortgage Choice Act would allow many more risky, high-cost loans to qualify as Qualified Mortgage (QM) loans by creating exceptions to the points and fees threshold.” The bill passed, 280-131. [H.R. 1153, [Vote #64](#), 2/8/18; CQ, [2/8/18](#); Center for Responsible Lending, [11/13/17](#)]

Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel claimed to oppose the use of military force in Syria while President Obama was in office, but later praised Trump for striking Syria in April 2017.*
- ✓ *Handel criticized Democratic candidate Michelle Nunn in 2014 for supporting military strikes in Syria.*
- ✓ *Handel called foreign aid an “absolute disgrace” when American troops were receiving inadequate care, and was called out by Politifact over false claims about foreign aid.*
- ✓ *Handel supported Trump’s decision to pull out of the Iran Nuclear Deal.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for a bill requiring the Department of Treasury to report all assets under control of high-ranking Iranian officials.*
- ✓ *After Donald Trump publicly questioned U.S. intelligence reports, Handel said she believed Russia interfered in the 2017 election, but declined to rebuke Trump’s comments.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for blocking consideration of a repeal of the 2001 authorization for use of military force.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for defunding the United Nations Human Rights Council.*
- ✓ *Handel opposed the United Nations telling the United States “how to run our country.”*
- ✓ *Handel compared treaties with the United Nations to the U.S. Department of Education setting policy for schools.*

Syria

Handel Opposed The Use Of Military Force In Syria When Obama Was In Office, But Later Praised Trump For Striking Syria In April 2017

2013: Handel Claimed To Oppose Military Force In Syria While Obama Was In Office And Said She Would Have Voted Against Authorizing A Military Strike

Handel: I Would Vote Against Authorizing Military Force In Syria; There Is No Defined Scope Of Action, Set Of Objectives Or National Security Interest. “Based upon the information I have today, I would vote against authorizing military force in Syria. In determining the necessity of military action, the national security interests of the United States must be paramount, and there must be clearly defined and achievable goals and outcomes. In my view, the President has yet to articulate a clearly defined scope of action and set of objectives for using military force in Syria. The President has a responsibility to explain his rationale in the clearest of terms to the American people and their representatives in Congress. This case has not been made, as evidenced by the overwhelming opposition of the American people. That’s why I would vote no.” [Handel Press Release, [9/4/13](#)]

Handel Opposed The Obama Administration's Syria Strategy, And Argued That Obama Needed To Seek Congressional Approval For Any Military Action In Syria

Handel: The President Has A Responsibility To Explain Why We Should Strike, And The Case Has Not Been Made. In a September 2013 press release, Handel wrote: “Based upon the information I have today, I would vote against authorizing military force in Syria. In determining the necessity of military action, the national security interests of the United States must be paramount, and there must be clearly defined and achievable goals and outcomes. In my view, the President has yet to articulate a clearly defined scope of action and set of objectives for using military force in Syria. The President has a responsibility to explain his rationale in the clearest of terms to the American people and their representatives in Congress. This case has not been made, as evidenced by the overwhelming opposition of the American people. That’s why I would vote no.” [Handel press release, [9/4/13](#)]

Handel Said She Supported U.S. Involvement Overseas Only When There Was An Exit Strategy, And Opposed President Obama's Aborted Syrian Strike Plan. “Karen Handel, a former Georgia secretary of state, said she supports U.S. involvement overseas only when there’s a strong exit strategy, and touted her opposition to President Barack Obama’s aborted plan to strike Syria.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/2/14](#)]

Handel Criticized The Obama Administration's “Incoherent And Vacillating” Syria Strategy And Continued To Oppose U.S. Military Intervention In Syria

Handel Continued To Oppose Military Intervention In Syria; Called The Administration's Response “Incoherent And Vacillating” And Weakened America Abroad. “After listening to the President’s speech, I remain opposed to American military action in Syria. The use of chemical weapons in Syria was a horrific act. Everyone on both sides of the political aisle agrees with that. Unfortunately, the Obama Administration’s response to this act was incoherent and vacillating. Real leadership would have included a roadmap to success for American military or economic intervention. That leadership was and is lacking. Sadly, this has resulted in America being weaker abroad and Syrians continuing to be at risk from a totalitarian regime. Under the current circumstances I remain opposed to American military action in Syria.” [Handel Facebook, [9/10/13](#)]

...But, In 2017 She Praised Donald Trump For Striking Syria In Response To A Chemical Attack, And Criticized Jon Ossoff For Not Commenting On The Strikes

April 2017: Handel Said Donald Trump's Airstrikes Against Syria Showed “Real Leadership” From Donald Trump. “Republican Karen Handel, a leading contender to represent the suburban Atlanta district, said late Thursday that Donald Trump showed “real leadership” with his decision to target Syria in retaliation for a chemical attack that killed more than 80 civilians. And she blasted Ossoff, a former Congressional aide who touts his national security credentials, for not immediately commenting on the strike.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [4/7/17](#)]

April 2017: Handel Took To Twitter To Hit Jon Ossoff For Not Commenting On The Syrian Strikes. “The news is already being used as fodder in the 6th District congressional race. In the hours after the news broke last night, Republican Karen Handel took to Twitter to take a hit at Jon Ossoff, the Democratic frontrunner who has been in the spotlight for his national security credentials.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [4/7/17](#)]

Handel Criticized Democratic Candidate Michelle Nunn In 2014 For Supporting Military Strikes In Syria

Handel Released An Ad Attacking Nunn For Her Support For A Military Strike In Syria; Called Her “Just Another Vote For Harry Reid Or Barack Obama.” In September 2013, Handel released an ad that said: “The greatest responsibility of government is the decision to use military force. This is Karen Handle. I’m running for U.S. Senate, and on military intervention in Syria, there is a clear difference between Democrat Michelle Nunn and me. Michelle Nunn said she would vote for direct American military intervention, even with no imminent threat to our national security. But President Obama has failed to make the case. His foreign policy is a disaster. On Syria

the president is virtually incoherent, lacking consistency and failing to articulate clear goals. No wonder most Georgians and Americans oppose the cost of an intervention in Syria's civil war, yet Michelle Nunn continues to support this. If I were in the U.S. Senate today, I would vote against the authorization of military force in Syria. I'm Karen Handel, and I approved this message because I will stand with you instead of being just another vote for Harry Reid or Barack Obama." [Handel 'Responsibility' ad, [9/11/13](#)]

Handel Released Another Ad Attacking Nunn For Supporting A Strike In Syria And Supporting The Affordable Care Act. In a September 2013 radio ad, Handel said: "Democrat Michelle Nunn won't tell us much about where she stands on issues. But here's what she has said. Nunn says she would have voted for Barack Obama's plan to attack Syria. I, along with most Georgians and Americans, opposed the Administration from the start. Nunn supports Obamacare—despite higher premiums, less choice, and new burdens on small businesses. We can't 'fix' Obamacare. We need to defund it, repeal it and start over. With a common-sense, patient centered approach." [Handel ad 'Choice,' [9/18/13](#)]

Handel: Nunn "Won't Tell Us Much About Where She Stands On Issues But Here's What She Has Said" – She Supports A Military Strike In Syria, Obamacare. "Democrat Michelle Nunn won't tell us much about where she stands on issues. But here's what she has said. Nunn says she would have voted for Barack Obama's plan to attack Syria. I, along with most Georgians and Americans, opposed the Administration from the start. Nunn supports Obamacare—despite higher premiums, less choice, and new burdens on small businesses. We can't 'fix' Obamacare. We need to defund it, repeal it and start over. With a common-sense, patient centered approach." [Handel ad 'Choice,' [9/18/13](#)]

Foreign Aid

Handel Called Foreign Aid An "Absolute Disgrace" When American Troops Were Receiving Inadequate Care, And Was Called Out By Politifact Over False Claims About Foreign Aid

Handel Called Foreign Aid An "Absolute Disgrace" When The Country Is Not Taking Care Of American Troops

Handel Called Foreign Aid An "Absolute Disgrace" When The Country Is Not Taking Care Of American Troops. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Gilmer County Tea Party, Handel said: "That is a disgrace that we are sending money into countries but not taking care of our troops. An absolute disgrace and our men and women in the military deserve better, and we deserve, all of you should hold elected officials accountable for doing better. And what's happening at the VA is also an unmitigated disaster. And a complete and total disgrace. That is not America and we can do better than that and we must do better than that." [Gilmer County Tea Party, 7/23/13]

NOTE: Video is saved on the DCCC Research drive.

2013: Handel Cited Examples Of What She Perceived To Be Wasteful Foreign Aid Spending, Including A Claim That The U.S. Spent \$27 Million To Teach Moroccans How To Make Pottery

Handel's "Only In Washington" Day 8: "Only In Washington Would Politicians Spend \$27 Million To Teach Moroccans How To Make Pottery." "Only in Washington would politicians spend \$27 million to teach Moroccans how to make pottery." [Handel 'Only in Washington,' [8/7/13](#)]

Only In Washington Day 13: Only In Washington Would The US Agency For International Development Provide \$20 Million To Produce The Pakistani Version Of Sesame Street. In August 2013 on her 'Only in Washington' website, Handel posted: "Only in Washington would the US Agency for International Development provide \$20 million to produce the Pakistani version of Sesame Street." [Only in Washington, [8/13/13](#)]

...But, PolitiFact Rated Handel's Claim About Moroccan Pottery "Mostly False," Stating That Handel Omitted Key Details About The Appropriated Money

PolitiFact Rated Handel's Claim The Government Spent \$27 Million To Teach Moroccans To Make Pottery As "Mostly False" For Overstating Cost And Ignoring Critical Facts. "The former Georgia secretary of state who's now a U.S. Senate candidate said that the federal government spent \$27 million teaching Moroccans how to make pottery. This claim has been a popular touchstone for conservatives looking to shine a light on government waste. But a closer look at the facts shows that the \$27 million was for an entire economic development program in Morocco, of which the pottery training was only a fraction of the cost -- about 8 percent of the total program. Some may still consider that amount, \$2.2 million, a large expense for pottery training and promotion, but it is not close to the \$27 million that Handel claimed. Her overall point that the program was a failure is supported by an inspector general's audit that found that the pottery training was mismanaged, poorly organized and ineffective. Her statement contains an element of truth but overstates the cost and ignores critical facts that would give a different impression. We rated Handel's claim Mostly False." [PolitiFact, [8/21/13](#)]

Iran

Handel Supported Trump's Decision To Pull Out Of The Iran Nuclear Deal

Handel Praised Trump's Decision To Pull Out Of The Iran Nuclear Deal, Calling It A "Bad Deal From The Beginning." "Handel also praised Trump's decision to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal, calling it a 'bad deal from the beginning with a very rogue nation.'" [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill Requiring The Department Of The Treasury To Report All Assets Under The Control Of High-Ranking Iranian Officials

2017: Handel Voted For A Bill Requiring The Department Of The Treasury To Report All Assets Under The Control Of High-Ranking Iranian Officials. In December 2017, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would require the Department of the Treasury to report to Congress on assets held in U.S. and foreign financial institutions that are under direct or indirect control certain high ranking Iranian officials, and how sanctions may be used to prevent the funds from being used to contribute to the continued development of ballistic missile technology by Iran. The bill requires that such a report be submitted to congress within 270 days of enactment, and that it be updated by the Department annually for at least two years thereafter." The bill passed 289 to 135. [HR 1638, [Vote #680](#), 12/13/17; CQ, [12/13/17](#)]

Rep. Denny Heck (D-Wash): HR 1638 Would Divert Resources From Terrorism Investigations. "A bill opponent, Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., said the time and effort used by Treasury employees to track down the leaders' assets would take resources away from investigations into terrorist financing and money laundering." [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Russia

2018: After Donald Trump Publicly Questioned U.S. Intelligence Reports, Handel Said She Believed Russia Interfered In The 2016 Election, But Declined To Rebuke Trump's Comments

2018: Handel Called For Russia To Be "Held Accountable" For Its Interference In The 2016 Election. "Several Georgia GOP officials on Monday carefully distanced themselves from President Donald Trump's comments that cast doubt on the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that Russia meddled in the 2016 elections. Republican U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson and U.S. Reps. Karen Handel and Jody Hice underscored that they believed Russia interfered in the most recent major U.S. election. But they took care not to directly repudiate Trump or his comments. 'Russia's actions to undermine our democratic process and divide Americans must not be

tolerated, and they must be held accountable,’ said Handel, R-Ros-well, who is currently finishing out her first term in the House.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/17/18](#)]

2018: Trump Publicly Sided With Vladimir Putin Over The U.S. Intelligence Community By Repeating Putin’s Claims That Russia Did Not Interfere In The 2016 U.S. Election. “US President Donald Trump, in a stunning rebuke of the US intelligence community, declined on Monday to endorse the US government’s assessment that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election, saying he doesn’t ‘see any reason why’ Russia would be responsible. Instead, Trump—standing alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin—touted Putin’s vigorous denial and pivoted to complaining about the Democratic National Committee’s server and missing emails from Hillary Clinton’s personal account. ‘I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today,’ Trump said during a joint news conference after he spent about two hours in a room alone with Putin, save for a pair of interpreters.” [CNN, [7/16/18](#)]

Global War On Terror

2017: Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Military Force

2017: Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Military Force. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 478) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill making certain appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 3219), would provide for consideration of amendments to the Defense division of the bill, and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through July 28, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to make in order Rep. Barbara Lee’s amendment repealing the 2001 authorization for use of military force.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the repeal of the 2001 authorization for use of force.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-185. [H RES 478, [Vote #426](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

United Nations

Handel Voted For Defunding The United Nations Human Rights Council

Handel Voted For Defunding The United Nations Human Rights Council, The United Nations Office Of The United Nations High Commissioner For Human Rights, And The United Nations Relief And Works Agency. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Yoho, Fla., for Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to make contributions to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #470](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Opposed The U.N. Telling The United States “How To Run Our Country”

Handel: The United Nations Doesn’t Get To Come In And Tell The United States How To Run Our Country. “Well, first of all, the United Nations doesn’t get to come in and tell the United States of America how to run our country and do our business, that’s number one. Number two, we better elect a president, next time around who understands what his job is versus what the United Nations job is.” [South Hall Republican Club, 11/4/13]

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Handel Compared Treaties With The UN To The U.S. Department Of Education Setting Policy For Schools

Handel Compared U.S. Treaties With The UN To The U.S. Department Of Education Setting Policy For Local Schools. “MAN #1: One of the primary responsibilities of the Senate is of course ratifying treaties, and of course, recently, have come over from the UN, whether it be Law of Sea treaty or small arms treaty that the president has signed, and obviously, we have a lot of concern over those treaties and I just, if you couldn’t, wouldn’t mind taking a minute to maybe put a position statement out on how you feel these treaties, you feel, should be handled, after you vote for the or in some cases they just sit there. HANDEL: Well, first of all, the United Nations doesn’t get to come in and tell the United States of America how to run our country and do our business, that’s number one. Number two, we better elect a president, next time around who understands what his job is versus what the United Nations job is. So, hopefully, none of those things, if they were to come to the Senate, they’d need ratification obviously, you’d need someone who would stand up and be for the laws of the United States of America, not for other nations. We don’t need them telling us what to do. And that has to do with, not just the United Nations, but how about the federal department of education, they need to get out of the way of trying to interfere in our trying to educate our children. We elect our school board members, so right here on the ground, you get to elect the individuals who you want to set policy for your schools. We don’t need the federal government telling us about that.” [South Hall Republican Club, 11/4/13]

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Conservative Critiques Of The U.S. Department Of Education Often Stemmed From The Belief That Education Policy Should Be Left To State Governments. “Now, in a government reorganization expected to be announced Thursday, the Trump administration will propose merging the Education and Labor departments, reflecting the president's push to shrink the federal government as well as the Republican view that education policy should be left to the states. The proposal would underscore the belief held by Trump and DeVos that the first purpose of education is to create skilled workers for America's workforce.” [Chicago Tribune, Valerie Strauss Op-Ed, [6/20/18](#)]

Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel was funded by the NRA and its “dark money affiliate” group.*
- ✓ *The NRA spent a total of \$100,000 supporting Handel during the 2018 cycle, and over \$10,000 of that money came from the group’s “dark money affiliate.”*
- ✓ *Handel voted twice to block consideration of three bills to close gun safety loopholes.*
- ✓ *Handel deflected and blamed inadequate mental health standards when asked about gun safety in the wake of the Parkland shooting that killed seventeen people.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to allow concealed carry reciprocity between states.*
- ✓ *Handel strongly supported lifting the ban on soldiers carrying weapons on military bases.*
- ✓ *Handel voted twice to block consideration of three bills to close gun safety loopholes.*

NRA Funding

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The NRA Spent Nearly \$100,000 Supporting Handel During The 2018 Cycle. From 2017 through 2018, the NRA Victory Fund and the NRA Institute for Legislative Action spent a total of \$98,405 supporting Handel or opposing her 2018 general election opponent, Lucy McBath, or her 2017 special election opponent, Jon Ossoff. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/4/20](#)]

Over \$10,000 Of That Money Came From The NRA’s Dark Money Group. During the 2018 cycle, the NRA Institute for Legislative Action spent \$10,184 supporting Handel or opposing McBath or Ossoff. The NRA Institute for Legislative Action was the “dark money affiliate” of the NRA. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/4/20](#); NBC News, [5/4/18](#)]

Background Checks And Loopholes

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Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes.. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240; Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464; Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598; and Ms. Murphy’s bill H.R. 1478. These four bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes; prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check; ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun; and allow the government to sponsor scientific research on the causes of gun violence.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration**

of the bills. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-182. [H Res 780, [Vote #113](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240, Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464, and Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598. These three bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes, prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check, and ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [H.Res. 747, [Vote #86](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/27/18](#)]

Parkland

In The Wake Of The Parkland Shooting, Handel Was Asked About Gun Safety But Deflected And Did Not Mention Guns At All

In The Wake Of The Parkland Shooting, Handel Was Asked About Gun Safety But Deflected And Did Not Mention Guns At All. “The Parkland shooting put pressure on politicians to address school safety and gun violence, and President Donald Trump briefly supported some new firearms laws. But Congress has agreed only to a series of narrow tweaks to existing statutes. Asked about the issue on Friday, U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell, didn’t even mention guns. ‘We are focused in Congress on school safety,’ Handel said. ‘What we know is that we need to make sure all the schools around the country are hardened.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/25/18](#)]

Concealed Carry

Handel Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States

Handel Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons. The bill would require a twice-annual certification by all federal agencies, federal courts and state governments, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to verify that all relevant data has been reported and uploaded to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System regarding individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms.” The bill passed 231 to 198. [HR 38, [Vote #663](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

NRA Called The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act Its “Highest Legislative Priority In Congress.” “The House Judiciary Committee approved the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act on a 19-11 party-line vote, then passed the Fix NICS Act on a 17-6 bipartisan vote. The National Rifle Association this week called the concealed-carry bill, which requires states to honor permits issued elsewhere, its ‘highest legislative priority in Congress.’ The group says mandatory reciprocity would prevent ‘abuses’ in states with strict firearms laws and allow gun owners ‘to exercise their rights nationwide with peace of mind.’” [Washington Post, [11/29/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Domestic abusers could carry concealed guns under US House-passed bill [Columbus Dispatch, [12/6/17](#)]

15 States Allowed Domestic Abusers To Carry A Handgun. “Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, meanwhile, said Texas, despite being a strong gun rights state, has a ‘very thoughtful’ concealed carry process that includes a background check and safety test. Other states don’t necessarily have such requirements, he said. Fifteen states, for example, allow domestic abusers to carry a handgun.” [Columbus Dispatch, [12/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 645) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 38) that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons.” The rule was adopted 232 to 194. [H Res 645, [Vote #660](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

Military Bases

Handel Strongly Supported Lifting The Ban On Soldiers Carrying Weapons On Military Bases

Handel Strongly Supported Lifting The Ban On Soldiers Carrying Weapons On Military Bases. “And while it might seem defense against a potential gunman would be straightforward on a military base, onbase soldiers, including those at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, are not allowed to carry weapons, even with a carry permit. Instead, they depend on security guards for protection. With a U.S. Senate seat and several congressional districts open in Georgia this election season, many are debating whether or not the ban, put into effect in 1992, should be lifted. [...] Other candidates for the Senate seat threw their full support behind lifting the ban, including former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel, a Republican.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [4/9/14](#)]

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel strongly supported repealing the Affordable Care Act.*
- ✓ *Handel supported repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with a plan to allow tax credits based on age.*
- ✓ *Handel argued that the Affordable Care Act was costly, and claimed it was denying single mothers coverage.*
- ✓ *In 2013, Handel ran primary ads focusing on the Affordable Care Act's unpopularity.*
- ✓ *Handel opposed long-term health care reform efforts and argued they were overly complex.*
- ✓ *Handel argued The Affordable Care Act would bankrupt the nation.*
 - ✓ *Handel argued the Affordable Care Act was bad for businesses, and was hampering job growth and hurting small businesses with new taxes.*
- ✓ *Handel wrongly called the Affordable Care Act the "single largest tax increase in [her] lifetime" and called for it to be repealed.*
 - ✓ *Handel was called out by Politifact for her false claim.*
- ✓ *Handel argued that the Affordable Care Act was "not working" and called for "market-driven, patient centered" health care solutions.*
 - ✓ *Handel argued the Affordable Care Act was "just not working for too many Americans" and decried ideas like Medicare for All that would lead to "government-run healthcare."*
- ✓ *Handel was not yet in Congress for the vote on the AHCA, but indicated she supported the bill and was glad it repealed the ACA's individual mandate.*
- ✓ *Handel supported portability reforms, allowing insurance to be sold and moved across state lines.*
 - ✓ *Handel supported portable health care coverage that was not tied to an employer, and a health care tax deductibility for employees.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for the Republican Tax Scam, which included a repatriation provision that was seen as a "major victory for pharma manufacturers."*
 - ✓ *Pharmaceutical companies were "one of the biggest beneficiaries" of the provision, as it would enable them to return money to their shareholders rather than lower the cost of drugs or invest in research and development.*
- ✓ *Handel took thousands of dollars from companies implicated in the opioid crisis, even though the opioid crisis in GA-06 was worse than in many other parts of Georgia.*

- ✓ *Handel took \$1,000 from Abbott Laboratories, “a crucial partner in the aggressive – and misleading – selling of OxyContin.”*
- ✓ *Handel took money from AmeriSourceBergen, a company that had to pay part of a \$260 million settlement for its role in the opioid crisis.*
- ✓ *Handel took money from Express Scripts, which was sued over their role in driving the opioid epidemic “on the basis of increasing profits from the drugs.”*
- ✓ *Handel took money from Johnson & Johnson, a major player in the opioid crisis who will have to pay a \$465 settlement.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for sentencing guidelines for distributing synthetic opioids that Democrats warned would impose mandatory minimums for low-level offenders, rather than expanding treatment.*
- ✓ *Handel voted against considering an amendment to prohibit restrictions on medical malpractice lawsuits for “grossly negligent” prescription of opioids.*
- ✓ *In 2018, Handel called for increased promotion of alternate pain management methods.*
- ✓ *Handel vowed to fight for “adequate funding” for community health centers.*

Affordable Care Act

2020: Handel Argued That The ACA Was “Not Working” And Called For “Market-Driven, Patient Centered” Health Care Solutions

Handel Argued The ACA Was “Just Not Working For Too Many Americans” And Decried Ideas Like Medicare For All That Would Lead To “Government-Run Healthcare”

Handel Argued The ACA Was “Just Not Working For Too Many Americans” And Decried Ideas Like Medicare For All That Would Lead To “Government-Run Healthcare.” “Unfortunately, the ACA is just not working for too many Americans. The answer is not more government control – like the Democrat plan for ‘Medicare for All’ that will force you into government-run healthcare and make your work insurance plan illegal.” [Karen Handel for Congress, accessed [5/8/20](#)]

Handel Called For “Market-Driven, Patient Centered” Health Care Solutions

Handel Called For “Market-Driven, Patient Centered” Health Care Solutions, Such As Direct Contact Primary Care And Higher Cost Transparency. “What we need are market-driven, patient-centered solutions that give you more choices for insurance plans, doctors, and even how you pay for your healthcare. New approaches – like direct contract primary care – are injecting much-needed competition into the healthcare space. More competition and real cost transparency will help lower costs.” [Karen Handel for Congress, accessed [5/8/20](#)]

Handel Touted Her Support For A Bill To Protect Pre-Existing Conditions That Experts Said Was “Worthless” And Provided “Fake” Protections

Handel Promised She Would Fight For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions, Noting Her Sponsorship Of The Pre-Existing Conditions Protection Act. “I will also fight to ensure that those with pre-existing conditions

are not left out OR priced out. That’s why I co-sponsored the Pre-Existing Conditions Protection Act.” [Karen Handel for Congress, accessed [5/8/20](#)]

McClatchy: “House Republicans Say They’re Committed To Protecting People With Pre-Existing Conditions — But Their Big Push To Change Current Law Could Actually Mean Ballooning Insurance Bills For People With Chronic Illness, Health Experts Say.” “Rep. Kevin Yoder and other top House Republicans say they’re committed to protecting people with pre-existing conditions — but their big push to change current law could actually mean ballooning insurance bills for people with chronic illness, health experts say. Republicans are struggling to defuse controversy about their plans to dramatically change the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. Polls show that ending the law’s strong protections for people with pre-existing conditions is political poison for GOP candidates.” [McClatchy, [9/21/18](#)]

New Jersey Star-Ledger Editorial: Experts Said The Pre-Existing Conditions Protection Act Was “Worthless,” And Provided “Fake” Protections; “It’s Protection In Name Only - Good For A Talking Point.” “What they actually want to do is kill these protections, while convincing us they aren’t abandoning the patients who depend on them. And so we have the ‘Pre-existing Conditions Protection Act,’ which has been dormant for a year, and health experts agree is worthless. Lance was an original sponsor. Republicans aren’t proposing anything new here. Their measures to ‘protect’ people with pre-existing conditions differ in the details, but are bogus for the same reason: While they do force insurers to sell policies, they don’t control the price or the type of coverage, so the protection is fake. A cancer survivor must be offered a plan, but it could be at a million-dollar premium, or one that doesn’t cover chemo. It’s protection in name only - good for a talking point.” [New Jersey Star-Ledger, Editorial, [10/1/18](#)]

Washington Post: “The Legislation Seems Less Intended As An Actual Policy Solution Than Armor Against Democratic Attacks.” “In Washington, vulnerable Republicans have suddenly introduced a slew of bills they say would protect those with preexisting conditions. But the legislation seems less intended as an actual policy solution than armor against Democratic attacks. And their vague approach to the issue raises eyebrows among health-policy experts because the bills leave loopholes that would allow insurers to limit coverage.” [Washington Post, [10/11/18](#)]

Handel Strongly Supported Repealing The ACA

2014: Handel Supported Repealing The ACA And Replacing It With A Plan To Allow Tax Credits Based On Age

2014: Handel Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act, And Replacing It With Rep. Price’s Plan. “Handel also favors repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with a plan championed by U.S. Rep. Tom Price, another Republican from Handel’s hometown of Roswell.” [Macon Telegraph, [2/5/14](#)]

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Price’s Plan Included Tearing Down The Exchanges And Giving People Tax Credits Based On Age, Not Income, To Help Afford Health Care. “Price’s vision, now shared by 63 Republican co-sponsors, is to tear down Obamacare’s insurance “exchanges,” mandates and minimum requirements for health plans. People would get tax credits based on how old they are to help them buy insurance on individual markets. The federal government would give grants to states to set up high-risk and reinsurance pools for those who cannot find insurance on the individual market.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/23/15](#)]

Price’s Health Care Plan Was The Basis For The 2017 House Republican Health Care Plan. “He was among the first and only House Republicans to offer a comprehensive alternative to Obamacare as early as 2009. The Empowering Patients First Act later became the starter dough for the current GOP replacement bill, but it was stricter in some aspects, including in its immediate repeal of the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid expansion.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/20/17](#)]

2014: Handel Was In Favor Of Repealing And Replacing The ACA

Handel Said She Favored Repealing And Replacing The Affordable Care Act. “The issue of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), she said, is making people angrier and angrier, and citizens, she believes, are beginning to see the real negative impact of that. ‘We need to be ready to have an alternative,’ Handel said. ‘If we get a majority in the Senate and House, we can repeal that. But it will only work if we replace it with provisions that offer common sense solutions. A lot of House and Senate members are going to lose elections because of Obamacare.’” [Waycross Journal-Herald, [4/17/14](#)]

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Handel Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act, And Said 3.5 Million People Received Cancellation Notices After The Affordable Care Act Was Passed. “A former Georgia secretary of state and chair of the Fulton County Commission, Handel said she’s eager to address what she sees as a national fiscal crisis perpetuated by the Obama administration, first by repealing the Affordable Care Act, sometimes known as ‘ObamaCare.’ Handel cites a number of reasons for its repeal, saying that 3.5 million Americans have received health insurance cancellation notices on their private policies, the high cost to taxpayers of the Affordable Care Act web site and the higher cost of medical care.” [Albany Herald, [4/26/14](#)]

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2013: Handel Supported A Full Repeal Of The ACA

Handel On Repealing The Affordable Care Act: “Sometimes You Just Have To Have The Line In The Sand, And We Are At That Place.” In August 2013, Rome News-Tribune reported: “Handel also called for the full repeal of Obamacare, formally known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and lambasted Congress members that passed the law without completely reading it. ‘Sometimes you just have to have the line in the sand, and we are at that place,’ Handel said of repealing Obamacare.” [Rome News-Tribune, 8/7/13]

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Handel Alluded To Kingston Wanting To Tweak The Health Care Law, Doubted There Were Enough Tweaks To Fix The Bill And Called For Full Repeal. In a November 2013 meeting of the Forsyth Republican Women, Handel said: “We have everything with healthcare reform, Obamacare, ACA by whatever name it goes folks. It is a disaster, now I know some folks want to talk about tweaking around the edges. I’m not sure that there’s enough tweaks to fix this thing, and it’s time to start all over. Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare policy that is patient centered and market driven, and for republicans or conservatives, we have to talk about what we’re for.” [Forsyth Republican Women, 11/20/13]

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Handel Argued That The ACA Was Costly, And Claimed That It Was Denying Single Mothers Health Care Coverage

Handel Cited A New York Times Article On Single Mothers Being Denied Coverage Under The Affordable Care Act, But Did Not Note That They Would Be Covered By Medicaid Expansion. “Handel also cites an article in The New York Times that two-third of America’s poor blacks and single mothers will be denied coverage by the act. The Times article noted that most of those passed over by the plan are in states with Republican administrations that have not expanded Medicaid under the act’s provisions.” [Albany Herald, [4/26/14](#)]

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Handel: “The More We Learn About Obamacare, The Worse It Looks.” “The more we learn abt Obamacare, the worse it looks. States R going 2 get saddled w/ a massive \$\$ hit.” [Karen Handel Twitter, [4/1/10](#)]

2013: Handel Ran Primary Ads Focusing On The ACA’s Unpopularity

Handel Couldn’t Vote To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, So She Used Its Unpopularity To Run Ads Against Her Primary Opponents Over Special Treatment. In November 2013, National Journal reported: “Former Secretary of State Karen Handel, another contender for the GOP nod, can’t vote to repeal the law but that’s not stopping her from using its unpopularity to her own advantage. She’s running radio ads criticizing members of Congress for receiving special treatment under Obamacare. The ads don’t call out her competitors by name, but the spots ran on radio stations in all three of their districts.” [National Journal, [11/22/13](#)]

Handel Opposed Long-Term Health Care Reform Efforts And Argued They Were Overly Complex

Handel Believed That Health Care Reform Was A “Boondoggle.” Handel was asked about health care reform, specifically the public option: “Not surprisingly, there is near unanimity among Republicans: They’d opt out, and fast, and the entire exercise is a ‘boondoggle,’ as Republican Karen Handel, the current secretary of state, put it.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/20/09](#)]

Handel Wrote That She Was Concerned About Both The Short And Long-Term Impacts Of National Health Care Reform. Handel wrote on health care reform in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution: “I am very concerned about the short- and long-term impacts of national health care reform on our state. As governor, my first priority on health care will be to ensure that our senators and representatives understand the serious ramifications of the law and then to work with them to try to get it repealed or fixed. Additionally, I will continue to aggressively pursue the state’s litigation on this issue.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/11/10](#)]

Handel: Massive Bills Like Immigration Reform And Health Care Reform Are Designed To Ensure Americans And Their Representatives Do Not Know What Is In Them. In June 2013, Handel wrote on her Facebook page: “Massive bills like this one -- and health care reform -- are designed to ensure Americans and their representatives do not know what is in them. When are we going to learn? Like so many of you, I am fed up with the way Washington works!” [Handel Facebook, 6/28/13]

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2013: Handel Argued In Favor Of Community Health Care Centers As A National Health Care Model

Handel Said Though The Affordable Care Act Must Be Repealed, The Problem Of Health Care Can’t Be Ignored After And Said Community Health Centers Could Be Used As A Model. In June 2013 at a Fulton County Barbeque, Handel said: “As we work to do away with Obamacare we can’t just do away and ignore the problem of healthcare we need to have a new program that is market driven and patient centered. And let’s take a look at the network of 9,000 community health centers in this country that are already serving some 22,000,000 Americans today who are poor and in need of healthcare.” [Fulton County GOP Barbeque, 6/30/13]

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Handel Argued The Affordable Care Act Would Bankrupt The Country

Handel Argued That The ACA Would Cost Georgia More Than \$1 Billion Annually

Handel Argued That The “Unfunded Mandate” From The Affordable Care Act Was More Than \$1 Billion Annually For Georgia. Handel wrote on health care reform in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution: “Estimates show that the unfunded mandate for Georgia is more than \$1 billion annually. Even during the best of times, this would be unmanageable. In these severe budget times, it is impossible.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/11/10](#)]

Handel Said The ACA Would “Bankrupt” The Country And Was Fiscally Unsustainable

Handel: “Obamacare Is A Monstrosity That Will Bankrupt This Nation.” In May 2013, Daily Citizen reported: “Handel said she supports the repeal of the 2010 Affordable Care Act. ‘Obamacare is a monstrosity that will bankrupt this nation,’ she said.” [Daily Citizen, [5/22/13](#)]

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Handel Called The Affordable Care Act Federalization Of Our Health Care System With An Unsustainable Price Tag. In July 2013 on Zpolitics podcast, Handel said: “What I would be doing is standing strong with Senator Lee that we need to put a line in the sand, and we cannot blink on this. We know how bad this policy is, it’s a federalization of our healthcare system and equally as important, the price tag is one that is unsustainable for America.” [Zpolitics podcast, 7/31/13]

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Handel Said It Was Impossible To Move Forward With The Affordable Care Act Under The Current Financial Circumstances. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Byron County Republicans, Handel said: “This bill, Obamacare, is going to cost trillions of dollars, folks, trillions. Even if people who agree with it, we cannot afford it. We cannot do it. It is just impossible to move forward with it under the financial circumstances that we have.” [Byron County Republican meeting, 7/29/13]

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Handel Falsely Claimed The Affordable Care Was “The Single Largest Tax Increase In [Her] Lifetime” And Called For It To Be Repealed
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August 2017: During A Telephone Town Hall, Handel Called The Affordable Care Act “The Single Largest Tax Increase In [Her] Lifetime” And Called For It To Be Repealed. “Karen Handel stated on August 30, 2017 in a telephone town hall: ‘The Affordable Care Act is the single largest tax increase in my lifetime.’ [...] Republican lawmakers may have hit a brick wall in their drive to do away with Obamacare, but newly elected U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Ga., stands firm on the need to repeal the health care bill. At a recent telephone town hall, a voter asked why she was not a fan of repairing the Affordable Care Act. ‘The issue with quote ‘repairing the Affordable Care Act’ is the fact that it has so many taxes in it,’ Handel said Aug. 30. ‘In fact, the Affordable Care Act is the single largest tax increase in my lifetime history. You can’t repair a tax. You have to repeal it. You have to get rid of it.’” [Politifact, [9/11/17](#)]

...But, Politifact Determined That Handel’s Claim Was “False”

Politifact Determined That Handel’s Claim Was “False.” “We looked at the scale of the Affordable Care Act taxes and found that Handel is mistaken. In terms of the dollar amounts, there were three years that topped the Obamacare tax increases. Relative to the size of the economy (using the metric of the gross domestic product) six tax increases were higher. [...] To fully test Handel’s statement, we picked the year with the highest amount for each bill. (Tempalski provided a 4-year average but that diluted the magnitude of the Obamacare taxes.) With that approach, three tax increases were larger. The Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968 (Johnson), the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (Reagan) and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Clinton) ranked above the Affordable Care Act tax impact.” [Politifact, [9/11/17](#)]

Handel Argued That The ACA Was Bad For Businesses

Handel Argued That The ACA Was Hampering Job Growth And Hurting Small Businesses With New Taxes

Handel Said The Delay Implementing The Employer Mandate Was Creating Even More Uncertainty In The Business Community, Hurting Job Growth. In July 2013 during a meeting of the Athens County Republican Party, Handel said: “But one of the single biggest threats to job growth now is Obamacare. We must repeal Obamacare, and now with the delay of a year, all we’ve done is created even more uncertainty within the business community of not knowing which way that things are going to go. Those things together are hurting job growth.” [Handel at Athens GOP meeting, 7/8/13]

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Handel: The Affordable Care Act Contains 18 New Taxes, \$800 Billion In New Taxes, That Will Absolutely Crush Small Business. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Byron County Republicans, Handel said: “In addition to the cost to it, did you know that there are 18 new taxes in Obamacare? Totaling \$800 billion dollars in new taxes. \$800 billion. It is going to crush small businesses. Absolutely crush small businesses. As I’ve traveled around the state, they tell me. They talk about it.” [Byron County Republican meeting, 7/29/13]

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Handel Called On President Obama To Make A Choice Between Implementing The ACA, Or Helping Small Businesses

Handel Called For The President To Choose What Is More Important – Implementing His Signature Piece Of Legislation Or Helping The American People And Small Business By Killing The Affordable Care Act. In August 2013 at a Muscogee County GOP meeting, Handel said: “The real question for president Obama, for Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi is the following: what is more important to you? Is it most important to you to help American families and make sure that we don’t cost them more money and hinder their healthcare? Is it more important to be supportive of small businesses in the business climate in America? Or is it most important to you to pass your signature, implement your signature piece of policy that you know is failed and flawed? Is that the most important? The president must choose. His legacy or what is right and just for the American people and the American company.” [Muscogee GOP meeting, 8/13/13]

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Handel Supported Portability Reforms For Health Care, Allowing Insurance To Be Sold And Moved Across State Lines

Handel Supported Portability Reforms That Allowed Insurance To Be Sold Across State Lines

Handel Supported “Market-Driven Reforms” By States That Included Insurance Portability And The Ability To Buy Insurance Over State Lines. Handel wrote on health care reform in the Atlanta Journal-

Constitution: “My hope is that, with repeal or changing the law, states will be able to regain their right to pass market-driven reforms that include insurance portability and the ability to buy insurance over state lines. Also, we need to proactively work to reduce the burdens to creating purchasing pools for small businesses and associations.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/11/10](#)]

Handel Supported Portable Health Care Coverage That Was Not Tied To An Employer, And A Health Care Tax Deductibility For Employees

Handel Supported Portable Health Care Coverage That Wasn’t Tied To An Employer. “Karen supports flexibility with Medicare and Medicaid dollars, a consumer-driven, free-market based system, and portable coverage that isn’t tied to the employer.” [Karen Handel for Governor, Issues, 6/13/10]

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Handel Supported Health Care Tax Deductibility For Employees. “In addition to this, [Handel] supports tax deductibility for employees, not just employers, and safety nets for the truly impoverished and those who are mentally or physically not able to care for themselves.” [Karen Handel for Governor, Issues, 6/13/10]

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American Health Care Act

Handel Did Not Vote On The AHCA, But Indicated She Supported The Bill And Was Glad That It Repealed The ACA’s Individual Mandate

2017: Handel Said The Republican Health Care Replacement Bill Needed More Work, But Was Glad It Repealed The Individual Mandate And Eliminated The Medical Device Tax. “Hill and former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel (R) both said the bill needed more work, though Handel noted she was glad it ‘repeals the individual mandate and eliminates the medical device tax.’” [The Hotline, [3/9/17](#)]

At A Debate, Handel Said She Would Have Voted For The American Health Care Act. “[00:30:57] HANDEL: You know, once again, Congress failed to deliver on its promise, its commitment, to not only the people of the 6th, but to Americans. For six years—six years!—there was talk of repealing and replacing and we had the opportunity to do it—was the bill perfect? No. But I would not have allowed the pursuit of perfection to keep us from doing that repeal and replace and moving forward with some progress for businesses and American families. Obamacare has been the single biggest intrusion into our lives in my lifetime. It is telling us who our doctors are gonna be, our premiums have skyrocketed. We made—Congress made a promise to the people of this country, they failed to deliver. As your Congressman, for the 6th district, I will deliver because I understand how to get things done and my track record shows it.” [BrandBank Candidate Forum, [3/29/17](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Gut Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions

Politifact Found That AHCA “Would Weaken Protections” For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions, “Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More.” “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [Politifact, [5/24/17](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Lead To 23 Million More Uninsured – Disproportionally Older People With Lower Incomes

CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026. “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

CBO Found Increase In Uninsured Would Disproportionately Impact Older People With Lower Income. “Although the agencies expect that the legislation would increase the number of uninsured broadly, the increase would be disproportionately larger among older people with lower income—particularly people between 50 and 64 years old with income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see Figure 2).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

CBO: Even In States Without Waivers, More People Would Be Uninsured Than Under Current Law. “CBO and JCT expect that under the current version of the legislation, the effects on health insurance coverage would be similar to those previously estimated for the half of the population that resides in states that would not obtain a waiver from the EHB or community-rating requirements. In general, under H.R. 1628, as passed by the House, fewer people would have coverage through the nongroup market, Medicaid, and employment-based coverage, and more people would be uninsured in those areas than under current law.” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Create An Age Tax On Older Americans

American Health Care Act Allows Insurers To Charge Older Customers Five Times More Than Younger Adults. “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

New York Times: ACHA Achieved Lower Premiums Not Through Increased Choice And Competition, But By Making Health Insurance So Unaffordable For Many Older Americans They Would Leave The Market. “There are a lot of unpleasant numbers for Republicans in the Congressional Budget Office’s assessment of their health care bill. But congressional leadership found one to cheer: The report says that the bill will eventually cut the average insurance premiums for people who buy their own insurance by 10 percent. [...] But the way the bill achieves those lower average premiums has little to do with increased choice and competition. It depends, rather, on penalizing older patients and rewarding younger ones. According to the C.B.O. report, the bill would make health insurance so unaffordable for many older Americans that they would simply leave the market and join the ranks of the uninsured.” [New York Times, [3/14/17](#)]

Prescription Drugs

Handel Voted For The Republican Tax Scam Bill – “A Major Victory” For Big Pharma Investors

Handel Voted For The Republican Tax Scam Bill

Handel Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers”

Politico: Repatriation Provision In Tax Bill Was A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers.” “The bill, H.R. 1 (115), lowers the corporate tax rate and would offer a one-time reduction on profits U.S.-based multinational companies earn and keep abroad. The repatriation provision is seen as a major victory for pharma manufacturers who store boatloads of cash in countries where tax rates are lower.” [Politico, [12/4/17](#)]

Pharmaceutical Companies Were “One Of The Biggest Beneficiaries” Of The Provision, And Were Seen As Likely To Return Money To Their Shareholders, Rather Than Invest In Research And Innovation. “U.S. drugmakers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the repatriation portion of the bill. They’ve been sitting on billions of dollars in overseas earnings and can now bring home that cash at a reduced rate. While the tax bill has been promoted by Republicans as a job creator, the reality is that drug companies are more likely to return the money to shareholders, or use it to make acquisitions.” [Bloomberg, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Bill Was Estimated To Save Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies \$42.7 Billion. “The tax proposal supported by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans would give five top pharmaceutical corporations a \$42.7 billion tax break.” [Public Citizen and ITEP, [11/20/17](#)]

Pharmaceutical Companies Worked To Benefit Shareholders, Rather Than To Bring Down The Cost Of Drugs Or Invest In New Research And Development

Pharmaceutical Companies Were Predicted To Use Savings From Tax Bill To Invest In Mergers And Acquisitions In An Effort To Preserve Patents And Prevent Competitors From Producing Cheaper, Generic Drugs. “Blue-chip drugmakers holding \$200 billion in cash, mostly overseas, will start investing more of it in mergers and acquisitions after President Trump’s tax overhaul slashed the cost of spending the money in the U.S., debt-ratings firm Moody’s predicts. [...] Amgen, Pfizer, Gilead, and Celgene are the most likely to seek deals, Moody’s projects, as they grapple with challenges from a shrinking market for some medications to the expiration of patents on others that will enable rivals to produce cheaper generic versions.” [Washington Examiner, [1/9/18](#)]

Nine Pharmaceutical Companies Announced \$50 Billion In Share Buybacks After Tax Bill Passed, “A Sum That Towers Over Investments In Employees Or Drug Research And Development.” “The pharmaceutical industry is using a large portion of its windfall from Republicans’ corporate tax cuts to boost its stock prices. Nine drug companies are spending a combined \$50 billion on new share buyback programs, a sum that towers over investments in employees or drug research and development. The bottom line: All of those buybacks were announced during or after the passage of the Republican tax bill. That money is enriching hedge funds, other Wall Street investors and top drug company executives, but it isn’t necessarily helping patients.” [Axios, [2/22/18](#)]

HEADLINE: Pharma’s \$50 billion tax windfall for investors [Axios, [2/22/18](#)]

HEADLINE: Big Pharma investors cash in on Trump’s tax plan [Salon, [2/22/18](#)]

Opioid Epidemic

Handel Took Thousands Of Dollars From Companies Implicated In The Opioid Crisis

Handel Took \$1,000 From Abbott Laboratories, “A Crucial Partner In The Aggressive—And Misleading—Selling Of OxyContin”

Handel Received \$1,000 From Abbott Laboratories. On May 31, 2017, Handel’s campaign received \$1,000 from Abbott Laboratories’ PAC. [FEC, [5/31/17](#)]

Abbott Was “A Crucial Partner In The Aggressive—And Misleading—Selling Of OxyContin.” In September 2016, Stat reported: “Purdue Pharma LP, the Connecticut company that developed OxyContin, has been vilified for planting the seeds of today’s opioid crisis, which kills an estimated 78 Americans a day. But

the role of Abbott in pushing the drug has largely escaped notice. The documents reveal it was a crucial partner in the aggressive — and misleading — selling of OxyContin during its first decade on the market.” [Stat, [9/22/16](#)]

Abbott Sales Reps Were Instructed To Downplay The Threat Of Addiction With OxyContin. In September 2016, STAT News reported: “The documents include internal Abbott and Purdue memos, as well as sales documents and marketing materials. They show that Abbott sales reps were instructed to downplay the threat of addiction with OxyContin and make other claims to doctors that had no scientific basis. The sales reps from the two companies closely coordinated their efforts, met regularly to strategize, and shared marketing materials.” [STAT News, [9/22/16](#)]

Handel Took Money From AmerisourceBergen, Which Had To Pay Part Of A \$260 Million Settlement Over Their Role In The Opioid Crisis

Handel Received \$1,000 From AmerisourceBergen. On May 2, 2018, Handel’s campaign received \$1,000 from AmerisourceBergen PAC. [FEC, [5/2/18](#)]

AmerisourceBergen And Other Drug Distributors Were Forced To Pay \$260 Million To Settle Lawsuit Over Their Role In The Opioid Crisis. In October 2019, the Wall Street Journal reported: “A \$260 million late-night settlement between four drug companies and two Ohio counties averted a trial here over who is to blame for the opioid crisis, clearing the way for broader talks aimed at resolving thousands of opioid-addiction cases nationwide. [...] For now, Monday’s deal will direct \$215 million to Ohio’s Cuyahoga and Summit counties from the country’s top drug distributors: McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corp. The counties—which encompass the Cleveland and Akron metro areas—will also receive \$20 million in cash and the donation of \$25 million in addiction-treatment drugs from Israel-based drug manufacturer Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.” [Wall Street Journal, [10/21/19](#)]

At A Pharmacy In New York, Three-Fourths Of The Prescriptions Supplied By AmerisourceBergen Were Written By Doctors Who Were Later Indicted Or Convicted. In April 2019, the New York Times reported: “Three-fourths of prescriptions at a Queens pharmacy supplied by Amerisource were written by doctors who were later indicted or convicted, the New York complaint said.” [New York Times, [4/22/19](#)]

Handel Took Money From Express Scripts, Which Was Sued Over Their Role In Driving The Opioid Epidemic “On The Basis Of Increasing Profits From The Drugs”

Handel Received \$5,000 From Express Scripts. On May 21, 2017, Handel’s campaign received \$5,000 from Express Scripts PAC. [FEC, [5/21/17](#)]

Webb County, TX Sued Express Scripts And Other Pharmacy Benefit Managers, Alleging They “Drove The Opioid Epidemic On The Basis Of Increasing Profits From The Drugs.” In March 2018, Pharmacy Times reported: “A suit filed in Webb County, TX, in January was recently absorbed into a hefty lawsuit in Ohio that picks up claims from across the country, STAT reported. The Webb County lawsuit alleges that PBMs drove the opioid epidemic on the basis of increasing profits from the drugs. ‘We see them as an absolutely essential part of this scheme,’ Webb County lawyer Joanne Cicala told STAT. ‘They made sure these drugs were dispensed and they controlled their flow out into the communities.’ The lawsuit not only targets the 3 largest PBMs—CVS, Express Scripts, and OptumRx—but also include claims against smaller PBMs that operate in Texas—Navitus Health Solutions and Prime Therapeutics, according to the article. The suit alleges that manufacturers and wholesalers participated in fraud, conspiracy, and racketeering, which fueled the opioid epidemic.” [Pharmacy Times, [3/1/18](#)]

Handel Took Money From Johnson & Johnson, One Of The Biggest Players In The Crisis Who Will Have To Pay A \$465 Million Settlement

Handel Received \$2,000 From Johnson & Johnson. In June and December of 2017, Handel’s campaign received a total of \$2,000 from Johnson & Johnson PAC. [FEC, [6/20/17](#); FEC, [12/22/17](#)]

Johnson & Johnson Was Forced To Pay \$465 Million To Settle Lawsuit Over Their Role In The Opioid Crisis. In November 2019, NPR reported: “A global megacorporation best known for Band-Aids and baby powder is now on the hook for about \$107 million less than originally anticipated over its role in Oklahoma’s opioid crisis. In a judgment filed Friday, state District Judge Thad Balkman revised an earlier ruling against Johnson & Johnson and told the drugmaker to make a onetime payment of \$465 million — not the \$572 million he had originally ordered.” [NPR, [11/15/19](#)]

Johnson & Johnson Was “Found Liable For Overly Aggressive And Deceptive Marketing Practices That Helped Lead To Thousands Of Overdose Deaths.” In November 2019, NPR reported: “In the Oklahoma case, the first state lawsuit to make it to trial, the answer to the first question was yes — Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals were found liable for overly aggressive and deceptive marketing practices that helped lead to thousands of overdose deaths.” [NPR, [11/15/19](#)]

The Opioid Crisis Was Worse In Georgia’s 6th Congressional District Than In Many Other Parts Of Georgia

2018: Opioid Overdose Rates In Cobb County Were Higher Than Several Neighboring Counties, And Georgia As A Whole

2018: The Rate Of Deaths From Opioid Overdose In Cobb County Was Higher Than Fulton, Gwinnett, And DeKalb Counties, As Well As The State As A Whole. In December 2019, the Marietta Daily Journal reported: “A federally funded program is being rolled out in Cobb County to help prevent opioid overdoses. The Cobb Opioid Fatality Review Project is about agencies partnering to create a better network of behavioral health services in the community. The goal is to drive down the county’s opioid overdose death rate, which in 2018 was higher than the state’s as well as the rates in Fulton, Gwinnett and DeKalb counties.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [12/18/19](#)]

Cities In GA-06 “Have Seen Shark Spikes In Opioid-Related Deaths In Recent Years.” In June 2018, the Alpharetta Roswell Herald reported: “Atlanta’s northern suburbs, including Alpharetta, Roswell and Johns Creek, have seen sharp spikes in opioid-related deaths in recent years.” [Alpharetta Roswell Herald, [6/13/18](#)]

2018: The Opioid Epidemic Caused Fatality Rates To Spike In The Atlanta Metro Area

“The Opioid Epidemic Is Killing People In Parts Of Metro Atlanta That Have Previously Had Low Rates Of Premature Death,” And The “Drive Has Been Prescriptions For Pain-Relief Opioids.” In May 2018, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported: “A new analysis released by the Atlanta Regional Commission last week showed how the opioid epidemic is killing people in parts of metro Atlanta that have previously had low rates of premature death. The driver has been prescriptions for pain-relief opioids such as oxycodone or hydrocodone, in which the patient can get hooked or in which other people steal the patient’s pills.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/6/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Opioids Feed Surge In Atlanta Region’s Fatal Overdoses.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/1/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Sentencing Guidelines For Distributing Synthetic Opioids That Democrats Warned Would Impose Mandatory Minimums For Low-Level Offenders, Rather Than Expanding Treatment

Handel Voted For Creating Sentencing Guidelines For Manufacturing Or Distributing Synthetic Opioids. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would create a new category of controlled substances, “schedule A,” for drugs or substances that have similar chemical structures or effects as controlled substances in schedules I through V. It would immediately classify certain fentanyl analogues as schedule A drugs. The bill would establish maximum penalties for the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of schedule A drugs, though possession of such substances alone would not constitute a basis for criminal or civil penalties.” The bill passed, 239-142. [H.R. 2851, [Vote #268](#), 6/15/18; CQ, [6/15/18](#)]

Democrats Warned The Bill Would Impose Mandatory Minimum Sentences, Filling Prisons With Low-Level Drug Offenders. “The House on Friday passed Rep. John Katko’s bill aimed at combating the opioid epidemic by making it easier for the federal government to stop the importation and distribution of synthetic drugs. But Democrats who opposed the bill warned the law would also impose mandatory minimum sentences, filling up the nation’s prisons with low-level drug offenders rather than expanding treatment options [...] House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer said before the vote that the bill could have unintended consequences. ‘This legislation lacks clarity that could result in thousands of Americans being incarcerated, potentially for life sentences, thus exacerbating an already over-populated prison system,’ Hoyer said. ‘Those suffering from opioid addiction need treatment and proper medical care, not more laws that will simply put them behind bars.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [6/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Considering An Amendment To Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids

Handel Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment To The Underlying Legislation That Would Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids. In June 2017, Handel voted against: “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the bill’s definition of ‘health care lawsuits’ to not include a claim or action related to the ‘grossly negligent’ prescription of opioids.” The motion was rejected, 235-191. [HR 1215, [Vote #336](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#)]

2018: Handel Called For Increased Promotion Of Alternative Pain Management Methods

2018: Handel Called For Increased Promotion Of Alternative Pain Management Methods. “Handel added she is interested in learning more about alternatives to opioids in pain management, but added the current system for how medication is used and approached needs to change when it comes to opioid abuse. ‘We can talk about alternative pain management all day long, but if we don’t align the reimbursement system for our hospitals and our physicians and surgeons to foster and promote alternative pain management, we’re not accomplishing anything,’ she said.” [Gwinnett Daily Post, [3/29/18](#)]

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2018: Handel Called For Tougher Prosecutions And Criminal Sentencing For Individuals Trafficking Opioids, And Spending More Time Educating People About Opioids’ Dangers. “Handel added that educating children, and adults, too, on the dangers of opioids will also need to be ramped up to increase awareness. Also, she believed law enforcement agencies and tougher judicial sentencing is needed to prosecute individuals trafficking in opioids.” [Gwinnett Daily Post, [3/29/18](#)]

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Community Health Centers

2020: Handel Vowed To Fight For “Adequate Funding” For Community Health Centers

2020: Handel Vowed To Fight For “Adequate Funding” For Community Health Centers. “I understand that our country’s network of Community Health Centers (CHCs) are a critical part of healthcare access and affordability for our vulnerable populations, and I will continue to fight for adequate funding for these centers.” [Karen Handel for Congress, accessed [5/8/20](#)]

Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2017, Handel questioned how effective a proposed high speed rail between Atlanta and Chattanooga would be.*
- ✓ *As a Fulton County commissioner, Handel purported to support increased transportation funding in Fulton County, but later reneged and said that transportation should take a backseat to other funding priorities.*
- ✓ *Handel opposed raising the gas tax to fund key infrastructure projects.*
- ✓ *Handel was supportive of raising Georgia's sales tax to fund local infrastructure projects.*
- ✓ *Handel was open to the idea of a private initiative for a toll road.*
- ✓ *In 2005, Handel feuded with the mayor of Roswell over a transportation funding dispute.*
 - ✓ *The mayor argued that Roswell should not be forced to pay for road construction in unincorporated portions of Fulton County, while Handel disagreed.*
 - ✓ *Fulton County and the city of Roswell eventually agreed that money in the county's General Fund would not be used for roads and projects that did not clearly benefit all residents.*

High-Speed Rail

2017: Handel Questioned The Efficacy Of A Proposed High-Speed Rail Between Atlanta And Chattanooga For Easing Congestions

2017: Handel Questioned How Effective A Proposed High-Speed Rail Between Atlanta And Chattanooga Would Be In Terms Of Easing Congestion. “U.S. Reps. Barry Loudermilk, R-Cassville and Karen Handel, R-Roswell, weighed in on the latest study by the Federal Railroad Association concerning a proposed \$8.76 billion high-speed rail service from Atlanta to Chattanooga. [...] Handel said she knew very little about the Atlanta to Chattanooga proposal, but questioned whether it would do that much to ease congestion. ‘What we do have to do is really rethink where we are in the metro region and how we can move forward, and I take my lead on what’s going to happen from a transportation standpoint from the local governments. My job is to be a partner to them when they have come to the conclusion — with input from the citizens — about ‘the what,’ and then I’m the partner on ‘the how.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, [10/20/17](#)]

Transportation Funding

Fulton County Transportation Budget

Handel Supported Additional Transportation Funding In Fulton County

Handel Believed The County Should Spend More On Roads And Transportation Because Traffic Was “Choking The Quality Of Life” And Impeding Economic Growth. “[Handel] thinks the county needs to spend more money on roads and transportation because traffic is ‘choking the quality of life and starting to impact our ability to attract companies and grow the job base.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [9/25/03](#)]

Handel Called Fulton County's Transportation Funding In The 1990s Inadequate. "To say that transportation funding by Fulton County over the past 10 years has been inadequate is an incredible understatement. Cobb and Gwinnett counties invest \$100 million or more a year in their transportation infrastructure. Fulton County's annual transportation budget of \$10-\$15 million does not even cover adequate repairs to existing roads much less expansion of overly congested roads or upgrades to unsafe intersections." [Karen Handel for Fulton County Commission, 8/8/02]

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Handel Argued That Transportation Funding Should Take Higher Priority In Fulton County. "Why doesn't Fulton County invest appropriately in transportation? First, transportation funding takes a back seat to virtually every other program and line item in the Fulton County's budget [sic]. It's time to make our transportation infrastructure a budgeting priority." [Karen Handel for Fulton County Commission, 8/8/02]

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... But Then Argued Years Later That Transportation Funding Could Be Reduced

Handel Said Transportation Was Just One Area Where Spending Could Be Reduced, But Offered No Specifics On How That Would Be Implemented. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Byron County Republicans: Man #2: But there are also a lot of federal highways. So you plan, what do you plan to put in place, and how do you plan to implement your policy. Handel: Well first of all, it's gets to downsizing the footprint of the federal government, and that is done in concert with our local legislators. That's one of the things that I think is really imperative, that as we embark on this approach, and it must take place. We have got to reduce the foot print of our federal government. It's just unsustainable, the amount that we're spending today, but we do it in partnership with the states. Because it doesn't amount to anything for folks in Washington to just arbitrarily make cuts, because the truth is, that state budgets depend a lot on what's happening in the federal budget and as we do this drawdown, we've got to work very, very closely on that. Transportation is just one area where I think that there's a big opportunity to reduce the spending at the federal level, and I should have said this: it's not just reducing spending, but you've got to do it from the other side, too, and reduce the revenue going into Washington, and that gets the tax reform and really pulling down the rates for both businesses and individuals in the country, so that they're pulling it from both sides. [Byron County Republican meeting, 7/29/13]

NOTE: Video is saved on the DCCC Research drive.

Gas Tax

Handel Did Not Support Raising The Gas Tax To Fund Transportation Projects

Handel Would Not Raise The Gas Tax To Fund Transportation Needs. Handel answered no to: "Planners and a study commissioned by Gov. Sonny Perdue say transportation needs cannot be fixed by tolls and the regional tax alone. Who would raise the gas tax?" [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/12/10](#)]

Infrastructure Funding

Sales Taxes

2010: Handel Was Supportive Of Raising The Sales Tax To Fund Local Transportation Projects

Handel Supported Raising The State Sales Tax To Fund Transportation Projects. "John Oxendine, the leading contender for the Republican nomination for governor, told the Metro Atlanta Chamber on Tuesday that he will

likely vote in favor of raising the state sales tax to fund transportation projects... On transportation, Handel, the former secretary of state, said she, too, will support the sales tax referendum and said the state has to ‘deal with the transit issue.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/16/10](#)]

Handel Supported Local Votes For A 1 Percent Sales Tax For Transportation Projects. Handel answered “yes” to the following question: “In 2012, the state’s 12 regions will each hold a referendum on a 1 percent sales tax for transportation projects within the region --- in regions where officials can agree on a project list. Some want to amend it, but end in the end who will support the vote?” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/12/10](#)]

Handel Was Supportive Of Local Legislation That Explored Various Ways To Raise The Sales Tax To Fund Infrastructure, Including Via Ballot Initiative

Handel Applauded A Transportation Bill That Would Allow Voters To Decide To Raise Their Sales Taxes By A Penny To Pay For Regional Road Projects. “Not 10 minutes later, Handel, a Republican and a former secretary of state, lauded those same issues. ‘Clearly, how we dealt with the budget is going to really have an impact going forward,’ Handel said. ‘This is our time to make a decision to have limited government and transform government.’ She said the transportation bill, which would allow voters in 2012 to decide to raise their sales taxes by a penny to pay for regional road projects, was ‘solid, a solid step forward.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/3/10](#)]

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Handel Supported Special Purpose Local Option Sales Taxes To Fund Transportation Initiatives With Input From Local Governments. When asked about how to find more funding for transportation projects, Handel responded: “As governor, I will be a champion in support of the regional SPLOST initiatives throughout the state and ensure that our local governments have a strong voice. We need transportation improvements across Georgia.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [6/27/10](#)]

Handel Called The 2010 Transportation Bill “Only A Step” And Noted That Implementation Was Critical, Particularly The Funding Mechanism. Handel responded in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution about her transportation strategy: “Sure, the TSPLOST bill is a good step. But it is, candidly, only a step. It will fall on the next governor’s shoulders, on my shoulders, to move forward with implementation, and part of that is to make sure we make good on this funding mechanism, and to do that we have to have the right mix of projects to earn the support of voters.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/18/10](#)]

Handel Was Open To The Idea Of A Private Initiative For A Toll Road

Handel Was Open To The Idea Of A Private Initiative For A Toll Road. “These days she’s fielding calls and e-mails about a proposal to turn a bigger chunk of Ga. 400 into a toll road in order to pay for more lanes. Most have been against the idea. She said commuters’ feelings about tolls depends on the price. ‘Most people think 50 cents, not \$5,’ she says. While she wants to hear more, she says she’s open to the concept of a private initiative, which must go through at least a yearlong process before the state Department of Transportation would accept it.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/17/05](#)]

Handel Supported Cutting Subsidies For Airlines That Served Smaller Airports In Georgia

Handel Advocated Cutting Subsidies To Airlines Serving Smaller Airports, Said “If We’re Subsidizing It To That Point, Folks, There’s Not A Market For It.” In January 2014, Athens Banner-Herald reported: “GOP Senate candidate Karen Handel said Saturday that one way to cut the federal budget is to eliminate subsidies to airlines that serve smaller airports like Athens and Macon. ‘I have no problem with one-time dollars to help someone get off the ground,’ she told the Coweta County Republicans. ‘But we ought not to be subsidizing up to 90

percent of the routes. We've been doing that for 30 years. If we're subsidizing it to that point, folks, there's not a market for it. People just need to consider driving.'" [Athens Banner-Herald, [1/11/14](#)]

Handel: "It's Hard To Make Cuts In The Budget Because One Thing We Cut, Someone Else Is Going To Really Like, But That's What We're Going To Have To Do." "It's hard to make cuts in the budget because one thing we cut, someone else is going to really like,' she said. 'But that's what we're going to have to do. Having a \$17 trillion debt and being upside down in our budget is unacceptable.'" [Athens Banner-Herald, [1/11/14](#)]

Affected Areas In Georgia Would Include Athens And Macon. "In Georgia, that includes \$1.6 million to SeaPort Airlines for serving Athens passengers flying to Nashville, Tenn., and \$2 million to Silver Airways for serving Macon passengers going to Atlanta or Orlando, according to the Department of Transportation's latest report." [Athens Banner-Herald, [1/11/14](#)]

Handel Feuded With A Local Mayor Over Infrastructure Funding For Unincorporated City Areas

Handel Feuded With The Mayor Of Roswell Over Funding For Local Road Construction; The Mayor Argued That Roswell Should Not Have To Pay For Construction In Unincorporated Parts Of The County

Handel Had A Dispute With Roswell Mayor Jere Wood Because Roswell Paid For Road Construction In Unincorporated Fulton While Unincorporated Residents Paid Nothing To Roswell. "The way Mayor Jere Wood sees it, the citizens of Roswell pay upward of \$1.5 million a year to Fulton County for road construction in unincorporated areas, while unincorporated residents pay nothing to Roswell. The way County Commission Chairwoman Karen Handel sees it, roads in unincorporated Fulton benefit all residents, so everyone should pay their share. It's a disagreement among friends. Wood and most of Roswell backed Handel's election in 2003, and she now lives in Roswell." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/24/05](#)]

Handel Alleged That Mayor Wood Threatened To Shut Down The State Road-Grant Pipeline To Fulton County If Roswell Still Had To Pay For Road Construction In Unincorporated Fulton. "At a recent meeting of the county's mayors, which Handel attended, Wood stunned much of the room, she said, when he announced he was prepared to shut down the state road-grant pipeline to the county unless it stops using general funds for road projects in unincorporated areas. 'It took us aback that the mayor was willing to --- and I quote --- 'hold the entire process hostage,' Handel said. Wood said he doesn't recall using those words. "What I meant was we're not going to back down," he said. 'She may have said, 'Are you willing to hold us hostage rather than back down from this?' and I said yes. I think she used the word 'hostage'.'" [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/24/05](#)]

The Mayor Suggested That The Dispute Be Resolved In Court Or Via Binding Arbitration

Mayor Wood Suggested A Binding Arbitration Or A Supreme Court Judge To Resolve The Dispute Between Fulton County And Roswell. "Wood agrees. He recently sent a letter to Handel urging 'some form of alternative dispute resolution.' But under Georgia law, mediation in these matters is nonbinding. And, Handel noted, Wood said at the mayors meeting that if the mediator ruled for the county, he would not accept the ruling. 'I don't know how that's mediation,' she said. Wood said nonbinding mediation is a waste of time --- and time is of the essence. 'I turned to Karen [at the mayors meeting] and said, 'Would you agree to have the mediator's decision be binding?', and she said no,' Wood said. 'I'm looking for a way to resolve this. So I'm saying a binding arbitration or a Superior Court judge --- either way, I'm fine with.'" [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/24/05](#)]

As The Dispute Lingered, Up To \$188 Million In County Funding Was Being Imperiled, And The Mayor Attempted To Prevent Grants From Being Awarded Altogether

Wood Attempted To Force A Concession From The County By Preventing Grants From Being Awarded. "But Fulton can't ignore Wood now. The county has to update its comprehensive plan by Oct. 31, and until all 10

cities sign off on the services delivery strategy, there's no comp plan --- and no grants. So Wood has the county over a barrel. 'He's trying to squeeze everyone and force a concession from us,' said Handel, who's fuming over this." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/24/05](#)]

Other Fulton-Area Mayors Did Not Support Wood Because They Thought It “Absurd” To Risk Up To \$188 Million In State And Federal Grant Money. “None of Wood’s nine fellow mayors in Fulton are supporting him on this. It’s not that they all think he’s wrong. It’s that they think it’s absurd to risk so much state and federal grant money --- up to \$188 million a year, according to Handel’s office --- for the roughly \$1.5 million a year Roswell residents pay for road construction in unincorporated areas.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/3/05](#)]

The Parties Eventually Reached An Agreement And Decided That County Money In The General Fund Would Not Be Used For Roads And Projects That Did Not Clearly Benefit All Residents

Fulton County Compromised With Encouragement From A Mediator And Agreed To Stop Using Money In The General Fund For Projects Not Clearly For The Benefit Of All County Residents. “But Wood had the county boxed into a corner this year, because Fulton has to update its comprehensive plan by Oct. 31, and until all 10 cities sign off on the services delivery strategy there’s no comprehensive plan --- and no grants. So the county had to compromise, and it did, with some gentle coaxing from Senior Superior Court Judge Philip Etheridge, who was sitting as a mediator. The county agreed to stop using money in the general fund for projects in unincorporated areas that are not clearly for the benefit of all county residents. That would include work on streets in subdivisions, traffic-calming measures in neighborhoods, such as speed bumps, and all work associated with road closings.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/7/05](#)]

Immigration & Border Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel voted for Republicans’ 2018 “compromise” immigration package known as “Goodlatte 2.”*

- ✓ *The legislation would have appropriated funds to build a border wall with Mexico, renew DACA for six years, end the diversity visa program, and require that undocumented immigrants be detained with their children.*
- ✓ *The legislation added restrictions to DACA eligibility and would have likely provided a pathway to citizenship for just 18 percent of DREAMers.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for a hardline conservative immigration bill that criminalized undocumented immigration and funded the border wall.*
- ✓ *The bill offered only limited protections for DACA recipients and put DREAMers who did not apply before Trump ended the program at risk.*
- ✓ *The bill would “make it easier to deport asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children.”*
- ✓ *The bill would criminalize all undocumented immigrants.*
- ✓ *The bill provided \$9.3 billion for Trump’s border wall.*
- ✓ *Handel voted to kill an attempt to bring the DREAM Act and a bipartisan immigration bill to a vote.*
- ✓ *Handel voted twenty-one times to block the DREAM Act.*
- ✓ *Handel supported ending DACA.*
- ✓ *Handel voted on multiple occasions to support trump’s border wall and opposed efforts to eliminate funding for the wall.*
- ✓ *Handel supported stronger border security.*
- ✓ *In 2018, Handel called the House Sergeant of Arms on a Democratic Member of Congress who played audio of children detained at the border while he was on the House floor.*
- ✓ *Handel voted against preventing law enforcement from detaining, separately from their child, any individual accused of entering the U.S. illegally.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for blocking consideration of a bill prohibiting the Department of Homeland Security from separating immigrant families.*
- ✓ *Handel voted against prohibiting the use of privatized for-profit immigration detention facilities.*
- ✓ *Handel opposed the 2013 Senate bipartisan immigration reform bill, which she said “missed the mark” as it provided “amnesty measures” and did not adequately fund border security.*
- ✓ *Handel lamented that the 2013 bill provided “amnesty measures” and said the bill “misse[d] the mark.”*
- ✓ *Handel argued that the Senate’s bill was too similar to the version passed in the 1980s, which she believed had weakened America’s immigration system.*
- ✓ *Handel supported a “comprehensive” immigration system, but criticized the 2013 bill for giving undocumented immigrants a path to citizenship, and providing inadequate border security measures.*

- ✓ *Handel supported breaking up the 2013 bill into smaller, incremental pieces of legislation.*
- ✓ *Handel called for businesses to be held more accountable for hiring illegal immigrants.*
- ✓ *Handel was accused of accepting donations from companies hiring undocumented immigrants.*
- ✓ *Handel opposed allowing undocumented students to attend public colleges.*
- ✓ *Handel expressed support for an “Arizona-type law” on immigration for Georgia.*
- ✓ *In 2010, Arizona adopted a law requiring law enforcement to check the immigration status of anyone they had “reasonable suspicion” of being in the U.S. illegally.*
- ✓ *Handel supported stricter enforcement for visa programs and overstays.*
- ✓ *Handel supported a guest worker program.*
- ✓ *Handel opposed allowing undocumented immigrants to have driver’s licenses and called for legislation to block illegal immigrants from receiving state services.*

DACA, DAPA & The DREAM Act

Handel Voted For Republican Immigration “Compromise” Bill With A Path To Citizenship For A Limited Number Of DREAMers And \$25 Billion For A Border Wall

Handel Voted For Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018, Which Would Appropriate Funds To Build A Border Wall With Mexico, Renew DACA For 6 Years, End The Diversity Visa Program And Require That Undocumented Immigrants Be Detained With Their Children. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be \$16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027, and \$6.8 billion for border security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years, providing a path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and reallocating those visas to other classifications. The bill would require that undocumented immigrants who are charged with a misdemeanor offense for improper entry into the United States be detained with their minor children.” The bill failed 121-301. [HR 6136, [Vote #297](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill, Known As “Goodlatte 2,” Was Republicans Attempt At An Immigration Compromise. “House Republicans’ legislative attempt to find consensus within their own party on the divisive issue of immigration failed on the floor Wednesday, with the chamber overwhelmingly rejecting their so-called compromise bill, 121-301.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Would Have Allowed Dreamers To Apply For A “Merit-Based” Visa With A Path To Citizenship. “It would have provided DACA recipients the opportunity to obtain an indefinitely renewable three-year non-immigrant legal status. Goodlatte 2 included the same provision but made it last for six years and expanded its eligibility beyond current DACA recipients to those who would qualify but had not applied. Under the compromise bill, Dreamers could also apply for a new merit-based visa and eventually citizenship, something some conservatives felt amounted to amnesty.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Added Restrictions To DACA Eligibility; The Bill Would Likely Provide A Pathway To Citizenship To Only 18 Percent Of Dreamers. “These restrictions were also in DACA, but the new bill would go even further to restrict eligibility. [...] In the best case scenario, the House GOP plan would likely provide a pathway to citizenship to fewer than 630,000 Dreamers—barely a third of the president’s promise in January and just 18 percent of the entire Dreamer population. Moreover, only an estimated 421,000 immigrants are likely to become citizens.” [CATO Institute, [6/19/18](#)]

The Bill Would Have Required Families Who Illegally Crossed The Border To Be Housed Together, Rather Than In Criminal Custody, But Eliminated The 20 Day Cap On Administrative Custody For Accompanied Children. “The compromise bill also included language intended to prevent children from being separated from their parents when detained at the border. It would have required the Department of Homeland Security to house families together while the parents are going through criminal proceedings for the misdemeanor of first-time illegal border crossing, instead of in criminal custody, and would have eliminated the 20-day cap on administrative custody for accompanied children.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Granted \$25 Billion In Funds For A Southern Border Wall. “The bill also called for granting \$25 billion in funds for a southern border wall, making it more difficult for migrants to seek asylum, and allowing families to be detained indefinitely at the border in response to the Trump administration’s ‘zero-tolerance’ family separation policy. It also included provisions that would have significantly cut legal immigration levels.” [Vox, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Hardline Conservative Immigration Bill That Criminalized Undocumented Immigration And Funded The Border Wall

Handel Voted For The Securing America’s Future Act, Which Wouldn’t Offer DREAMers Pathway To Citizenship While Cracking Down On Asylum Seekers And Funding Trump’s Border Wall. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “bill that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and restricting most family-based immigration to allow only spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents to receive green cards. It would increase enforcement of immigration laws within the United States, including by requiring all employers to verify the immigration status and eligibility of individuals seeking jobs in the United States.” The bill failed 193 to 231. [HR 4760, [Vote #282](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “The Conservative Alternative: No Chance For Citizenship For Legalized Immigrants, Deeper Cuts To Legal Immigration” [Vox, [6/18/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Offered Only Limited Protections For Current DACA Recipients, And Put DREAMers Who Did Not Apply Before Trump Ended The Program At Risk. “[T]he Securing America’s Future Act provides only a potentially renewable three-year reprieve from deportation to current DACA recipients. [...] Rep. Goodlatte’s bill offers only a tenuous second-class status to a small subset of people. Left out of the measure, for example, are people such as the 120,000 young Dreamers who never had the opportunity to apply for protection because of the Trump administration’s decision to end the initiative. For these individuals—and for hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers—the Goodlatte bill offers the same peril it offers to all other undocumented immigrants: the threat of criminal prosecution, imprisonment, and deportation.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Would “Make It Easier To Deport Asylum Seekers, Including Unaccompanied Children.” Securing America’s Future Act would “make it easier to deport asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, without providing basic due process protections. [...] Instead of recognizing the unique vulnerability of people fleeing violence and persecution, the bill would make it far more likely that

asylum seekers and unaccompanied children will be quickly deported back to their countries of origin, potentially being returned to harm or even death.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Would Criminalize All Undocumented Immigrants. “Under long-standing immigration law, being in the country without status is a civil—not criminal—violation. The Goodlatte bill would change the law and make unlawful presence a crime, turning the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country today into criminals overnight.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Provided \$9.3 Billion For Trump’s Border Wall. The Securing America’s Future Act would “authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers” [CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Killing An Attempt To Bring The DREAM Act And A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To A Vote

Handel Voted For Bringing The Securing America’s Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 954) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4760) that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. Adoption of the rule would provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment that would modify funds authorized for border activities under the bill; authorizing \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022, instead of authorizing \$24.8 billion annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022.” The resolution passed 226 to 195. [H Res 954, [Vote #280](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Moderate Republicans Agreed To Process To Vote On Republican-Only Immigration Bills, Even Though It “Would Effectively Kill Their Discharge Petition” To Bring Bipartisan Immigration Fix To The Floor. “They agreed to a process that night that would effectively kill their discharge petition. With no agreement in sight, Ryan proposed two immigration votes: One on a conservative DACA bill, the other on ‘compromise’ legislation they’d continue trying to negotiate. Sensing the wind was against them, moderates reluctantly agreed.” [Politico, [6/27/17](#)]

Los Angeles Times: The Vote “Meant Defeat” For The Discharge Petition Effort. “An effort by moderate Republicans to force votes on a bipartisan immigration bill failed in the House on Tuesday, with members agreeing instead to vote on legislation that would guarantee funds for President Trump’s proposed border wall. The agreement meant defeat, at least for now, for an effort led by Rep. Jeff Denham of Turlock and other GOP moderates to use a rare parliamentary maneuver known as a discharge petition to force the House to vote on the bipartisan immigration plan, and three other bills, over the objections of party leaders. [...] Defeat of the effort greatly reduces the chances — already slim — that Congress could pass any form of Dreamer legislation before this year’s midterm election.” [Los Angeles Times, [6/12/18](#)]

Ryan “Acknowledged That One Of The Main Goals Of These Votes Was To Forestall” The Discharge Petition. “At Thursday’s weekly news conference, Ryan acknowledged that one of the main goals of these votes was to forestall a renegade group of Republicans from working with Democrats to pass a more liberal overhaul of immigration laws. ‘Our goal was to prevent a discharge petition from reaching the floor, because a discharge petition would have brought legislation to the floor that the president would have surely vetoed,’ Ryan said. ‘It would have been an exercise in futility.’ So instead, he set up this tortured series of votes.” [Washington Post, [6/21/18](#)]

New York Magazine: “The Only Real Purpose Of This Exercise Was To Preempt A Discharge Petition” That Would Have Brought A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To The Floor. “Indeed, the only real purpose of this exercise was to preempt a discharge petition that House Democrats and some politically vulnerable House Republicans had signed that might have brought a Democratic immigration bill — indeed, the original DREAM

Act — to the floor under conditions where it might have actually passed. So for all the endless and interminable and redundant House GOP talk about wanting to take action on immigration, when votes were finally held it was really about preventing action on immigration.” [New York Magazine, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill’s provisions with a system that would provide a pathway to citizenship for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, the motion “would strike the text in the underlying bill and replace it with the text of Rep. Roybal-Allard’s bill H.R. 3440 – Dream Act of 2017.” The motion failed 191 to 234. [HR 4760, [Vote #281](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Amendment To The Rule To Bring Up The Four Bills From The Discharge Petition – Two Republican Bills, The DREAM Act, And A Bipartisan Bill – Under A Queen Of The Hill Rule. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would would [sic] provide for consideration of H.R. 4760 – Securing America’s Future Act, and will make in order four substitute amendments to that bill, drafted at the discretion of the authors so long as they are germane to the underlying bill. H.Res. 774 allows for the amendment that receives the most votes (and at least a simple majority) to pass the House under a rule known as “queen-of-the-hill.” The four amendments that H.Res. 774 allows for are: an amendment offered by Rep. Goodlatte, which could be similar to H.R. 4760, an amendment offered by Rep. Roybal-Allard, which could be similar to a clean DREAM Act an amendment offered by Speaker Ryan an amendment offered by Rep. Denham, which could be similar to the bipartisan bill H.R. 4796 – USA Act. If the underlying Rule passes, it will turn off the discharge petition, and allow the House GOP to bring up anti-immigrant legislation that does not solve the DACA crisis.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 232-190. [H Res 954, [Vote #279](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Did Not Sign The Discharge Petition That Would Have Brought Four Immigration Bills To The Floor For A Vote. [Discharge Petition No. 10, signed [5/9/18](#)]

The Discharge Petition Would Bring The Conservative Goodlatte Bill, The Democratic DREAM Act, A Republican Leadership Sponsored Bill, And A Bipartisan Immigration Compromise To The Floor Under A “Queen Of The Hill” Rule. “The proposals in Denham’s Queen of the Hill rule are a conservative bill proposed by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) that would grant temporary status to so-called Dreamers while imposing a series of restrictive measures on legal and illegal immigration; the Dream Act, which would grant a path to citizenship to at least 1.8 million Dreamers; the USA Act, a bipartisan compromise that would pair Dream Act-like measures with \$25 billion in border security; and an open slot for Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) to propose an immigration bill of his choosing.” [The Hill, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted 21 Times To Block The DREAM Act

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H Res 796, [Vote #123](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440,

which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-181. [H Res 787, [Vote #117](#), 3/20/18; CQ, [3/20/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 773).” According to Rep. Polis, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 773, [Vote #104](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 762).” According to Rep. Hastings, “Democrats have offered to bring the Dream Act to the floor now 24 times. We are going to give them one more chance. We have done it 23, and every single time this effort has been blocked by the majority. To address my friend who correctly cited that we were bringing this up: [...] We on this side of the aisle clearly want to fix this problem. So let’s do it now. Mr. Speaker, I urge a ‘no’ vote on the rule, on the previous question, and on the underlying bills.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 229-183. [H Res 762, [Vote #96](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-184. [H.Res.748, [Vote #84](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for: a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 228-187. [H.Res. 736, [Vote #72](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for: a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 224-186. [H.Res. 734, [Vote #67](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/9/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 235-189. [H. Res. 727, [Vote #58](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block Democrats from bringing the DREAM Act to a vote, according to a floor speech by Democratic Rep. Jim McGovern:* “Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that my colleagues vote to defeat the previous question, and I will give a little explanation why. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, President Trump tweeted that he wants to show that ‘Democrats do not want to solve DACA, only use it.’ Well, I would beg to differ. This is the 19th time that we have attempted to bring the bipartisan bill, H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, for a vote on the House floor, and, if we defeat the previous question, we will bring that bill up. Motion agreed to by a vote of 232-187. [H.R. 695, [Vote #47](#), 1/30/18; Congressional Record, page H694, [1/30/18](#); CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility for amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote against considering a bill to protect DREAMers.* The motion was agreed to 230-187. [HR 2954, [Vote #20](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, archived, accessed [1/17/19](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 234 to 181. [H Res 681, [Vote #9](#), 1/10/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [1/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 234-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #626](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Tom Emmer (D-MN) said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way, except on paper.” *A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 224-190. [HRes 609, [Vote #616](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 232-184. [HR 2936, [Vote #592](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/1/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the amendment was a vote to block*

the **DREAM Act**. The motion passed 228-189. [HRes 577, [Vote #572](#), 11/9/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 562).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis was going to offer an amendment for “consideration of the bill (H.R.3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” **A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The previous question carried, 227-190. [H Res 562, [Vote #560](#), 10/11/17; CQ, [10/11/17](#); Congress.gov, [10/11/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 548).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prohibited “consideration of the bill (H.R. 3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” **A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The previous question carried, 233-184. [HR 36, [Vote #546](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [10/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 538).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” **A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-187. [H RES 538, [Vote #538](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 533).” According to Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [H RES 533, [Vote #532](#), 9/26/17; Congressional Record, H7503, [9/26/17](#); CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-186. **A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** [H RES 504, [Vote #457](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s Website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-187. [H RES 500, [Vote #442](#), 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Supported Ending DACA

2017: Handel Applauded Trump's Decision To End DACA. “Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell: Karen Handel ‘Today, President Trump made clear what we already know: America’s selective, haphazard approach to immigration is unsustainable and contrary to a society that values the rule of law. With DACA facing serious legal challenges that would have likely forced the immediate termination of the program, the president’s actions provide for a transition period and gives Congress a six-month window to achieve comprehensive immigration reform with a common sense, compassionate approach that is enforceable. Any comprehensive plan must include border security and enforcement of our visa program while not granting amnesty.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, 9/5/17]

Border Wall And Border Security

Handel Voted On Multiple Occasions To Support Trump's Border Wall And Opposed Efforts To Eliminate Funding For The Wall

Handel Voted Twice For Omnibus And Minibus Packages That Funded Trump's Border Wall

Handel Voted Against Increasing FEMA Funding, Eliminating Funding For A Border Wall, And Decreasing Funding For ICE Operations In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund by \$2.4 billion, would eliminate \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border, and would decrease funding for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations by \$849.5 million.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #527](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$788 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2018 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$658.1 billion in funding for Defense programs; \$88.8 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; \$37.6 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies; and \$3.6 billion in funding fiscal 2018 for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. The bill would provide \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” Passed by a vote of 235-192. [H R 3219, [Vote #435](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Three Times Against Efforts To Eliminate Or Prohibit Funding For The Border Wall

Handel Voted Against Increasing FEMA Funding, Eliminating Funding For A Border Wall, And Decreasing Funding For ICE Operations In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund by \$2.4 billion, would eliminate \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border, and would decrease funding for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations by \$849.5 million.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #527](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Border Wall Funding From The Security Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision related to providing funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office,

“Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the division of the underlying bill that appropriates \$1.6 billion in taxpayer funds to begin construction of President Trump’s border wall along the U.S. – Mexico border.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-234. [H R 3219, [Vote #434](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, motion to recommit, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Defense Authorization From Being Used To Plan, Develop, Or Construct A Border Wall. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by the bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along “the international border of the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit any funds authorized to be appropriated in the underlying bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along the international border of the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [H R 2810, [Vote #377](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment Requiring The Border Wall To Be Constructed With American Materials

Handel Voted Against Adding A Requirement That All Iron And Steel Products Used In The Construction Of The Border Wall Be From The United States. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require, as a condition of issuing a certificate of crossing, that all iron and steel products used in the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a border-crossing facility would be produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, [Vote #397](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Supported Stronger Border

Handel Believed Border Security Needed To Be The Starting Point For Any Immigration Reform Measures

Handel Believed Immigration Reform Should First Focus On Border Control To Restore The Trust Of The American People. “Most Americans think that we need to have border control, so let’s concentrate on that and border control proposals, get some new measures, so that we can make sure that the money that we’re investing is actually doing something, and begin to restore some trust for the American people. When we begin to instill some grain trust, that will open the door to the element of opportunity.” [Fetch Your News interview, [6/22/13](#)]

Handel: “Until Our Borders Are First Secured, Our Current Immigration Laws Are Enforced And The Reliability Of Our Temporary Visa Programs Are Established, There Can Be No Immigration Reform.” Secure Our Nation. Until our borders are first secured, our current immigration laws are enforced and the reliability of our temporary visa programs are established, there can be no immigration reform.” [Handel campaign website, [6/26/13](#)]

Family Separation

2018: Handel Called The House Sergeant Of Arms On A Member Of Congress Who Played Audio Of Children Detained At The Border

2018: Handel Was Serving As Presiding Officer In The House Of Representatives When She Entered Into A Heated Exchange With A Congressman Who Played Audio Of Children Detained At The Border

2018: On The House Floor, Rep. Lieu Played An Audio Recording Of Detained Migrant Children Crying At A Camp Along The U.S.-Mexico Border. “Roswell Congresswoman Karen Handel presided over a heated exchange on the House floor Friday afternoon when a California colleague played an audio recording of detained children crying in a federally run camp along the U.S.- Mexico border. President Donald Trump has come under fire in recent weeks for his administration’s decision to separate more than 2,000 undocumented children from parents seeking to enter the country illegally. The ProPublica audio recording was played by Rep. Ted Lieu, D-California, who told his colleagues ‘if the Statue of Liberty could cry, she would be crying today.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Called On Lieu To Suspend And Claimed He Was “In Breach Of Decorum,” But Lieu Refused, Arguing That There Was No Rule Barring Him From Playing Audio. “He started playing the recording of a children crying at the detention facility. Handel, who was at the speaker’s chair presiding over the House floor, allowed the recording to play for several seconds before tapping her gavel and calling on Lieu to pause the tape. ‘The gentleman will suspend,’ the Republican congresswoman said, telling Lieu he was ‘in breach of quorum.’ ‘House rules prohibit the use of that device.’ Lieu objected, telling Handel there is no rule that says he can’t play sounds and asking why she was trying to keep the American people from hearing what it sounds like inside a detention facility.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Eventually Called On The Sergeant Of Arms To Take Action Against Lieu

After Lieu Refused To Suspend, Handel Eventually Called On The Sergeant Of Arms To Take Action Against Him. “Handel continued banging her gavel, louder each time, as she called on him to halt the recording. ‘I think the American people need to hear this,’ Lieu said over the sounds of a little girl crying for her father in Spanish. The recording continued for more than a minute and a half until Handel called upon the Sergeant at Arms to take action and Lieu yielded his time. In a tweet that included a video recording of the interaction, Lieu called Trump’s practice of separating children from their parents at the border cruel and inhumane.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Preventing Law Enforcement From Detaining, Separately From Their Child, Any Individual Accused Of Entering The U.S. Illegally

Handel Voted Against Amending The Border Security And Immigration Reform Act Of 2018 To Prohibit Law Enforcement From Detaining, Separately From Their Child, Any Individual Accused Of Entering The U.S. Illegally. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Espaillat, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit law enforcement from detaining, separately from their child, any individual accused of illegally entering the United States with a child, in cases in which the child is under the age of 18.” The motion failed, 190-230. [H.R. 6136, [Vote #296](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler’s bill, H.R. 6135, the Keep Families Together Act, which I am proud to cosponsor. This thoughtful proposal would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from separating

children from their parents, of course, except in extraordinary circumstances, and limit the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill prohibiting immigrant family separations. The motion was agreed to 233-191. [HR 6136, [Vote #285](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/18](#)]

Private Detention Facilities

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security to be used to enter into contracts with privatized immigration detention facilities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #465](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

2013 U.S. Senate Immigration Reform Bill

Handel Opposed The 2013 Senate Bipartisan Immigration Reform Bill

Handel Lamented That The 2013 Senate Bipartisan Immigration Reform Bill Provided “Amnesty Measures” And Said The Bill “Misse[d] The Mark”

Handel Called The Bipartisan Immigration Bill “Déjà Vu All Over Again” And Said “Only In Washington Could The Same Failed Policies Be Put Forward As Reform.” “To a person, the four GOP candidates for U.S. Senate — U.S. Reps. Paul Broun, Phil Gingrey and Jack Kingston, and former Secretary of State Karen Handel — said they would oppose the efforts at a bipartisan compromise on immigration reform by the so-called Gang of Eight. U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio is on his own... ‘We’re about to have déjà vu all over again. Only in Washington could the same failed policies be put forward as reform,’ echoed Handel.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/18/13](#)]

Handel: The Immigration Reform Bill Is “As Loaded With Pork As A Rib Cookoff!” In June 2013, Handel wrote on her Facebook page: “What do rewards for au pair agencies, Alaskan seafood processors, and Vegas casinos have to do with immigration reform? We do need reform and the Senate deserves credit for at least trying, but the bill they just passed significantly misses the mark. The bill is equivalent to the amnesty measures passed in the ‘80s that, in large part, got us into this mess in the first place. It is heavy on rewarding illegal immigrants, light on border enforcement, and it’s as loaded with pork as a rib cookoff!” [Handel Facebook, 6/28/13]

NOTE: This citation is from the 2017 book. The original source is unavailable online.

Politifact Rated Handel’s Claims That The Immigration Bill Contained Rewards For Au Pair Agencies, Alaskan Sea Food Processors And Vegas Casinos “True” But Noted The Word “Rewards” Was A Matter Of Opinion. In July 2013, Politifact wrote: “To sum up, Handel said that the Senate immigration bill contains ‘rewards’ for au pair agencies, Alaskan seafood processors and Vegas casinos. The provisions cited for the three industries are included in the legislation, along with several others. The items were part of deals fought for by industry lobbyists and included to garner support for the bill. Whether that classifies them as ‘rewards’ is a matter of opinion -- in this case, Handel’s opinion. Handel spokesman McLagan argued for a ‘super true,’ but we’re content with a True rating.” [Politifact, [7/26/13](#)]

Handel Argued That The Senate’s Immigration Reform Bill Was Too Similar To The Version Passed In The 1980s, Which She Believed Had Weakened America’s Immigration System

Handel Compared The Senate’s Immigration Reform Bill To The Amnesty Measure Of The 80s That “Got Us Into This Mess In The First Place” And Said It Was Heavy On Rewarding Illegal Immigrants And Light On Border Security. In July 2013, Handel wrote: “The bill is equivalent to the amnesty measures passed in the ‘80s that, in large part, got us into this mess in the first place. It is heavy on rewarding illegal immigrants, light on border enforcement, and it’s as loaded with pork as a rib cook off! Massive bills like this one -- and health care reform -- are designed to ensure Americans and their representatives do not know what is in them. When are we going to learn? Like so many of you, I am fed up with the way Washington works!” [Handel press release, [7/10/13](#)]

Handel Argued That The Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill Passed By The Senate Was Identical To The One Enacted 20 Years Ago. “Handel decried how the immigration bill just passed by the Senate was identical to one enacted 20 years ago, yet its champions were still calling it reform. She said she implemented Georgia’s photo identification statute while taking on the Justice Department to make sure only U.S. citizens were voting.” [Northeast Georgian, [7/3/13](#)]

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Handel Supported A “Comprehensive” Immigration System, But Criticized The 2013 Bill For Giving Undocumented Immigrants A Path To Citizenship, And Providing Inadequate Border Security Measures

Handel Supported A “Comprehensive System To Support The American Workforce.” “On immigration, ‘amnesty’ was the word of the day, as candidates looked for ways to go beyond their shared opposition to the overhaul that passed the Democratic-controlled Senate last year. A bill to improve border security and offer a path to citizenship for many of the 11.5 million immigrants here illegally remains stalled in the GOP-led House 10 months after passing the Senate. ‘We need a comprehensive system to support the American - I said American - workforce,’ said former Secretary of State Karen Handel.” [Associated Press, [4/19/14](#)]

Handel Said The 2013 Senate Immigration Bill Was Full Of Rewards For “Au Pair Agencies, Alaskan Seafood Processors, And Vegas Casinos.” “‘The Senate immigration bill is ... filled with things like rewards for au pair agencies, Alaskan seafood processors and Vegas casinos.’ - Former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel. Handel used a Twitter post July 18 to denounce a 1,000-plus page immigration bill, saying it was filled with rewards for special interests, yet it does not even secure the border.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/18/14](#)]

2013: The U.S. Senate Passed A Compromise Immigration Bill That Would Provide Undocumented Immigrants With A Path To Citizenship And Bolster Border Security Funding. “The Senate on Thursday passed the most monumental overhaul of U.S. immigration laws in a generation, which would clear the way for millions of undocumented residents to have a chance at citizenship, attract workers from all over the world and devote unprecedented resources for security along the U.S.-Mexico border.” [Politico, [6/27/13](#)]

Handel Supported Breaking Up The 2013 Immigration Bill Into Smaller, Incremental Pieces Of Legislation

Handel Believed The Immigration Bill Should Be Handled Incrementally Rather Than As One Large Bill. In a June 2013 interview with Fetch Your News, Handel said: “There are ways to advance that immigration reform by negotiating for progress instead of one giant bill. Let’s tackle each of the issues separately, and gain agreement around those that where we can.” [Fetch Your News interview, [6/22/13](#)]

Handel Opposed The Senate’s Immigration Bill, Opposed Comprehensive Immigration Reform And Favored Incremental Steps. In October 2013 at a Lee County GOP meeting, Handel said: “So, first on immigration, I did not support the senate version that came out. This was another issue that was tackled from the “comprehensive”, this seems to be sort of the sheeshy word right now, and sometimes, really big problems, you need to break them down into chunks, sort of the way you would do project management, almost, and immigration reform is one of those large issues.” [Lee County GOP meeting, [10/14/13](#)]

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Handel: Massive Bills Like Immigration Reform And Health Care Reform Are Designed To Ensure Americans And Their Representatives Do Not Know What Is In Them. In June 2013, Handel wrote on her Facebook page: “Massive bills like this one -- and health care reform -- are designed to ensure Americans and their representatives do not know what is in them. When are we going to learn? Like so many of you, I am fed up with the way Washington works!” [Handel Facebook, 6/28/13]

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Corporate Accountability

Handel Called For Businesses To Be Held More Accountable For Hiring Illegal Immigrants

Handel Called For Businesses To Be Held More Accountable For Hiring Illegal Immigrants. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Gilmer County Tea Party, Handel said: “A strict one, and that leads to the E-Verify process, and we need be more, hold more companies, holding companies, more accountable when it comes to hiring illegals. It has to keep, we deal with issues from both sides, then we really start to address these fundamental problems, because what we cannot do is move forward today in a way that puts us right back into the same spot a decade from now, so that has to be part of the solution and thank you for entering that.” [Gilmer County Tea Party, 7/23/13]

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April 2008: Handel Announced That The Secretary Of State Would Begin Verifying The Legal Status Of Every Individual Applying For Professional Licenses In Georgia. “Another is her announcement Tuesday that her staff will begin enforcing immigration law. ‘We will soon, in our licensing area, begin utilizing what is called the SAVE Program, Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement Program, to verify the legal status of every individual applying for a professional license in the state of Georgia,’ she said. ‘It’s only fair and only reasonable until the feds get their act together and really deal with the issue.’” [Florida Times-Union, [4/20/08](#)]

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Handel Campaigned On A Plan To Revoke Business Licenses For Businesses Hiring Illegal Immigrants. “People who hire illegal immigrants could lose their license to practice their profession or trade in Georgia under a plan rolled out by secretary of state candidate Karen Handel on Tuesday. The secretary of state oversees 34 boards that license more than 380,000 Georgians in 64 trades and professions. Handel said the licensing division is ‘too passive’ and said she will work to ‘establish the right balance between professional oversight and consumer protection.’ Handel noted that people who hold licenses in Georgia can have them suspended for falling behind on child support payments or defaulting on student loans. Handel said she would pursue a similar program for ‘those who willfully and knowingly hire illegal immigrants.’” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/30/06](#)]

Handel Was Accused Of Accepting Donations From Companies Hiring Undocumented Immigrants

Handel’s 2006 Opponent, Rep. Buckner, Accused Handel Of Accepting Campaign Contributions From Companies That Hired Illegal Immigrants. “But Buckner got aggressive during the Atlanta Press Club-sponsored debate, accusing Handel of hypocrisy and of accepting campaign contributions from companies that hire illegal immigrants. The accusations seemed to catch Handel off guard. She noted that the campaign had focused on issues relevant to the office until that moment. But Buckner insisted that Handel drew first blood by previously noting that she has loaned her own campaign \$245,000.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/23/06](#)]

Public Colleges

Handel Opposed Undocumented Students Attending Public Colleges

Handel Believed That Public Colleges Should Check Students' Legal Status And Deport Those Found To Be Undocumented. “‘Karen thinks we should check the legal status of students, and that those who are not here legally should be removed from school and should, frankly, be sent back to their country of origin,’ said Dan McLagan, a spokesman for former Secretary of State Karen Handel. Handel and the other three leading Republican candidates have all called on the Board of Regents, which oversees the state’s public universities and colleges, to come up with a way to verify that applicants are in the country legally.” [Associated Press, [6/27/10](#)]

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Handel Believed That Undocumented Students Should Not Be Allowed To Attend Public Colleges. Handel responded “no” to the following question: “The incident involving an undocumented student at Kennesaw State University has sparked statewide debate over whether these students should be allowed to attend public colleges. Should these students be admitted?” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/5/10](#)]

Law Enforcement

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Handel Called The Injunction On Arizona Laws An “Outrageous Ruling.” “Handel discussed recent injunction of Arizona laws, stating ‘it was just an outrageous ruling,’ not to allow police officers to verify whether a person was in the country legally if the person was stopped for cause.” [Bryan County Now, [8/5/10](#)]

Handel Called It An “Outrage” That A Judge Blocked Implementation Of Arizona’s S.B. 1070. Handel tweeted in July 2010: “It is an outrage that a judge has blocked the implementation of AZ’s common sense immigration law.” [Karen Handel Twitter, [7/28/10](#)]

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Visas

Handel Supported Tightening Visa Program Enforcement

Handel Supported Stricter Enforcement Of Visa Laws To Prevent Visa Overstays

Handel Launched A Petition Calling For Immigration Reforms That Both Enhance Border Security And Enforce Visa Laws. From a January 2014 Handel petition: “According to the Wall Street Journal, 40% of the 11 million undocumented workers in this country did not sneak across the U.S.-Mexico border. Instead, they arrived here legally and have now overstayed their Visas. This is a serious problem -- and one of many problems that have just gotten worse -- as Congress continues to kick the can down the road. Will you sign my petition calling for immediate action to both enhance border security AND enforce our nation’s Visa laws?” [Handel petition, [1/16/14](#)]

ThinkProgress Highlighted Handel’s Split With The GOP Field By Wanting To Focus On Those Who Overstay Their Visas, Not Border Security. In January 2014, ThinkProgress wrote: “A GOP candidate for the Senate in Georgia is breaking ranks with fellow Republicans on immigration reform by criticizing the border security-first mentality, saying that it’s necessary to focus on undocumented immigrants who overstay their visas. During a monthly meeting hosted by Georgia’s Houston County GOP in November 2013, Republican candidate Karen Handel said in a video obtained by ThinkProgress that the laser focus on border enforcement would distract from fixing the current immigration system: ‘First things first, we enforce the existing laws and let our border patrol agencies really let them do their jobs ... and let’s stop being so focused on the US-Mexican border because, the truth is that about half of the individuals who are illegal in our country, they came here legally in the first placed and jumped their visa.’” [ThinkProgress, [1/9/14](#)]

Handel Said The Country Needed To Stop Focusing Exclusively On Border Security And Pay More Attention To People Who Overstayed Their Visas

Handel: We Need To Address Both The Physical Border And The “Visa Border” To Track Individuals Who Come Into This Country And Jump Their Visas. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Gilmer County Tea Party, Handel said: “Yes you have the issues along the border with Mexico, but you, we also have this bigger problem with individuals who come here legally on a visa, but then jump their visa. So we have to deal with both sides of this issue, not just the ‘border security’ by making a hard border, but also the visa jumping as well because both are very big problems. But we need to streamline the system, add better enforcement so that we’re dealing with the actual physical border, but also the visa border if you will as well and tracking the individuals so that we can know who is in our country, when their visas are up, and dealing with that as well, then do we need guest worker programs to deal with the agricultural community?” [Gilmer County Tea Party, 7/23/13]

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Handel: We Need To Stop Focusing So Much On The Border With Mexico And Focus On Visa Jumpers. At a November 2013 meeting of the Houston County GOP, Handel said: “First things first, we enforce the existing laws and let our border patrol agencies really let them do their jobs and let’s stop being so focused on.... And let’s stop being so focused on the US Mexican border because, the truth is that about half of the individuals who are illegal in our country, they came here legally in the first placed and jumped their visa. So we have a problem with that process that is a systemic issue with the procedures around that that we ought to be dealing with that.” [Houston County GOP, 11/2/13]

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Handel: “Until Our Borders Are First Secured, Our Current Immigration Laws Are Enforced And The Reliability Of Our Temporary Visa Programs Are Established, There Can Be No Immigration Reform.” In June 2013, Handel posted on the ‘Issues’ section of her website: “Secure Our Nation. Until our borders are first secured, our current immigration laws are enforced and the reliability of our temporary visa programs are established, there can be no immigration reform.” [Handel campaign website, [6/26/13](#)]

Guest Worker Programs

Handel Supported A Guest Worker Program

Handel Said A Guest Worker Program Would Help The Agricultural Sector

Handel: We Definitely Do Need A Guest Worker Program To Deal With The Agricultural Community. In July 2013 at a meeting of the Gilmer County Tea Party, Handel said: “But we need to streamline the system, add better enforcement so that we’re dealing with the actual physical border, but also the visa border if you will as well and tracking the individuals so that we can know who is in our country, when their visas are up, and dealing with that as well, then do we need guest worker programs to deal with the agricultural community? I think that yes, we do, I think we definitely need that, but let’s do what we need to do with the borders, first so that we can understand and really have accountability for what’s really happening on our borders, both on our hard border, and on our visas as well.” [Gilmer County Tea Party, 7/23/13]

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Handel Supported A Guest Worker Program, Said It Was Important For Agriculture And Labor. In October 2013 at a Lee County GOP meeting, Handel said: “We do need a workable, sensible, guest worker program. We all know how important that is for the labor issue, especially for our agribusiness area. And let’s approach that from a pragmatic stand point, and do those things and then build some trust. And get that.” [Lee County GOP meeting, 10/14/13]

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Handel Called For Increased Enforcement Of Visa Laws And Prevention Of Visa Overstays

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Handel Called For Border Security, Preventing People From Overstaying Visas. “First and foremost, let’s do what we need to do and actually have real border security, and not just talk about the US Mexican border, because that’s only part of the problem. The only big part of the immigration reform and illegal immigrants is people who are coming in illegally and then overstaying their visas, and somehow that part of it isn’t talked about enough and I think that we need to be broad in how we talk about it and fix those two things. Border patrol agents have said consistently that one of their challenges is that they aren’t able to do all the things that they’re job allows them to do, and there’s not enough cooperation between a federal immigration and the local law enforcement.” [Lee County GOP meeting, 10/14/13]

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Benefits For Undocumented Immigrants

Handel Opposed Allowing Undocumented Immigrants To Have Driver's Licenses And Called For Legislation To Block Illegal Immigrants From Receiving State Services

Handel Opposed Allowing Illegal Immigrants To Obtain Driver's Licenses

Handel Was Opposed To Allowing Illegal Immigrants To Get Driver's Licenses, Saying It Would Send The "Wrong Message." "On the issue of allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses, Handel said she is opposed... Handel said that making it possible for illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses sends the 'wrong message' and does not ensure that they will purchase auto insurance. 'I am cognizant of the need to have migrant workers in the area,' she said. 'At the same time we need to deal with the situation of illegals, not just in Georgia but in the country. I would not see opening up licenses to illegals, just like I wouldn't open up other services to illegals.'" [Moultrie Observer, [12/17/09](#)]

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Handel Called For Legislation To Block Illegal Immigrants From Receiving State Services

Handel Called For Legislation To Prevent Illegal Immigrants Benefiting From State Services. "But even locally, the case of the Kennesaw State University student --- who faces deportation because she is an illegal immigrant --- has become political fodder. The candidates agreed that she beat a broken system... Handel called the whole situation 'absolutely unacceptable.' 'We need new legislation,' Handel said. 'Under no circumstances will illegal immigrants be able to benefit from, or use, state services.'" [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [5/23/10](#)]

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Labor & Working Families

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel voted for blocking a bill to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour in seven years.*
- ✓ *In 2014, Handel opposed raising Georgia's minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour and believed the government had "no business" setting a minimum wage.*
- ✓ *Handel voted repeatedly to defund enforcement of the Davis-Bacon Act, which ensured fair wages in government contracts for construction and repair of public buildings and public works.*
- ✓ *Handel condoned a local sheriff's move to remove constitutional protections to appeal firings or other punishments for his employees.*

Minimum Wage

2017: Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Handel voted for: a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of "H.R. 15,

The Raise The Wage Act., which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #331](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [9/12/17](#)]

2014: Handel Opposed Raising Georgia’s Minimum Wage To \$10.10 An Hour And Believed The Government Had “No Business” Setting A Minimum Wage

2014: Handel Opposed A \$10.10 Minimum Wage In Georgia, Arguing That It Would Have A “Chilling Effect” On The Economy

2014: Handel Opposed A \$10.10 Per Hour Minimum Wage In Georgia And Argued That It Would Have A “Chilling Effect” On The Economy. “Georgia’s five best-known Republican Senate candidates voiced unequivocal opposition Tuesday to raising the minimum wage, striking a clear contrast from Democratic hopefuls in what could be a preview of a general election clash. The five contenders blasted President Barack Obama’s call to raise the \$7.25 hourly minimum wage to \$10.10 as counterproductive, dishing out red meat to a sympathetic crowd at a National Federation of Independent Business forum. [...] Rep. Jack Kingston of Savannah called it a ‘job-killing regulation,’ while Karen Handel, a former Georgia secretary of state, said it would have a chilling effect on the economy.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [2/19/14](#)]

2014: Georgia’s Minimum Wage Was \$5.15 An Hour In 2014. “Georgia’s minimum wage is only \$5.15 an hour. Since that is more than \$2 lower than the federal minimum wage, low-income workers take home the higher amount of at least \$7.25 an hour. That’s still not enough to get by in Georgia, where many families working for minimum wage are stuck below the poverty line.” [ThinkProgress, [5/13/14](#)]

2014: Handel Said She Believed The Federal Government Had “No Business” Setting A Minimum Wage

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Davis-Bacon

Handel Repeatedly Voted To Roll Back Davis-Bacon Wage Protections

Handel Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensured Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce prevailing wage requirements associated with the Davis-Bacon Act, which specify the basis for wages paid to employees by companies under contract with the federal government.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-249. [H R 3219, [Vote #419](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensured Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #445](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensured Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Departments of

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirement. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #453](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensured Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment, as modified, that would prohibit funding made available in the bill for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-240. [H R 3354, [Vote #464](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Unions

Handel Condoned A Local Sheriff’s Move To Remove Constitutional Protections To Appeal Firings Or Other Punishments For His Employees

Handel Did Not Oppose Sheriff Freeman’s Move To Remove Constitutional Protections To Appeal Firings Or Other Punishments For His Employees. “A union representative asked commissioners to prevent Freeman, who is under pressure to tighten security and discipline in the Sheriff’s Department, from weakening job protections. Most of the department’s 900-plus employees hold ‘classified’ positions, which means they may appeal a firing or other punishment to the county personnel board. The International Brotherhood of Police Officers, which represents the workers, believe Freeman wants to fill future vacancies with ‘unclassified’ hires, who could not appeal to the board. Any move to unclassify such jobs would have to be approved by the commission. Currently, only top-ranking supervisors are unclassified... Commission Chairwoman Karen Handel said she doubted the personnel board would approve unclassification of all employees, but she said some positions could be unclassified.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/7/05](#)]

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LGBT Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel believed the military should not cover transition surgeries for transgender service members.*

Transgender Service Members

2017: Handel Said The Military Should Not Have To Pay For Service Members' Transition Surgeries

2017: Handel Deflected When Asked If She Supported Trump's Decision To Ban Transgender Service Members From The Military, But Said The Military Should Pay For Transition Surgeries. "Q: You saw that he announced he would like to ban transgender troops from the military. Is that a good idea in your opinion? A: I think you have to see what the actual directive is going to be. As you know, the military is not going to act on a 40 character tweet, so we need to wait and see what that's going to look like. What I will say is this: I do not think that the military should be required to pay for the transition surgery. That is an elective. I just don't think they should be required to do that." [Marietta Daily Journal, [8/5/17](#)]

National Defense & Security Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2013 Handel was a critic of the NSA's surveillance programs and argued that they broached civil liberties.*
- ✓ *However, in 2018, Handel voted against an amendment that would require the government to obtain a warrant before searching surveillance data collected through Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.*
- ✓ *Handel voted against including additional requirements to obtaining warrants for surveillance through FISA.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for reauthorizing the Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), including Section 702, which conducts surveillance on foreign targets' communications.*

Surveillance

2013: Handel Was A Proponent Of Curbing The Federal Government's Surveillance Capabilities

Handel Argued That NSA Surveillance Broached The Civil Liberties Of U.S. Citizens

Handel: "The Government Is Monitoring Our Phone Calls, Reading Our Emails, Spying On Our Computers, Using Drones To Spy On And Kill Americans, Using The IRS To Stifle Political Speech." "The government is monitoring our phone calls, reading our emails, spying on our computers, using drones to spy on and kill Americans, using the IRS to stifle political speech. When is enough enough? We deserve real leadership in Washington." [Facebook, Karen Handel, 6/7/13]

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Handel Believed The NSA's Surveillance Was An Infringement Of Freedoms. Some many years ago warned us, warned us in Washington about that slippery slope of giving up our freedoms in exchange for security. That's always a fine balance that we always have to try to strike, and I would submit that we've crossed over that a little bit and we should never want to infringe upon our freedoms in this country for the sake of security as Ben Franklin said." [Fetch Your News interview, 6/22/13]

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Handel Supported Greater Oversight And Accountability For The NSA

Handel Said The National Security Agency Surveillance Was Another Indication That Washington Lacks Accountability To American People And Called For More Answers And Assurances "These Types Of Things Don't Happen More." In July 2013, Marietta Daily Journal reported: "Handel, who lives in Roswell and is a former Secretary of State for Georgia and candidate for governor, said with regards to the NSA that accountability is always needed. 'It is very important and if we've seen anything out of Washington and the mess that is Washington is in these days, it is a lack of accountability to the American people,' she said. 'There need to be some answers as well, but it can't just be answering the issues that are going on, we have to make sure these types of things don't happen more.'" [Marietta Daily Journal, [7/5/13](#)]

Handel: Our Own Government Is Spying On Us And No One Is Doing Anything About It. “Our own government is spying on us, and yet, what is happening in Washington? On the IRS Scandal, what has happened? Nothing. Benghazi. Do we know anything more? No. Nothing has happened. The NSA. Nothing. The budget.” [Forsyth Republican Women, 11/20/13]

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Handel Would Have Voted For Amash’s Amendment To Limit The NSA’s Ability To Collect Data On Americans And Said The Government “Has Simply Gone Too Far In Its Collection Of Data.” “I support and would have voted for the Amash amendment. I do not think the NSA or any government organization has the right to conduct widespread warrantless surveillance programs. The government has simply gone too far in its collection of data.” [Handel Facebook, 7/27/13]

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Handel Would Have Supported The Amash Amendment To Limit NSA Surveillance. “I would have been in support of the Amash amendment on the House side. I think we want to have strong security for America. That is obviously one of the highest priorities for our federal government. With that said, there is a fine balance between having a safe America and eroding freedoms, and in my view with the aggressive surveillance, we have stepped over that line.” [Zpolitics podcast, 7/31/13]

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Handel Believed The NSA Was Overstepping Its Legal And Constitutional Boundaries

Handel Believed NSA “With The Aggressive Surveillance” Stepped Over The Line Of Balance Between A Safe America And Eroding Freedoms. “I would have been in support of the Amash amendment on the House side. I think we want to have strong security for America. That is obviously one of the highest priorities for our federal government. With that said, there is a fine balance between having a safe America and eroding freedoms, and in my view with the aggressive surveillance, we have stepped over that line.” [Zpolitics podcast, 7/31/13]

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Handel: The NSA Overstepped Its Bounds, Violated Constitutional Rights. “Handel said while it was proper for there to be an extraordinarily heightened state of security immediately following the terrorists attacks of 9/11, a balance is needed when it comes to homeland security and privacy rights. ‘Over time, it’s always important to get the right balance between having safe, secure and not infringing on freedoms, and you have to be ever vigilant on that, and I think it’s clear that on any number of areas NSA overstepped its bounds,’ Handel said. ‘We saw the different reports coming out over the past couple of weeks where over any number of instances they actually violated constitutional rights.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, [9/5/13](#)]

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would modify oversight of and appointments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.” The amendment failed 183 to 233. [S 139, [Vote #14](#), 1/11/18; CQ, [1/11/18](#)]

Detroit News: The Amendment Would Have “Required Officials To Get Warrants In Most Cases Before Intercepting And Reading Emails And More Of U.S. Citizens.” “Before approving a six-year extension of the law, the House voted 233 to 183 to kill an amendment designed to protect Americans civil liberties. This amendment would have required officials to get warrants in most cases before intercepting and reading emails and more of U.S. citizens. This amendment was proposed by Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich). The vote was a victory for Republican establishment. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan had blocked the House from considering a compromise bill.” [Forbes, [1/11/18](#)]

New York Times: The Amendment Would Have Provided “A Series Of New Safeguards” On Officials That Conduct Surveillance On Foreign Communications. “Before voting to extend the law, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, the House rejected an amendment that would have imposed a series of new safeguards. That proposal included a requirement that officials obtain warrants in most cases before hunting for, and reading, emails and other messages of Americans that were swept up under the surveillance.” [New York Times, [1/11/18](#)]

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HEADLINE: “House Extends Surveillance Law, Rejecting New Privacy Safeguards.” [New York Times, [1/11/18](#)]

New York Times: Section 702 Permitted The Government To Conduct Warrantless Surveillance On Communications Of Foreigners Abroad, “Even When They Are Talking To Americans.” “A yearslong debate over National Security Agency surveillance and protections for Americans’ privacy rights will reach a climactic moment on Thursday as the House of Representatives takes up legislation to extend a program of warrantless spying on internet and phone networks that traces back to the Sept. 11 attacks. There is little doubt that Congress will extend an expiring statute, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, that permits the government to collect without a warrant from American firms, like Google and AT&T, the emails and other communications of foreigners abroad — even when they are talking to Americans.” [New York Times, [1/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 682) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 139) that would reauthorize Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Dec. 31, 2023, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens.” [H Res 682, [Vote #8](#), 1/8/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#)]

Funding

FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act

Handel Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report For The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2019. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$708.1 billion for defense-related programs, with \$639.1 billion for the Defense Department’s base budget, and \$69 billion for overseas contingency operations. Specifically, it would authorize \$65 million for the development of low-yield nuclear weapons. It would also authorize \$18.8 billion for Navy aircraft procurement, \$16.5 billion for Air Force aircraft, and 24.1 billion for Navy shipbuilding. It would prohibit any U.S. government agency from using technology produced by the Chinese companies ZTE or Huawei, but would not reimpose a ban on U.S. exports to ZTE.” The report was agreed to, 359-54. [HR 5515, [Vote #379](#), 7/26/18; CQ, [7/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make a total of \$674.6 billion in discretionary defense spending for fiscal 2019, which would include \$605.5 billion in discretionary spending subject to spending caps for fiscal 2019 and \$68.1 billion in uncapped Overseas Contingency Operations funding.” The bill passed, 359-49. [HR 6157, [Vote #313](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Bill Amounted To A 15,600 Troop Increase Across The Military And 2.6 Percent Pay Raise For Service Members. “The House’s budget amount includes a 15,600 troop increase across the military, and a 2.6 percent pay raise for service members beginning in January.” [The Hill, [6/28/18](#)]

Bill Included \$9.4 Billion For 93 F-35s – 16 More Than The Trump Administration Requested – And \$22.7 Billion For 12 New Navy Ships. “In addition, the bill would provide \$9.4 billion for 93 F-35 fighter jets - 16 more jets than the administration requested and four more than Senate appropriators want – as well as \$22.7 billion for 12 new Navy ships, and \$145.7 billion for equipment purchases and upgrades. House lawmakers had inserted several amendments into the bill leading up to the vote, including a provision to add \$10 million to aid in bringing Korea War remains from North Korea to the United States, and a proposal to block the Pentagon from business with Chinese telecom companies ZTE and Huawei.” [The Hill, [6/28/18](#)]

FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act

Handel Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 That Authorized \$692.1 Billion For Defense And Prohibited Closing Guantanamo Bay. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018, including \$65.7 billion for overseas operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and for the general war on terror. It would authorize \$241.2 billion for operations and maintenance; \$146.2 billion for military personnel; 10.7 billion for military construction and family housing; \$15 billion for ballistic-missile defense; and \$33.9 billion for defense health care programs, including \$396 million from the overseas operations account. It would prohibit the use of funds for a new round of base closures. It would authorize \$8 billion for various cybersecurity programs, would require the president to develop a national policy for the United States related to cybersecurity and would withhold certain funds made available for White House staff until the president would submit such national policy to Congress. The bill would authorize a 2.4 percent pay raise for military personnel. It would prohibit detainees at

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from being transferred to U.S. soil, and would prohibit the closing of the main base and detention facility at Guantanamo. It would extend, through 2018, the authority for several bonus and special payments for military members.” The conference report was adopted 356-70. [HR 2810, [Vote #631](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

President Trump Signed The Bill Into Law On December 12, 2017. [HR 2810, latest action [12/12/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorization FY 2018 Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize \$688.3 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2018. The total would include \$74.6 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funds, of which \$10 billion would be used for non-war, base defense budget needs; \$239.7 billion for operations and maintenance; \$10.2 billion for military construction; \$142.9 billion for military personnel; and \$33.9 billion for defense health care programs. It would authorize \$12.5 billion for procurement of F-35 planes, research and development, as well as modifications to existing aircraft, and would prohibit the retirement of the A-10 bomber fleet. The bill would require the Defense Department to submit to Congress a report on vulnerabilities to military installations resulting from climate change over the next 20 years, and would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a “direct threat” to U.S. national security. The bill would also require the Air Force to establish, by 2019, the Space Corps, a fighting force to improve the U.S. military’s ability to address threats in space.” The bill passed by a vote of 344-81. [H R 2810, [Vote #378](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#)]

State Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel was criticized for attempting to force a Democrat who had claimed a homestead exemption off the ballot while she was Secretary of State, and ultimately lost a legal ruling pertaining to her decision.*
- ✓ *In 2008, Handel forced Democrat James Powell, who was running for the Public Service Commission, off of the ballot because he had a homestead exemption.*
- ✓ *The Atlanta-Journal Constitution called this a “relentless crusade.”*
- ✓ *The Georgia Supreme Court ultimately ruled against Handel and determined that her decision to force Powell off the ballot was unconstitutional.*

Homestead Exemptions

Politicization Of Homestead Exemptions

Handel Removed A Democrat From The Ballot Over Judges’ Objections In What The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Called A “Relentless Crusade”

Handel Removed James Powell From The Public Service Commission Race Because He Received A Homestead Exemption For A House He Lived In Outside Of The District. “Handel also disqualified James Powell in one of the Public Service Commission races, saying at the time he signed up for the contest, he was receiving a homestead exemption for a house he lived in outside of the district.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/14/08](#)]

Powell Attempted To Switch His Homestead Exemption From Cobb To Towns County But Missed The Deadline In 2007 And Applied In 2008. “The judge acknowledged that Powell and his wife still owned a house in Cobb County, but he also noted that Powell’s wife had not yet retired and that upon retirement, she planned to join her husband in Hiawassee. And while Powell and his wife still claimed a homestead exemption on their Cobb house, the judge noted that Powell had attempted to shift his homestead exemption from Cobb to Towns County in 2007 but missed the deadline and had to reapply in 2008.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Editorial, [7/25/08](#)]

Handel Said She Conducted A Thorough Review Of The Residency Challenge, Evidence, Hearing Transcripts, And Findings Of Fact Before Disqualifying Powell. “After conducting a thorough review of the residency challenge, evidence, hearing transcripts and findings of fact, I issued an order disqualifying Powell as a candidate for PSC, District 4. The decision was based solely on Georgia law, which requires candidates for the PSC to reside in their district for at least 12 months prior to the election. Contrary to Powell’s claims, our office notified Powell and his attorney of record less than 24 hours after my decision was entered.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Karen Handel Op-Ed, [7/18/08](#)]

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Editorial Board: Handel’s “Relentless Crusade To Bounce” Jim Powell From The Ballot, “Posturing” Over Voter Fraud, And “Flippant Dismissal” Of Poll Delays “Tarnished” Her And Her Office. “No matter the outcome of Tuesday’s election, a loser has emerged --- Secretary of State Karen Handel. Her relentless crusade to bounce Democratic Public Service Commission candidate Jim Powell from the ballot, her posturing over yet-to-be-seen voter fraud and her flippant dismissal of voter delays this week have

tarnished her and her office. Her flagging reputation was not helped by Thursday's unanimous Georgia Supreme Court decision in the Powell case." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Editorial, [10/31/08](#)]

Handel's Challenge To Powell's Residency Resulted In Her Losing An "Important And Embarrassing Case." "Handel also lost an important and embarrassing case this week in the Georgia Supreme Court. Two judges had already ruled that Handel was wrong to try to bar Jim Powell, a Democrat, from running for the Public Service Commission. Both judges had ruled that Powell easily met state residency requirements, but Handel insisted on appealing those rulings even after the ballots had been sent out and early voting had begun." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Jay Bookman, 10/31/08]

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Atlanta Journal-Constitution Editorial Board Called Handel's Actions In The Powell Case "Deeply Disturbing." "The facts of the Powell case are very similar to those of the Baker case, yet Handel ignored those facts and legal precedent and tried to remove him anyway. One of Handel's prime responsibilities as secretary of state is to protect the integrity of the election process, and her actions are deeply disturbing." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Editorial, [7/25/08](#)]

The Georgia Supreme Court Ultimately Sided Against Handel And Ruled That Her Attempt To Keep Powell Off The Ballot Was Unconstitutional

Handel's Decision To Remove Powell Overruled The Administrative Law Judge. "An administrative law judge ruled in Powell's favor on June 25, based partly on precedent set in a residency challenge against Commissioner Robert Baker, which was upheld by the state Supreme Court. Handel overruled the administrative law judge on July 10, signing the order that disqualified Powell. She said that his homestead exemption and use of the mailing address in Cobb County violated state residency requirements." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/15/08](#)]

Handel's Decision To Boot Powell From The Ballot Ran Counter To A State Supreme Court Ruling Two Months Earlier And The Administrative Law Judge's Findings. "Handel insists that criticisms of her office are based on misleading facts, but the case --- as laid out in court records --- is straightforward. Handel's decision contradicts the findings of the administrative law judge, and runs counter to a state Supreme Court ruling only two months earlier involving the residency of PSC Commissioner Bobby Baker." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Editorial, [7/25/08](#)]

Handel Filed An Appeal To Keep Jim Powell Off The Ballot. "Georgia's secretary of state is continuing her fight to keep Public Service Commission candidate Jim Powell off the November ballot. Karen Handel on Monday filed to appeal Fulton County Superior Court Judge Wendy Shoob's decision that Powell could remain in the race. Powell is the Democratic candidate in District 4, running against Lauren McDonald, a Republican. 'We strongly disagree with the court's interpretation of the law and how it is applied in this case,' said Matt Carrothers, a spokesman for Handel's office." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [8/26/08](#)]

Georgia Supreme Court: Handel "Committed An Error Of Law" By Disqualifying Powell, Saying She Did Not Apply All 15 Rules For Determining Residency. "The Georgia Supreme Court ruled Thursday that Democrat Jim Powell's name can remain on the ballot in November in a unanimous decision that concluded Georgia elections officials 'committed an error of law' by disqualifying him... The court's 8-page ruling found that Handel had failed to apply all 15 rules for determining a candidate's legal residence. The justices sided with a lower court that found Handel's decision didn't consider seven other rules that bolstered Powell's case." [Associated Press, [10/30/08](#)]

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Seniors' Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted for a Republican budget that would gut Medicare, even though 31,581 residents in her district received some Medicare benefits.*
- ✓ *Handel supported “flexibility” with Medicare and Medicaid dollars.*
- ✓ *Handel claimed the country spends about \$1 billion per day on Medicare, and that 30 percent of that was spent on tests and procedures that weren't backed up by science.*
- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted for a Republican Study Committee budget that would gut Social Security, even though 96,325 residents in her district received some Social Security benefits.*
- ✓ *2018: Handel said the “single most important thing” needed to stabilize Medicare and Social Security was to “have more people working.”*
- ✓ *Handel supported privatizing Social Security.*
- ✓ *Handel supported allowing retirement funds to invest in high-risk startups.*
- ✓ *Handel said Social Security needed to make its obligations to senior citizens but was not willing to make a commitment on how to reform the program.*
- ✓ *Handel supported allowing state retirement funds to invest in startup companies..*

Medicare

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2017: Handel Voted For A Republican Budget That Would Gut Medicare

Handel Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party's efforts to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

Handel Supported “Flexibility” With Medicare And Medicaid Dollars

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Social Security

2017: 96,325 Residents Of The Georgia’s 6th District Received Some Social Security Benefits

2017: 96,325 Residents Of Handel’s District Received Social Security Benefits Worth Nearly \$155 Million Per Month. [Social Security Administration, Congressional Statistics, released [April 2018](#)]

In Handel’s District, Social Security Beneficiaries Included 82,130 Seniors; 74,765 Were Retirees. Of the 96,325 social security beneficiaries in Handel’s district, X were aged 65 or older; X were retirees. [Social Security Administration, Congressional Statistics, released [April 2018](#)]

Handel Voted For A Republican Study Committee Budget That Included Increasing The Social Security Retirement Age

2017: Handel Voted For A Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #555](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

RSC Budget Would Gradually Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security To 69. “The RSC budget would eliminate Social Security’s long-run shortfall and make the program sustainably solvent by adopting Representative Sam Johnson’s (R-TX) ‘Social Security Reform Act,’ which would slow initial benefit growth for higher-earners, gradually raise the normal retirement age to 69, and means-test annual cost-of-living adjustments, which would be calculated based on the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI).” [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, [9/11/17](#)]

Handel Said The “Single Most Important Thing” Needed To Stabilize Medicare And Social Security Was To “Have More People Working”

2018: Handel Said The “Single Most Important Thing” Needed To Stabilize Medicare And Social Security Was To “Have More People Working.” “Handel acknowledged the country was under ‘great strain and certainly spend(s) way too much.’ Spending was exacerbated when growth was crippled at 1 percent, she said, but now that it’s in the 4 percent range, there are more options on the table. ‘Secondly, we had to get more people to work. Think about it for what we’re trying to do to stabilize Medicare and Social Security in the out years. The single most important thing that we can do to stabilize Medicare and Social Security is to have more people working because that’s more people staying in.’ Then there is addressing the structural aspects that are broken with the budget

process. Handel referenced a select committee U.S. Sen. David Perdue is on that is tasked with reforming the budget process going into the next year.” [Marietta Daily Journal, [8/3/18](#)]

Currently Employed Workers Fund Benefits For Retired Workers. “Social Security was created in 1935 with the goal of providing economic security to the nation’s elderly; it was expanded in the 1950s to include support for the disabled. The program is established largely on a ‘pay-as-you-go’ basis: current employed workers contribute taxes that fund benefits to retired workers and survivors in the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) program as well as disabled workers and their families under the Disability Insurance (DI) program.” [Peter G. Peterson Foundation, [4/30/19](#)]

Handel Supported Privatizing Social Security

Handel Said Privatization Of Social Security Should Definitely Be On The Table. “Question: What are your thoughts about allowing young people, you know in their 20s or 30s, to take a portion of their social security and put it in an individual retirement accounts, or a portion of their Medicaid, Medicare taxes, and put those in health savings accounts? Handel: I think that that is definitely something that should be on the table that we should explore, so that we are really encouraging young people to take control of their retirement years. [Bryon County Republican Meeting, 7/29/13]

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Handel Indicated Support For Private Savings Accounts For Social Security. In a January 2014 meeting of the Coweta County GOP, Handel said: “Well what we do with social security reform, which going to be, obviously a big issue. I think that we have to come to some place around some guiding principles if you will. One being that individuals who are either at retirement, currently drawing, or near that age, we need to meet the commitments we made to them. And then we’ll get to reforms, additional health savings, or private savings accounts, etc. for people in the younger ages because what we have right now is unsustainable.” [Coweta County GOP meeting, 1/11/14]

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Handel Supported Letting Retirement Funds Invest In Risky Start-Ups

Handel Would Let State Retirement Funds Invest In Startup Companies. “[Handel] also would let state retirement funds invest in startup companies.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [7/8/10](#)]

Handel Supported Using Teacher Retirement System Funds For Venture Capital Investments In Georgia-Based Start-Ups And Small Businesses. In response to the question, “Do you favor using Teacher Retirement System (TRS) funds for venture capital investments? Explain briefly.” Handel responded: “I support the establishment of an ‘Enterprise Fund’ to invest in Georgia-based start-ups and small businesses, particularly in the areas of technology and emerging sciences. Currently Georgia is the only state in the nation that does not have a program of this nature. However, I Support only a very small percentage (less than one percent) for such a program.” [Professional Association of Georgia Educators Questionnaire, [7/31/10](#)]

Handel Said Social Security Needed To Make Its Obligations To Senior Citizens But Was Not Willing To Make A Commitment On How To Reform The Program

Handel Said Social Security Needed To Make Its Obligations To Senior Citizens And Plan For The Younger Generations. “Going back to the budget crisis, there was also a question concerning how the aging population fits into the grand scheme of things as far as certain programs, such as Social Security. While addressing that, Handel also said it was critical to work on some of the smaller issues first in order to help ease the public’s distrust. ‘On Social Security, it is important that we make obligations to our senior citizens, and plan for our younger folks,’

Handel said. ‘I will say this, we have to deal with other spending problems first ... we have a lot of work to do, and before we work on the big ones (problems). We have to rebuild trust.’” [Albany Herald, [9/17/13](#)]

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Handel Said She Wasn’t Willing To Make A Commitment On How To Reform Social Security, Said We Had To Preserve Commitments Made To Those 50 Or Older. In October 2013 at a Bibb County GOP meeting:

QUESTION: You mentioned zero based budgeting. That was one of the platforms that I ran on when I was running for county commissioner, that in mind, is there any way possible, or would you support taking the social security out of the general fund and putting it back in a lock box so that social security will stop going broke and take all these welfare programs out of the social security benefits? HANDEL: That’s one thing to look at, I’m not gonna stand here and make a commitment one way or the other tonight on it, but I think that that’s one thing that we can look at. You know, certainly we have to preserve the commitments on social security that we’ve made, especially to individuals who are at, who are near social security or are in that age, 50 and older I suppose. But I think that we’ve got to be very careful about how we move all of that, it’s a transition. [Bibb County GOP meeting, 10/24/13]

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Pensions

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Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which benefited large corporations and the wealthiest Americans, ballooned the debt, and stripped 13 million Americans of their health care.*
- ✓ *Handel voted for final passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act by concurring with a Senate amendment.*
- ✓ *Handel's donors benefited from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.*
 - ✓ *Home Depot, UPS, and AT&T – all of which were Handel donors – saved billions of dollars thanks to the tax bill.*
 - ✓ *The pharma industry, which has given \$13,000 to Handel's campaigns, reaped "huge rewards" from the tax bill.*
- ✓ *Handel supported a 23% flat tax.*
- ✓ *Handel supported the Fair Tax, a proposal that would implement a nationwide personal consumption tax.*
- ✓ *2014: Handel supported repealing the 16th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution in order to repeal eliminate payroll taxes.*
- ✓ *Handel opposed mandating that internet retailers collect sales taxes for state and local governments.*
- ✓ *2014: Handel said she did not endorse any tax increases.*
- ✓ *2014: Handel questioned whether Gov. Sonny Perdue was really a Republican because he believed increasing revenues was key to growing the economy.*
- ✓ *2004: Handel proposed a budget plan of more than \$700 billion, but refused to include any property tax increases.*
- ✓ *2003: Handel refused to support property tax increases even though Fulton County faced a \$60 million budget shortfall.*

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Handel Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

Handel Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act And Said The Bill Would "Get This Economy Moving In A Way That We Have Not Seen Certainly In Probably Two Decades." "Tax reform was also recently addressed by U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell, who spoke on a variety of topics in a talk to the Metro Marietta Kiwanis Club on Monday. Handel said that the tax package would benefit corporations by allowing 'full and immediate

expensing for capital expenditures.’ She also highlighted the plan’s proposal to lower the corporate tax rate from about 35 percent to 20 percent. ‘The two main drivers of growth, you talk to just about any economist, they will tell you is lower (tax) rates and full expensing on those capital investments,’ Handel said. ‘This tax reform bill is going to do that, and it is going to get this economy moving in a way that we have not seen certainly in probably two decades.’” [Marietta Daily Journal, [10/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

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Handel Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, [Vote #692](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the \$1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the

changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.”
[New York Times, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.”
[Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

...While Millions Of Americans Would Pay More In Taxes

Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That’s not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand’s statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill’s individual provisions expire that year. There’s no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027. “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.9 Trillion. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion.” [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, [12/27/17](#)]

HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018
[Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes to Keep Overhaul of Safety-Net Programs on GOP Agenda [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

AP: “A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America’s Troubling Income Inequality.” “The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America’s troubling income inequality.” [Associated Press, [12/17/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included Provision That Would Reduce Taxes For Dozens Of Members Of Congress

HEADLINE: “Dozens Of Lawmakers Stand To Reap A Tax Windfall Due To A GOP Loophole.” [CNBC, [12/20/17](#)]

Four Dozen Members Of Congress Stood To Benefit From Change In Tax Treatment Of Real Estate Income Under GOP Tax Bill. “The provision, which gives favorable tax treatment to a common form of real estate income, would also create generous tax saving for President Donald Trump, who derives much of his personal fortune from real estate. The measure — added late Friday to the \$1.5 trillion package of tax cuts — reduces the tax rate on ‘pass-through’ income derived from real estate. Owners of such businesses are allowed to ‘pass through’ the profits from these enterprises to their individual tax returns, which lowers the amount of tax they owe. Those benefits will now go to roughly four dozen Republican House and Senate members who voted for the bill, according to an analysis of personal financial disclosures for CNBC by the Center for Responsive Politics.” [CNBC, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To More Expensive Health Insurance; 13 Million More Uninsured

Final Tax Bill Eliminated Central Affordable Care Act Provision, Leading To 13 Million Fewer Americans With Insurance. “The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than \$300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

GOP Tax Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise, And Could Lead Insurers To Drop Out Of Regional Markets. “The final GOP plan will repeal the Affordable Care Act’s individual insurance mandate, which would allow young and healthy people to leave the insurance pool, forcing insurers to compensate by raising prices due to the higher costs of insuring only less-healthy people. Not only would premiums likely rise, but many insurers could drop out of regional markets.” [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Conference

Handel Voted For Moving The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Conference Committee. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Brady, R-Texas, motion that the House disagree with the Senate amendment and request a conference with the Senate on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering individual and corporate tax rates, repealing various deductions through 2025.” The motion to go to conference passed 222-192. [HR 1, [Vote #653](#), 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/4/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Sending The Tax Bill Back To Conference And Instructing Conferees To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Disagree With Provisions Related To The SALT Deduction. In December 2017, Handel voted against: “Neal, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee of Conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House that they disagree with provisions related to state and local tax deductions, and related to the bill’s language that would effectively repeal the individual health care mandate established by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The motion to recommit the conference report failed 191-236. [HR 1, [Vote #691](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Instructing Conferees On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Recede From The House Bill’s Provisions To Eliminate The SALT Deduction. In December 2017, Handel voted against: “Neal, D-Mass., motion to instruct conferees to disagree with the Senate amendment that would repeal the individual health insurance mandate, and to recede from the section House bill that would eliminate the deduction for state and local income taxes through 2025.” The motion to instruct conferees failed 186-233. [HR 1, [Vote #654](#), 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/4/17](#)]

Handel Voted For House Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

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Handel Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, [Vote #637](#), 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, [11/16/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, [Vote #633](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#)]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Raise Taxes On Millions

Politifact Found In 2018, Roughly 14 Million American Households Would See A Tax Increase, And The Number Would Grow Over Time, Increasing To 40 Million Americans By 2027. “In other words, while most Americans would indeed see a tax cut or a minor increase in the first year, 8 percent, or roughly 14 million American households, would see an increase of at least \$100. (We approximated the raw number using Tax Policy

Center data.) Meanwhile, the number of Americans facing a tax increase would grow over time. By 2027, 46 percent would see a decrease and 34 percent would see a change of less than \$100, but 20 percent would see a tax increase. That could mean close to 40 million Americans would pay higher taxes in 2027 than they would under today's tax laws." [Politifact, [11/9/17](#)]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Benefit Wealthy Americans And Corporations

Washington Post Fact Checker: “No Matter How You Slice It, The Superwealthy Do Rather Well Under The House GOP Proposal.” “Contrary to the president’s claim, the tax plan is not ‘so bad’ for the wealthy. In fact, no matter how you slice it, the superwealthy do rather well under the House GOP proposal. As we have said, that’s because they already pay a large chunk of income taxes already. Trump could actually make the distribution tables look better if he pushed to keep the AMT in place for incomes above \$1 million and the estate tax in place for estates larger than \$11 million. The failure to do so underscores the fact that this tax plan is not only for the middle class.” [Washington Post, 11/9/17]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Repealed Medical Expense Deduction - Hurting Americans Who Need Long Term Care, Like Seniors With Alzheimer’s And Children With Chronic Illnesses

Medical Expenses Deduction Helped Older Americans With Long Term Care Costs, And Younger Families Struggling To Care For Children With Chronic Conditions And Disabilities. “According to an analysis in January from the Joint Committee on Taxation, most taxpayers who claim the deduction have incomes below \$100,000, with about 40 percent below \$75,000. More than half of those who claim it are older than 65, according to AARP, the lobby for older Americans. They often face staggering medical and long-term care costs. The deduction also helps younger families struggling to pay the enormous cost of caring for children with chronic conditions or disabilities, and couples going through costly fertility treatments like in vitro fertilization.” [New York Times, [11/8/17](#)]

New York Times: “Eliminating The Medical-Expense Deduction Would Hit The Middle Class Squarely, Eliminating A Source Of Relief That Has Helped Millions Of People Cope With Steep Medical Costs.” “But while the party has framed its tax plan as a boon for the middle class, eliminating the medical-expense deduction would hit the middle class squarely, eliminating a source of relief that has helped millions of people cope with steep medical costs in a country without comprehensive, universal health coverage.”

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would End Tax Breaks For Teachers, Student Loans, Graduate Tuition

Republican Tax Bill Cut Deduction For Teachers Who Spend Their Own Money On School Supplies, As They Are Regularly Expected To Do. “For now, teachers can get a small tax break — deducting up to \$250 from their taxes — for what they spend on supplies. But under the GOP tax reform bill, that deduction would go away for teachers and other categories of workers, including certain state and local officials and performing artists. [...] Unlike other professionals, teachers are regularly expected to furnish their own supplies. They are often filling in gaps where students are unable to afford supplies — and where districts are unable to furnish them. Teachers in the United States are not paid as well as other similarly educated professionals, studies have found.” [Washington Post, [11/2/17](#)]

Washington Post: “The GOP Plan Would No Longer Allow People Repaying Their Student Loans To Reduce Their Tax Burden By Up To \$2,500.” “The GOP plan would no longer allow people repaying their student loans to reduce their tax burden by up to \$2,500. People whose employers cover a portion of their college costs would also see the money become taxable income. The plan would also do away with a tuition tax break for university employees and their families. As it stands, tuition discounts provided to that group are excluded from income, under what are known as qualified tuition reductions. Republicans estimate that doing away with all of

those deductions and tax breaks will increase government revenue by \$47.5 billion over the next decade.” [Washington Post, [11/2/17](#)]

Under Republican Tax Bill, A Large Percentage Of Undergraduate And Graduate Students Would See Increases In Their Tax Bills, Some Dramatically. “To help pay for the \$1.5 trillion tax cut, lawmakers eliminated many individual tax breaks, arguing the overall plan would compensate for any lost benefits. The result: while many families and businesses would see tax cuts, a large percentage of undergraduates and graduate students would see their tax bills increase, some dramatically.” [New York Times, [11/15/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment that will prohibit any legislation from limiting or repealing the State and local tax deduction, which prevents millions of families from being taxed twice on the same income.” **A vote *for* the amendment is a vote to block protecting the state and local tax deduction.** The motion was agreed to 234-193. [HRes 619, [Vote #632](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/15/17](#)]

Handel’s Donors Benefited From The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

Home Depot, UPS, And AT&T – All Handel Donors – Saved Billions Of Dollars Thanks To The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

Home Depot Saved \$1.4 Billion Thanks To Tax Bill. According to JUST Capital, Home Depot saved \$1,483,700,000 in taxes thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. [JUST Capital, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

Handel Has Received \$21,000 From Home Depot. From 2013 through 2020, employees of Home Depot as well as Home Depot’s PAC have contributed a total of \$21,000 to Handel’s campaigns. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

UPS Saved Over \$872 Million Thanks To Tax Bill. According to JUST Capital, UPS saved \$872,300,000 in taxes thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. [JUST Capital, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

Handel Has Received \$19,900 From UPS. From 2013 through 2020, employees of UPS as well as UPS’s PAC have contributed a total of \$19,900 to Handel’s campaigns. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

AT&T Saved Over \$2 Billion Thanks To Tax Bill. According to JUST Capital, AT&T saved \$2,046,500,000 in taxes thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. [JUST Capital, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

Handel Has Received \$19,000 From AT&T. From 2013 through 2020, AT&T’s corporate PAC contributed a total of \$19,000 to Handel’s campaigns. [FEC, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

The Pharma Industry, Which Has Given Thousands Of Dollars To Handel’s Campaigns, Reaped “Huge Rewards” From The Tax Bill

Big Pharma Was Poised To “Reap Huge Rewards” From The Tax Bill

HEADLINE: “Big Pharma Is Poised To Reap Huge Rewards From The GOP Tax Bill.” [Think Progress, [4/30/18](#)]

Five Of The Country’s Biggest Pharmaceutical Companies Were Poised To Receive Over \$6 Billion In Tax Cuts From The Bill. According to Americans for Tax Fairness: “Five of the Pharma Big 10 (the only corporations for which tax cut estimates have been publicly released) could save more than \$6.3 billion in taxes in 2018 alone.” [Americans for Tax Fairness, [April 2018](#)]

Company	2018 Estimated Tax Cut
AbbVie	\$1,316,950,210
Amgen	\$987,400,000
Eli Lilly	\$163,905,000
Merck	\$2,728,900,000
Pfizer	\$1,070,745,480
TOTAL	\$6,267,900,690

[Americans for Tax Fairness, [April 2018](#)]

Big Pharma Would Save \$76 Billion In Taxes On Their Offshore Profits Alone. According to Americans for Tax Fairness: “The Pharma Big 10 will save \$76 billion in taxes on their offshore profits alone. The 10 firms had \$506 billion in untaxed profits offshore in 2017, on which they owed nearly \$134 billion under previous law. Under the Trump-GOP tax regime they will owe only about \$57 billion—a tax savings of \$76 billion—and they can stretch their tax payments over eight years.” [Americans for Tax Fairness, [April 2018](#)]

Handel Has Taken Over \$13,000 From Big Pharma

Handel Has Received Over \$13,000 From The Pharmaceutical Industry. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Handel’s campaigns have received \$13,250 from the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/5/20](#)]

Flat Tax

Handel Supported A Flat Tax

Handel Supported A 23% Flat Sales Tax Instead Of An Income Tax, And Denied Flat Sales Taxes Were Regressive. “Handel would also repeal the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which establishes the federal income tax. She said she favors instead the FairTax, or a tax on purchases. According to Handel, after a monthly payment to consumers, called a ‘prebate,’ of the tax on purchases of necessities up to the poverty level, all consumers would pay a 23 percent sales tax on consumables. Handel disagrees with criticism that the Fair Tax is essentially a ‘regressive’ system that unfairly taxes low-income citizens at the same rate as the wealthy.” [Albany Herald, [4/26/14](#)]

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Handel Said A Consumption Tax Was “Fair” And Took From Everyone. “She said she was in favor of a consumption tax, because it is fair and takes from everyone, not depending on taking a chunk of income from certain groups. She said small businesses are the backbone of the American economy and always what pulls the nation out of economic downturns, but the country needs to create an environment where companies want to invest into the marketplace, creating and expanding jobs. She would like to see an across-the-board audit of regulations.” [LaGrange Daily News, [5/6/14](#)]

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Handel Supported A Flat Tax In 2014. “Later, Perdue said he was for reforming the tax structure and implementing a flat tax. Former Secretary of State Karen Handel also said she supports a flat tax, while Rep. Jack Kingston of Savannah said he supports the fair tax and touted his endorsement from former Rep. John Linder, a chief proponent of the plan. Rep. Phil Gingrey of Marietta said Congress should evaluate every tax break extension and eliminate those that may no longer be necessary.” [Associated Press, [5/18/14](#)]

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Handel Supported The Fair Tax, A Flat Tax Proposal That Would Implement A Nationwide Personal Consumption Tax

Handel Supported The Fair Tax – Eliminating The Federal Personal And Corporate Income Tax, Capital Gains, Payroll, Gift And Estate Taxes And Replacing Them With A Personal Consumption Tax. “Karen is a strong supporter of the Fair Tax. Eliminating the federal personal and corporate income tax, capital gains, payroll, gift and estate taxes, and replacing them with a revenue-neutral personal consumption tax would create a much fairer tax structure for families and businesses. It will also encourage savings.” [Karen Handel for Governor, Issues, 6/13/10]

NOTE: This citation is from the 2017 book. The original source is not available online.

A Study Found That National Sales Tax Would Result In Average Annual Tax Increases of \$3,200 a Year Nationwide for Bottom 80% of Taxpayers. In September 2004, a study by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy found that the implementation of a 30% national sales tax would result in an average increase of \$3,200 a year nationwide for taxpayers in the lower 80% of tax brackets. The study alternately described the study as finding that, on average, the 80% of Americans in the middle and lower income ranges would have to pay 51% more in sales taxes than they then paid in federal taxes that a national sales tax would replace. [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, The Effects of Replacing Most Federal Taxes with a National Sales Tax A State-by-State Distributional Analysis,” September 2004]

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Payroll Taxes

Handel Supported Repealing The 16th Amendment Of The U.S. Constitution In Order To Eliminate Payroll Taxes

Handel Supported Repealing The 16th Amendment Of The U.S. Constitution In Order To Eliminate Payroll Taxes. “3. Reduce tax burdens by implementing the Fair Tax (a national sales tax) and eliminating the payroll tax by repealing the 16th Amendment to the Constitution.” [Moultrie Observer, [4/21/14](#)]

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State And Local Sales Taxes

Handel Opposed Mandating That Internet Retailers Collect Sales Taxes For State And Local Governments

Handel Opposed A Measure Requiring Internet Retailers To Collect Sales Tax For State And Local Governments. “It involves pending legislation that would require Internet retailers to collect sales tax for state and local governments, and debate over the measure has divided tea party types and establishment Republicans. The

Senate has already passed the measure, but anti-tax groups in the House have vowed to keep it from a vote. U.S. Reps. Phil Gingrey, Jack Kingston and Paul Broun, along with former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel, all voiced opposition to the measure, rejecting it as a tax increase that should be considered only as part of a broader overhaul.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/28/14](#)]

Handel Expressed Sympathy For Store-Front Retailers, But Did Not Back An Online Tax Measure.

“Perdue broke with Broun and said Congress should require online retailers to collect sales taxes. Kingston expressed sympathy for store-front retailers facing online competitors who don’t collect taxes, but he took pains to say any changes should be a part of a comprehensive tax overhaul. Broun said plainly that levies on Internet sales amount to a tax increase. Gingrey and Handel expressed sympathy for the pending proposals, heavily backed by retailers with store fronts, but they stopped short of explicit support.” [Associated Press, [1/27/14](#)]

Tax Hikes

2014: Handel Said She Did Not Endorse Any Tax Increases

2014: Handel Said She Did Not Endorse Any Tax Increases. “Former Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel said ‘I don’t think this race is about Sen. Chambliss. This race is about moving forward.’ But she made clear that she does not endorse any tax increases, and went after Perdue for it. Perdue pointed out that Handel, too, told the Telegraph editorial board that she wants increased revenue from economic growth. Handel shot back that she was clearer in her answer, and she did not laugh like Perdue did. ‘Raising taxes is no laughing matter,’ Handel said.” [Albany Herald, [5/18/14](#)]

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Budget Revenues

2014: Handel Questioned Whether Perdue Was Really A Republican After He Suggested Growing Revenue Was Necessary To Grow The Economy

2014: Handel Questioned Whether Perdue Was Really A Republican After He Suggested Growing Revenue Was Necessary To Grow The Economy. “The top dispute in the seven-candidate field centered on remarks by the perceived front-runner, former Dollar General CEO David Perdue, during an editorial board meeting with The Telegraph newspaper in Macon, Ga. During the meeting, Perdue was asked about the nation’s debt and whether it would be best to curb the growth of spending or increase revenue. Perdue interjected, saying ‘both,’ and the questioner added the latter would be ‘a euphemism for some kind of tax increase, of course.’ [...] But Karen Handel struck perhaps the harshest tone, saying Perdue’s remarks ‘should raise a question in everyone’s mind.’ ‘Exactly who is this guy? He’s not a conservative and I question whether he’s even a Republican,’ she said. Perdue’s campaign called the attacks ‘deceitful’ and said Perdue was talking about increasing revenues by cutting spending and promoting pro-growth policies.” [Waycross Journal-Herald, [5/15/14](#)]

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Property Taxes

2004: Handel Proposed A Budget Plan Of More Than \$700 Million, But Refused To Include Any Property Tax Increases

Handel Proposed A \$706 Million Budget Without Raising Property Taxes. “Karen Handel proposed Monday a Fulton County budget plan for 2004 that increases spending without raising property taxes --- keeping a pledge that got her elected two months ago. The \$706 million spending package put forth by the new commission chairwoman

gives the six other commissioners yet another budget to chew on Wednesday at a work session where the final budget may be decided. The commissioners already are studying plans presented by the county budget commission, County Manager Tom Andrews and a tentative spending plan approved by commissioners.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/13/04](#)]

The Fulton County Commission Passed A \$710 Million Spending Package That Did Not Raise Property Taxes. “Fulton County taxpayers won a reprieve Wednesday as commissioners agreed to a \$710 million spending package for 2004 that does not raise property taxes... Instead, on Wednesday, the board slashed spending and set a tax rate that would give residents who live in the county’s cities a tiny tax decrease and unincorporated property owners a rate that stays the same.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [1/15/04](#)]

2003: Even Though Fulton County Faced A \$60 Million Budget Shortfall, Handel Refused To Support Property Tax Increases

2003: With A \$60 Million Budget Shortfall, Handel Pledged Not To Increase Property Taxes. “As chairwoman of the Fulton County Commission, Karen Handel faces a county that’s sharply divided over a variety of issues. She started her term Wednesday by promising a budget with no property tax increase. That’s a difficult pledge in a county whose voters have a long and expensive wish list. The county must resolve a projected shortfall of about \$60 million, and has an annual budget of about \$700 million.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [11/13/03](#)]

Handel Adopted A “Tentative” Budget For The County That Would “Raid Savings And Hike Property Taxes To Avoid Layoffs Just Before Christmas. “Fulton County commissioners adopted a tentative budget Wednesday that would raid savings and hike property taxes to avoid hundreds of layoffs just before Christmas. Wednesday’s action, however, does buy the board about 30 days --- the time between when legal ads must appear announcing the budget and when a final budget must be approved --- to review any cuts. ‘We are required by [state] law to have something on paper,’ said newly elected Commission Chairman Karen Handel. ‘This is the best I could do today. This gives us time to make rational cuts.’ Even Handel went along Wednesday despite winning office just six weeks ago promising no tax increases and sound financial management.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [12/18/03](#)]

Trade & Outsourcing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ Handel believed free trade between the U.S. and China could help improve human rights and living standards in China, and strengthen the U.S. economy.
- ✓ Handel supported closer trade ties between China and the state of Georgia.
- ✓ In 2018, Handel expressed concerns about the Trump administration's tariffs on steel exports from Canada, Mexico, and Europe.

China

Handel Believed Free Trade Between The U.S. And China Could Help Improve Human Rights And Living Standards In China, And Strengthen The U.S. Economy

Handel Believed More Trade With China Could Help Improve Living Conditions And Human Rights In China

Handel Believed The “Positive Influences” of American Culture, Freedoms, And Capitalism Were Growing In China. Handel wrote in the Atlanta Business Chronicle about her trip to China with the Governor: “The positive influences of American culture, freedoms and capitalism are growing in China. All across the globe, we have witnessed the miracles of individual liberties borne through economic empowerment and cultural exchanges. Positive changes are occurring in China -- albeit not as rapidly and smoothly as we would like. But, they are occurring, and the people of China and the United States are better served because of them.” [Karen Handel, Atlanta Business Chronicle, [4/21/08](#)]

NOTE: This article can only be found online on Nexis.

Handel Believed That Economic Development And Engagement With The United States Would Advance Human Rights In China. Handel wrote in the Atlanta Business Chronicle about her trip to China with the Governor: “This trip also served as a time of reflection and consideration of China’s positions on human rights and Tibet, as well as its hosting of the Olympic Games this summer. Recent reports of the suppression of activists and dissension are disturbing to say the least. But we should consider whether human rights in China are better advanced through economic and cultural development and engagement with the United States or through isolationism and other potential trading sanctions. In my view -- and as we have seen throughout the world -- the economic progress that comes with investments and exchanges can lead to individual freedoms and liberty. This was reinforced through numerous interactions during our time in China.” [Karen Handel, Atlanta Business Chronicle, [4/21/08](#)]

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people. There was the mayor of Shanghai who was interested and excited to discuss economic partnership opportunities, but he was most enthusiastic about, of all things, professional basketball and the NBA. Thanks to Yao Ming, the mayor and millions of Chinese citizens are basketball fans! The Internet is introducing millions of Chinese citizens to our writers, our religious leaders and our musicians.” [Karen Handel, Atlanta Business Chronicle, [4/21/08](#)]

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Handel Suggested That China Could Also Invest In The United States And Create Jobs. “Mr. Jarrett’s briefing gave us an on-the-ground overview of the business environment in Shanghai and throughout the country. Many of us are justifiably concerned about the number of jobs and investment dollars moving out of the U.S. to countries like China. However, foreign trade and investment is certainly not a one-way street. There are new and emerging opportunities for job creation in the U.S. – driven in large part by investment from overseas companies.” [Secretary of State Karen C. Handel’s Blog From China, 3/31/08]

NOTE: This citation is from the 2017 book. The original source is unavailable online.

Handel Supported Closer Trade Ties Between China And The State Of Georgia

Handel Believed Increased Trade Would Benefit The Economies Of Both Georgia And China

Handel Called The Establishment Of A Georgia Business Advisory Center In China An “Integral First Step” To Jump-Start Commerce Between China And Georgia. “Secretary of State Karen Handel called the Georgia Business Advisory Center in China an “integral first step” to jump-start commerce between the nation of 1.3 billion people and Georgia’s business community. ‘We hope to see y’all in Georgia real soon,’ said Handel, who called for a ‘harmonious’ relationship between the state and the Communist country with a freewheeling, free-market economy.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [4/3/08](#)]

Handel Understood The “Important Role Trade Missions Play In Increasing Communication And Building Foreign Markets For American And Georgia Products.” Handel wrote in the Atlanta Business Chronicle about her trip to China with the Governor: “As a former business executive and Chamber of Commerce CEO, I understand the important role trade missions play in increasing communication and building foreign markets for American and Georgia products. Recently, I was honored to travel with Gov. Sonny Perdue and a delegation of Georgia business, education and economic development leaders to China.” [Karen Handel, Atlanta Business Chronicle, [4/21/08](#)]

Handel Found Her Trip To China To Be An Opportunity To Strengthen Existing Trade Relationships And Establish New Markets For Georgia Products. Handel wrote in the Atlanta Business Chronicle about her trip to China with the Governor: “This mission provided the delegation an opportunity to strengthen existing trade relationships and establish new markets for Georgia products. The highlight of the mission was Gov. Perdue officially opening the Georgia Business Advisory Center in downtown Beijing. This Center will serve as an important first step for Georgian and Chinese companies seeking to establish relationships and trading opportunities.” [Karen Handel, Atlanta Business Chronicle, [4/21/08](#)]

2008: Handel Visited China On A Business Mission

Handel Took A Trip As Part Of A Business Mission To China With Governor Sonny Perdue. “Governor Sonny Perdue is pleased to announce details of the business mission to the People’s Republic of China, March 30 a” April 5, 2008 that he mentioned in his State of the State speech. [Office of the Governor Press Release, [1/18/08](#)]

Handel Called Shanghai A “Beautiful Surprise,” Saying Its Skyline Featured “Countless Futuristic Buildings.” “Shanghai is a beautiful surprise. Its skyline features countless futuristic buildings, some climbing over

80 to 100 stories into the sky. The Huangpu River runs through the center of the city and eventually feeds into the Yangtze, Asia's longest river." [Secretary of State Karen C. Handel's Blog From China, 3/30/08]

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Tariffs

2018: Handel Expressed Concerns Over The Trump Administration's Tariffs On Steel Imports From Europe, Canada, And Mexico

2018: Handel Was Concerned That The Trump Administration's Tariffs On Steel Imports From Europa, Canada, And Mexico Would "Hurt Working Americans." "President Donald Trump's decision to impose tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum from Europe, Canada and Mexico is getting push back from Republican members of Georgia's congressional delegation. U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., and U.S. Rep. Karen Handel, R-Roswell, say the tariffs and retaliation from the affected countries will hurt America's economy. [...] Handel said the Trump administration's move threatens to dampen the economic boom the U.S. is enjoying. 'Mexico, Canada and Europe are important allies and historical trading partners for Georgia and the nation,' she said. '[Imposing tariffs] - and the inevitable retaliatory moves by these countries - will hurt working Americans.'" [Atlanta Business Chronicle, [6/1/18](#)]

Veterans & Military Family Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Handel voted for an appropriations bill that would transition the VA Choice Program from mandatory spending to discretionary spending, meaning it would be open to cuts in the future.*
- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted for legislation to protect VA whistleblowers.*
- ✓ *In 2017, Handel voted to pass a bill to provide more money for the VA Choice fund.*

Department Of Veterans' Affairs

Handel Voted For An Appropriations Bill That Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts

Handel Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation; \$98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and \$3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. It would provide \$11.2 billion for programs that maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons in the United States’ stockpile. As amended, it would provide \$1.1 billion in funding for the Veterans Community Care Program.” The bill passed by a vote of 235-179. [HR 5895, [Vote #257](#), 6/8/18; CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Rep Lowey: Appropriations Bill Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts. “While I support many of the increases within the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill, Republicans have created a dilemma by transitioning the VA Choice program from mandatory to discretionary funding in the middle of fiscal year 2019. Even worse, Republicans have blocked consideration of my amendment to solve this problem. That will mean a further squeeze, and perhaps even cuts, to programs that benefit the middle class.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers

Handel Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would require a supervisor to be suspended for at least three days for an initial offense, and would require a supervisor to be fired for a second offense. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available.” The bill passed, 420-0. [S 585, [Vote #568](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Would Extend The VA Whistleblower Protection Bill Provisions To Apply To Any Federal Employee Disclosure Regarding The Violation Of Any Law Or Regulation Related To Travel. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with

an amendment that would extend the bill's provisions to apply to any federal employee disclosure regarding the violation of any law or regulation related to travel by the head of an agency or a political appointee." The motion was rejected, 232-190. [S 585, [Vote #567](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund

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In July 2017, Handel voted for: "Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make available an additional \$2 billion in funding for the Veterans Choice Fund, without fiscal year limitation. The bill would extend until Dec. 31, 2027, the current cap on per-month payment of VA pensions to certain veterans residing at VA nursing care facilities, as well as the VA's authority to collect fees for VA housing loans and the VA's authority to obtain and use income information from the Social Security Administration and the IRS to validate an application for VA benefits." The motion was rejected by a vote of 219-186. [S 114, [Vote #408](#), 7/24/17; CQ, [7/24/17](#)]

Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2018 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2018: Handel Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$217,022 And \$770,001

2018: Handel Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$217,022 And \$770,001. [Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Earned Income

Handel Did Not Disclose Any Earned Income For 2018 Or 2019 Year To Filing. [Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2018: Handel Reported Between \$232,022 And \$780,001 In Unearned Income

2018: Handel Reported Between \$232,022 And \$780,001 In Unearned Income. [Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

NOTE: Handel reported no unearned income in 2018 (preceding year) or January to May 2019 (current year to filing).

2018 Handel Assets & “Unearned” Income							
SP/ DC /JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income		Tx. > \$1,000
		Min	Max		Min	Max	
MF	American Funds Capital Income Builder Class F-1	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds Capital World Growth and Income Fund Class A	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds The Growth Fund Of America Class A	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	American Funds The Growth Fund Of America Class F1	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund Class A	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund Class F-1A	\$1,001	\$15,001	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend Fund Class C Shares	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A

MF	Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend Fund Class C Shares	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	First Eagle Global Fund Class C	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	First Eagle U.S. Value Fund Class C	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	Franklin Mutual Shares Fund Class C	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Thornburg International Value Fund Class A	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	LrgCapGrwStk	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	MidCapCoreStk	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	SmCapCoreStk	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	High Yield Bond (MSA/Federated Inv.)-B	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Index 500 Stock (MSA)-B	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Small Cap Growth Stock (MSA/Wellington)-B	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	TextGov LLC, 100% Interest	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Gallard Retirement Income 60	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Metrop West Tot Ret Bd M	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	TIAA Fulton County Deferred Compensation Plan → T Rowe Price Gr Stk Adv	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total:	\$232,022	\$780,001	Total:	N/A	N/A	N/A

[Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Liabilities

Handel Had \$10,000 - \$15,000 In Credit Card Debt

Handel Had \$10,000 - \$15,000 In Credit Card Debt From A Marriott Chase Credit Card. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2019 Handel Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
JT	Marriott Chase Credit Card	March 2018	Credit Card	\$10,000 - \$15,000

[Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Positions

2017 – 2019: Handel Held Four Different Positions

2018: Handel Was A Principal At Handel Strategy Group, But Noted That The Entity Was Dissolved In 2017. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2019: Handel Was A Principal At Cogent Strategies LLC. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2018: Handel Was A Member Of Congress. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2017: Handel Was A Board Member At SafeHouse Ministries. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2019 Handel Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Principal	Handel Strategy Group (Comments: Entity dissolved during 2017)
Principal	Cogent Strategies LLC (Comments: position in 2019 only)
Member of Congress	U.S. House of Representatives (2018)
Board Member	SafeHouse Ministries (Comments: Resigned 2017)

[Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

Agreements

2018: Handel Was Party To One Agreement

2018: Handel Was Party To A Continued Deferred Compensation Plan With Fulton County, Georgia. [Karen Handel 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2019 Handel Agreements		
Date	Parties To	Terms Of Agreement
March 2003	Fulton County, GA	Continued participation in deferred compensation plan

[Karen Handel 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/2/19](#)]

2017 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

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Earned Income

2017: Handel Reported No Earned Income

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Assets & Unearned Income

2017: Handel Reported Between \$15,202 And \$51,000 In Unearned Income

2017: Handel Reported Between \$15,202 And \$51,000 In Unearned Income. [Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

2017 Handel Assets & “Unearned” Income				
Asset	Year-End Value		Amount Of Income	

SP/ DC /JT		<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	Type Of Income	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	Tx. > \$1,000
SP	American Funds Capital Income Builder Class F-1	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds Capital World Growth and Income	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds The Growth Fund of America Class A	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds The Growth Fund of America Class F	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds Mutual Investors Fund Class A	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund Class A	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund Class F1	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	Columbia Acorn Fund Class C	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
SP	Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend Fund Class C Shares	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend Fund Class C Shares	\$1,001	\$5,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
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MF	SmCapCoreStk	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
OL	Handel Strategy Group, 100% Interest – dissolved in 2017	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	N/A
MF	Northwestern Mutual High Yield Bond	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	Index 500 Stock (MSA)-B	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
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SP	TextGov LLC	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	\$15,001	\$50,000	N/A
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MF	Metrop West Ret Bd M	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
MF	T Rowe Price Gr Stk Adv	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-Deferred	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total:	\$354,025	\$1,065,000	Total:	\$15,202	\$51,000	N/A

Transactions

2017: Handel Disclosed No Transactions

2017: Handel Disclosed No Transactions. [Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

Liabilities

2017: Handel Held Between \$150,002 And \$350,000 In Liabilities

2017: Handel Owed Between \$100,001 And \$250,000 To Ditech For A Mortgage On Her Primary Residence. [Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

2017: Handel Owed Between \$50,001 And \$100,000 To Wells Fargo For A Mortgage Line On Her Primary Residence. [Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

2017 Handel Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
JT	Ditech	3/2004	Mortgage on primary residence	\$100,001 - \$250,000
JT	Wells Fargo	11/2005	Mortgage line of credit on primary residence	\$50,001 - \$100,000

[Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

Positions

2017: Handel Held Two Positions

2017: Handel Was A Board Member At The Republican State Leadership Committee, But Noted That She Resigned In February 2017. [Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

2017: Handel Was The Owner Of Handel Strategy Group, But Noted That The Entity Dissolved During 2017. [Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

2017 Handel Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Board Member	Republican State Leadership Committee (resigned position as of 2/2017)
Owner	Handel Strategy Group (entity dissolved during 2017)

[Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

Agreements

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[Handel 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/18](#)]

Appendix II – Campaign Finance

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Handel's Campaign Raised \$9,719,963.83 And Spent \$8,890,471.66

Handel 2018 – 2020 Congress Campaign Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Contributions	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2020	\$1,012,958.49	\$876,007.14	\$313.00	\$124,900.00	\$0	\$0	\$271,155.72	\$267,525.72	\$780.00
2018	\$8,707,005.34	\$6,883,182.59	\$10,884.83	\$1,536,676.21	\$100	N/A	\$8,619,315.94	\$8,152,799.85	\$74,725.09

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/8/20](#)]

2017 – 2018 Handel's Leadership PAC Raised \$91,000 And Spent \$95,480.41

HANDEL PAC Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Contributions	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2020	\$91,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$86,000	\$0	\$0	\$95,480.41	\$8,980.41	\$0

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [4/28/20](#)]

Handel's Campaign Committee Received 79.25% Of Her Contributions From Individual Contributors And 17.89% From PACs

Source Of Handel Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Large Individual Contributors	\$4,006,041	46.12%
Small Individual Contributions (< \$200)	\$2,878,141	33.13%
PAC Contributors	\$1,554,176	17.89%
Self-Financing	\$100	0.00%
Other	\$247,322	2/85%

[OpenSecrets, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

Top Overall Industries

Handel Career Top Contributors By Industry		
Rank	Industry	Total
1	Retired	\$752,013
2	Real Estate	\$368,348
3	Republican/Conservative	\$325,964
4	Leadership PACs	\$282,100
5	Lawyers/Law Firms	\$225,116

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

NOTE: According to the Center for Responsive Politics, "The organizations themselves did not donate, rather the money came from the organizations' PACs, their individual members or employees or owners, and those

individuals' immediate families. Organization totals include subsidiaries and affiliates" [Center for Responsive Politics Top Contributors, accessed [3/21/17](#)]

Top Campaign Committee Contributors

Handel Career Top Contributors To Campaign Committee				
Rank	Contributor	Total	Indivs	Other Cmtes
1	Susan B. Anthony List	\$44,510	\$32,010	\$12,500
2	Rollins Inc.	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$0
3	Henssler Financial	\$33,850	\$33,850	\$0
4	Alticor Inc.	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$0
5	Mountain Express Oil Co.	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$0

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

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Appendix III – Revolving Door

Top Lines

There Are No Records Of Handel's Staff Entering The Revolving Door

NOTE: According to Legistorm, there are no records of Handel's staff going through the revolving door. [Legistorm, Former Rep. Karen Handel, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Appendix IV – Paid Media Summary

NOTE: Paid media advertisements saved on the DCCC research drive.

2020 Cycle

Handel “Good Guy” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
6/11/19	NRCC	Lying Lucy McBath Flip Flops on Guns	Attacking McBath for being inconsistent on guns	Negative McBath attack ad

Handel “Bad Guy” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
5/17/19	Protect Our Care	Congresswom an Lucy McBath: Leading the Fight to Protect Our Care	Touting McBath’s work in Congress to lower prescription drug costs	Positive McBath ad

2020 “Good Guy” Paid Media Transcripts

NRCC

Title: [Lying Lucy McBath Flip Flops on Guns](#) (30 seconds – digital)

Date: 6/11/19

Transcript:

SUPER: Lucy McBath Says One Thing In Georgia...

MCBATH: I want this to be on the record.

SUPER: “I want this to be on the record...”

MCBATH: I am a supporter of the second amendment.

SUPER: “I am a supporter of the second amendment.”

SUPER: And the opposite in DC...

MCBATH (VO): Thank you for being hear today.

MCBATH: I hope you will take this charge back to your communities.

SUPER: “I hope you will take this charge back to your communities...”

MCBATH: And stand up for a gun-free society.

SUPER: “...and stand up for a gun-free society.”

SUPER: Lucy McBath Can’t Be Trusted

SUPER: NRCC

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2020 “Bad Guy” Paid Media Transcripts

Protect Our Care

Title: [Congresswoman Lucy McBath: Leading the Fight to Protect Our Care](#)

Date: 5/17/19

Transcript:

VO: We have big news. Congresswoman Lucy McBath just voted to lower your health care costs and protect people with pre-existing conditions.

SUPER: Congresswoman Lucy McBath
Representing the 6th District of Georgia

VO: Congresswoman Lucy McBath stood up to the big drug companies and made it harder for them to rig the system so they can rake in bigger profits by charging you more.

SUPER: House Passes H.R. 987:
Strengthening Health Care And Lowering Drug Costs Act

CITATION: 5/16/2019

VO: And she stood up to the insurance companies so they can’t sell you...

SUPER: The New York Times
With Insurance Bill Passage, House Democrats Begin Health Care Blitz

CITATION: 5/9/2019

VO: ...junk insurance that won’t cover you if you have a pre-existing condition or pay for the treatments you need if you get sick.

SUPER: House Passes H.R. 986:
Protecting Americans With Pre-Existing Conditions Act

CITATION: 5/9/2019

VO: Congresswoman Lucy McBath is leading the fight to protect our care. Call her, and tell her to keep fighting.

SUPER: Call Congresswoman Lucy McBath
202-224-3121

Tell her to keep fighting to protect our care.

SUPER: PAID FOR BY PROTECT OUR CARE

2018 Cycle (Special And General)

Handel “Bad Guy” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
4/11/17	Gray for Congress	Running for Herself	Attacking Handel as a self-absorbed opportunist	Negative Handel attack ad
4/13/17	Club for Growth	Gamble	Attacking Handel for supporting tax hikes	Negative Handel attack ad
3/28/17	Club for Growth	Trees	Attacking Handel as a big spender	Negative Handel attack ad

4/9/17	DCCC	Ride	Attacking Karen Handel as a career politician who supported cuts to crucial programs while looking out for her own personal comfort	Negative Handel attack ad
5/2/17	DCCC	Travel	Attacking Handel for going on foreign trips on taxpayer money while Georgia was reeling	Negative Handel attack ad
5/3/17	DCCC	Career Politician	Attacking Handel as a career politician	Negative Handel attack ad
5/3/17	DCCC	Office Budget	Attacking Handel for increasing her own office budget while Georgia went through its own budget crisis	Negative Handel attack ad
5/19/17	DCCC	SUV	Attacking Handel for wasteful personal spending on taxpayer money	Negative Handel attack ad
5/18/17	DCCC	Decisions	Attacking Handel for being an out of touch career politician	Negative Handel attack ad
6/8/17	DCCC	Pattern	Attacking Handel for a pattern of wasteful personal spending on taxpayer money	Negative Handel attack ad
4/10/17	ECU	Tireless and Effective	Praising Ossoff as a corruption fighter	Positive Ossoff ad
5/30/17	HMP	Signs	Attacking Handel for being a career politician looking to climb the ladder	Negative Handel attack ad
3/3/17	Ossoff for Congress	Accountable	Ossoff vows to work to attract more high tech jobs to the district, fix the ACA, etc.	Positive Ossoff ad
3/3/17	Ossoff for Congress	Countdown	Highlighting Ossoff's experience as a national security aide	Positive Ossoff ad
3/7/17	Ossoff for Congress	Warrior 2	Touting Ossoff's record as a corruption fighter	Positive Ossoff ad
3/7/17	Ossoff for Congress	Warrior 3	Touting Ossoff's record as a corruption fighter	Positive Ossoff ad
3/3/17	Ossoff for Congress	Warrior	Touting Ossoff's record as a corruption fighter	Positive Ossoff ad
3/27/17	Ossoff for Congress	Unite	Joh Lewis endorses Ossoff	Positive Ossoff ad
3/27/17	Ossoff for Congress	Clear	John Lewis endorses Ossoff	Positive Ossoff ad
3/27/17	Ossoff for Congress	Dark Times	John Lewis endorses Ossoff	Positive Ossoff ad
4/5/17	Ossoff for Congress	Tweet	Ossoff says he can legislate and stand up to Trump at the same time	Positive Ossoff ad
N/A	Ossoff for Congress	Shameful	Ossoff denounces GOP ads that smear his record as a national security aide	Positive Ossoff ad

4/6/17	Ossoff for Congress	Next Level	Ossoff highlights the need to fix the ACA and attract more tech jobs to the district	Positive Ossoff ad
4/9/17	Ossoff for Congress	Entrepreneur	Local entrepreneur praises Ossoff for prioritizing tech and research job growth	Positive Ossoff ad
4/8/17	Ossoff for Congress	Proud	Ossoff denounces GOP attacks that claim he supports big government and wasteful spending	Positive Ossoff ad
4/11/17	Ossoff for Congress	Energy	Ossoff encourages people to vote on 4/18	Positive Ossoff ad
4/22/17	Ossoff for Congress	Wasting	Ossoff pledges to cut wasteful spending	Positive Ossoff ad
4/26/17	Ossoff for Congress	Table	Ossoff pledges to cut wasteful spending	Positive Ossoff ad
5/3/17	Ossoff for Congress	Karen Handel Spends Your Money On Herself	Attacking Handel for wasteful personal spending with taxpayer dollars	Negative Handel attack ad
5/15/17	Ossoff for Congress	Connected	Ossoff pledges to prioritize high-tech research	Positive Ossoff ad
5/14/17	Ossoff for Congress	Unforgivable	Attacking Handel for her record when she worked at the Komen Foundation	Negative Handel attack ad
6/6/17	Ossoff for Congress	Just Ask	Ossoff touts his commitment to growing the economy	Positive Ossoff ad
6/13/17	Ossoff for Congress	Deserve	Ossoff denounces wasteful spending in Washington	Positive Ossoff ad
4/10/17	MoveOn	The Void	Praises Ossoff for supporting the ACA	Positive Ossoff ad
5/2/17	MoveOn	Karen Handel Won't Stand Up For Georgians	Slams Karen Handel for failing to denounce the AHCA	Negative Handel attack ad
7/23/18	McBath Campaign	Something Different	General ad. Using her experience as a breast cancer survivor and losing her son to create coalitions in DC.	Positive McBath ad
10/17/18	McBath Campaign	Right to Choose	Karen Handel is anti-abortion.	Negative Handel attack ad
10/25/18	McBath Campaign	Cancer	McBath is a cancer survivor, and Handel would cut pre-existing conditions coverage.	Positive McBath ad, Negative Handel attack ad
22/2/18	McBath Campaign	Strength	McBath is a strong candidate while Handel is weak.	Positive McBath ad, Negative Handel attack ad
10/5/18	DCCC	Jordan	McBath's son was tragically murdered in an act of gun violence, McBath is a hard worker and supported middle class tax cuts.	Positive McBath ad

5/14/18	Everytown	Grief into Purpose	McBath turned her grief into activism.	Positive McBath ad
10/12/18	Everytown	Little Less	McBath will lower taxes for middle class families.	Positive McBath ad
10/30/18	Everytown and HMP	Breast Cancer	McBath was a cancer survivor and Handel is bad on health care.	Positive McBath ad, Negative Handel attack ad

Handel "Good Guy" Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
4/14/17	America First Policies	Misleading	Attacking Ossoff's credibility	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/3/17	America First Policies	Clear	Attacking Ossoff for supporting higher taxes and regulations	Negative Ossoff attack ad
4/7/17	Club for Growth	Yes Man	Attacking Ossoff for being a Pelosi pawn	Negative Ossoff attack ad
3/24/17	CLF	Rubber Stamp	Attacking Ossoff as a rubber stamp for Democratic priorities	Negative Ossoff attack ad
3/1/17	CLF	The Truth Strikes Back	Attacking Ossoff for a Star Wars-themed video from his college days	Negative Ossoff attack ad
4/3/17	CLF	Jon Ossoff: Not Us	Tying Ossoff to Pelosi	Negative Ossoff attack ad
4/5/17	CLF	Jon Ossoff: Can We Trust Him?	Trying to tie Ossoff to terrorism since he was paid by Al Jazeera	Negative Ossoff attack ad
5/25/17	CLF	Service	Retired veteran says Ossoff can't be trusted for national security purposes	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/1/17	CLF	Kathy	Characterizing Ossoff as an extreme liberal with out of state donors	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/9/17	CLF	Only	Attacking Ossoff for being too liberal and a politician who will help balloon the deficit	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/13/17	CLF	Refuses	Attacking Ossoff for refusing to debate Handel	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/14/17	CLF	Costly	Attacking Ossoff as a big-spending, pro-amnesty liberal	Negative Ossoff attack ad
4/12/17	Ending Spending Inc.	Get Things Done	Saxby Chambliss endorses Handel	Positive Handel ad
4/6/17	Ending Spending Inc.	Proven Conservative	Touting Handel as a proven conservative with a strong track record	Positive Handel ad
4/6/17	Handel for Congress	Lightweight Liberal	Attacking Ossoff as a big spending liberal	Negative Ossoff attack ad
5/24/17	Handel for Congress	Safer	Attacking Ossoff as weak on national security	Negative Ossoff attack ad
5/24/17	Handel for Congress	Caught	Attacking Ossoff and calling him a perpetual liar	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/6/17	Handel for Congress	Front Line	Attacking Ossoff for exaggerating his security clearance	Negative Ossoff attack ad

6/8/17	Handel for Congress	Gridlock	Attacking Ossoff for relying on Pelosi's money, and touting Handel as someone who will break gridlock	Negative Ossoff/Positive Handel
3/29/17	Handel for Congress	Talk	Touting Handel's record getting things done and fighting the Obama administration	Positive Handel ad
4/6/17	Handel for Congress	Games	Selling herself as a politician focused on getting things done	Positive Handel ad
4/24/17	Handel for Congress	I deliver	Touting herself as a lawmaker with a proven conservative track record	Positive Handel ad
5/2/17	Handel for Congress	Story	Handel advertising herself as a hard worker with a humble beginning	Positive Handel ad
5/16/17	Handel for Congress	Home	Handel highlighting her longstanding ties to Georgia's 6 th district	Positive Handel ad
5/18/17	Handel for Congress	Anne	Anne, a cancer patient, supporting Handel and lamenting attack ads against her	Positive Handel ad
6/12/17	Handel for Congress	Sen. Isakson Radio Ad For Karen Handel	Isakson endorsing Handel	Positive Handel ad
6/13/17	Handel for Congress	About you	Handel touting her proven record	Positive Handel ad
4/13/17	NRCC	Vote	Calling Ossoff a liar	Negative Ossoff attack ad
4/10/17	NRCC	At Stake	Attacking Ossoff for misrepresenting his credentials	Negative Ossoff attack ad
4/2/17	NRCC	DC Liberal	Portraying Ossoff as too liberal for the district	Negative Ossoff attack ad
4/22/17	NRCC	Untitled	Calling Ossoff a liar	Negative Ossoff attack ad
5/11/17	NRCC	Serious	Portraying Ossoff as a threat to national security	Negative Ossoff attack ad
5/31/17	NRCC	Just Too Risky	Tying Ossoff to terrorism because Democrats support refugee resettlement	Negative Ossoff attack ad
5/31/17	NRCC	Vote	Depicting Ossoff as a DC insider	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/1/17	NRCC	The Extravagant, Privileged Life Of Jon Ossoff	Attacking Ossoff as an elitist	Negative Ossoff ad
6/8/17	NRCC	Childish Radicals	Tying Ossoff to "radicals" and Hollywood outsiders	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/12/17	NRCC	Vote	Calling Ossoff a liar	Negative Ossoff attack ad
6/13/17	NRCC	Out-of-town Ossoff	Attacking Ossoff for living outside of the district	Negative Ossoff attack ad

N/A	Principled Leadership PAC	Stop the Violent Left	Tying Ossoff to violent leftists, who supposedly support shooting Republicans	Negative Ossoff attack ad
5/1/17	U.S. Chamber Action	Hollywood	Attacking Ossoff for receiving out of state liberal funding	Negative Ossoff attack ad
5/9/17	U.S. Chamber Action	Johnny Isakson: I'm voting for Karen Handel	Isakson endorses Handel	Positive Handel ad
10/17/18	Karen Handel Campaign	Spends A Lot	McBath is and out of town and a member of the progressive establishment who want to double your taxes.	Negative McBath attack ad
10/23/18	NRCC	Insurance	McBath would eliminate employer based coverage.	Negative McBath attack ad
10/31/18	NRCC	Seen This Movie	McBath is a Pelosi candidate who is bad on immigration and health care.	Negative McBath attack ad

2018 "Good Guy" Paid Media Transcripts

America First Policies

TITLE: ['Misleading'](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/6/17

Terror in Britain, France, Germany, here at home
 When it comes to our security it comes to our security we expect our leaders to tell the truth
 But liberal Democrat Jon Ossoff was caught misleading us on his experience
 Puffing up his qualifications and embellishing his record to get votes
 If we can't trust Jon Ossoff to tell the truth about his own resume
 We can't trust him to protect us in Congress
 America First Policies is responsible for the content of this advertising

TITLE: [Clear](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/13/17

Narrator: Washington thinks this special election is about them
 But it's really about choosing someone who represents you
 Liberal Democrat Jon Ossoff supports higher taxes and more Washington regulations
 While Karen Handel will fight to put more money in your pocket and for better jobs here at home
 So this June 20th the choice for you, the choice for us couldn't be clearer
 Karen Handel for Congress
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Congressional Leadership Fund

TITLE: [Jon Ossoff's Resume](#) (30 Seconds)

DATE: 4/12/17

ANNCR: 30-year-old liberal Jon Ossoff isn't telling you the truth.

OSSOFF: I've got five years of experience as a national security staffer.

ANNCR: Not True. Fact-checkers agree that Ossoff is puffing up his resume. Ossoff will seemingly say anything to hide the truth. Ossoff would vote with Nancy Pelosi to weaken our military. And Ossoff supports the dangerous Iranian nuclear deal. Jon Ossoff can't be trusted. Congressional Leadership Fund is responsible for the content of this advertising.

TITLE: [Jon Ossoff: A Rubber Stamp](#) (30 Seconds)

DATE: 3/24/17

VOICEOVER: Jon Ossoff tried to fool you by inflating his resume.

Now he's using dishonest ads to hide his liberal values. The truth is, Nancy Pelosi's friends are bankrolling Ossoff's campaign because Ossoff will rubber-stamp her liberal agenda.

Higher taxes on the middle class, job destroying regulations, billions in new spending, don't be fooled

Liberal Jon Ossoff is a rubber stamp for Pelosi's agenda.

TITLE: [The Truth Strikes Back](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 3/1/17

VOICEOVER: Jon Ossoff really wants you to think he's ready to be in Congress

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. National security staffer?

Ossoff: I've got 5 years of experience as a national security staffer.

VOICEOVER: There's just one problem. Ossoff wasn't exactly fighting terrorism - he was in college playing dress-up with his drinking buddies.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. I'm Han Solo, Captain of the Millenium Falcon.

Ossoff: I'm Han Solo, Captain of the Millenium Falcon.

VOICEOVER: Jon Ossoff. Not serious, not honest, not ready.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. Not serious, not honest, not ready.

VOICEOVER: Sorry Jonny, but the truth strikes back.

SUPER: The truth strikes back.

VOICEOVER: Congressional Leadership Fund is responsible for the contents of this advertising.

TITLE: [The Truth Strikes Back](#) (60 seconds)

DATE: 3/1/17

VOICEOVER: Jon Ossoff really wants you to think he's ready to be in Congress

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. National security staffer?

OSSOFF: I've got 5 years of experience as a national security staffer.

VOICEOVER: There's just one problem. Ossoff wasn't exactly fighting terrorism- he was fighting restrictions on keg parties. You see, Ossoff was just a college kid. Doing things like dressing up with his drinking buddies and pretending to be Han Solo.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. I'm Han Solo, Captain of the Millenium Falcon. She's the baby that ran four kegs by DOPS in under 3 parsecs.

OSSOFF: I'm Han Solo, Captain of the Millenium Falcon. She's the baby that ran four kegs by DOPS in under 3 parsecs.

VOICEOVER: And here's Ossoff and his drinking buddies making fun of Georgetown's female students.

CHOIR: Georgetown girls, you know she's living in her M St world

VOICEOVER: Jon Ossoff. Not serious, not honest, not ready.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. Not serious, not honest, not ready.

VOICEOVER: Sorry Jonny, but the truth strikes back.

SUPER: The truth strikes back.

VOICEOVER: Congressional Leadership Fund is responsible for the contents of this advertising.

TITLE: [Jon Ossoff: Not Us \(30 seconds\)](#)**DATE: 4/3/17****NARRATOR:** If you don't like Nancy Pelosi's agenda, you won't like Jon Ossoff**SUPER:** If you don't like Nancy Pelosi**NARRATOR:** Ossoff is dishonest and liberal**SUPER:** You won't like Jon Ossoff. Ossoff: dishonest and liberal**NARRATOR:** Ossoff inflated his resume to fool you**SUPER:** Ossoff inflated his resume**NARRATOR:** Now Ossoff's trying to hide his liberal values**SUPER:** Ossoff's hiding his liberal values**NARRATOR:** The truth is Ossoff will rubber-stamp Pelosi's extreme agenda**SUPER:** Ossoff will rubber-stamp Pelosi's agenda**NARRATOR:** Bigger government, more spending, higher taxes, a weaker military**SUPER:** Ossoff and Pelosi: bigger government, more spending, higher taxes, a weaker military**NARRATOR:** Liberal Jon Ossoff, he's with Pelosi, not us**SUPER:** Liberal Jon Ossoff: he's with Pelosi, not us**NARRATOR:** On April 18th, stop Ossoff and Pelosi**SUPER:** On April 18th, stop Ossoff and Pelosi. Vote no.**NARRATOR:** Vote no.**TITLE: [Jon Ossoff: How Can We Trust Him? \(28 seconds\)](#)****DATE: 4/5/17****NARRATOR:** Al Jazeera, a media outlet that has been described as a mouthpiece for terrorists,**SUPER:** Al Jazeera "Mouthpiece for terrorists" American Journalism Review, 4/21/11**NARRATOR:** Has been paying Jon Ossoff thousands of dollars.**SUPER:** "Al Jazeera paid Georgia Democrat over \$5,000 in past 15 months." The Washington Free Beacon, 3/22/17**NARRATOR:** But Jon refuses to tell voters exactly how much money he's received.**SUPER:** "The Ossoff Campaign did not respond to inquiries about the exact amount Ossoff has received from Al Jazeera." The Washington Free Beacon, 3/22/17**NARRATOR:** Just like Jon refuses to tell voters the truth about his experience.**SUPER:** "Jon Ossoff awarded a Pinocchio for puffing up his resume." Atlanta Journal-Constitution.**NARRATOR:** What is he hiding? How can we trust him?**SUPER:** What is he hiding?**TITLE: [Hollywood vs Georgia \(30 seconds\)](#)****DATE: 4/19/17****NARRATOR:** 95% of Jon Ossoff's campaign donors**SUPER:** 95% of Ossoff campaign donors**NARRATOR:** Are liberals from outside Georgia.**SUPER:** Are from outside Georgia**ANCHOR:** You don't live in your congressional district, and the enormous \$8.3 million you raised in the first quarter has come largely from out-of-state donors. Is it effective for Republicans to paint you as someone who will be more beholden to national Democrats than your constituents?**NARRATOR:** Jon Ossoff would be Nancy Pelosi's Congressman. Not ours.**SUPER:** Jon Ossoff, Pelosi's Congressman. Not ours.**NARRATOR:** Congressional Leadership Fund is responsible for the contents of this advertising.**TITLE: [Thank You, Georgia \(30 seconds\)](#)**

DATE: 5/9/17

NARRATOR: Hi Georgia, San Francisco just wanted to say thank you
We already have Nancy Pelosi as our Congresswoman now your gonna give us Jon Ossoff as our Congressman
We're proud that California is the leading funder of the Jon Ossoff campaign
He's one of us
We're really excited that Jon Ossoff likes higher taxes
Pelosi and Ossoff will weaken the military, ISIS they're overrated
San Francisco loves them some Jon Ossoff
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TITLE: [Golden Gate](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/22/17

Person 1: There's a reason Bay Area liberals have contributed more to Jon Ossoff's campaign than people in Georgia. He's one of us.

Person 2: Ossoff and Pelosi? That's a dream team.

Person 3: San Francisco "hearts" Ossoff.

Person 4: Higher taxes? Bigger government? Sweet!

Person 5: Ossoff and Pelosi want to weaken the military.

Person 6: It's not like we're fighting a war or anything.

Person 7: Nancy Pelosi and Jon Ossoff will get it done.

Person 5: Georgia, make San Francisco proud! Send Jon Ossoff to Congress.

Narrator: Congressional Leadership Fund is responsible for the contents of this advertising.

TITLE: [Service](#) (30 Seconds)

DATE: 5/25/17

CAPTAIN DONNA ROW [RET.]: I served in Vietnam as an Army nurse and my late husband served the military for thirty years

I know the sacrifices that veterans make to defend America

That's why I'm opposing Jon Ossoff

Ossoff is a liberal and immature

and he lied to us about his national security experience

Ossoff would vote with Nancy Pelosi to put our soldiers and our dear country at risk

Jon Ossoff cannot be trusted

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TITLE: [Kathy](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/01/17

NARRATOR: Liberal extremists have gone too far

Smashing windows, burning cars, dividing America

Now a celebrity Jon Ossoff supporter is making jokes about beheading the President of the United States.

It's not funny.

These angry liberals will go to any extreme elect Jon Ossoff.

There is a reason that 95% of Ossoff's campaign donors are out of state liberals

He is one of them.

TITLE: "[Only](#)" (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/9/17

Narrator: Nancy Pelosi and Washington liberals put us \$20 trillion in debt
Jon Ossoff would make things worse
Voting for higher taxes, more spending, and job-crushing regulations
Ossoff and Pelosi, bigger government we cant afford
As Georgia's only woman in Congress Karen Handel will fight hard for working families
Supporting a balanced budget amendment, fighting waste, putting Georgia taxpayers and Georgia jobs first
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TITLE: [Refuses](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/13/17

Woman narrator: Why is Jon Ossoff refusing to debate Karen Handel?
Ossoff ducked the CNN debate because he doesn't want to answer the tough questions.
Ossoff doesn't want to talk about his national security exaggerations
Or how he doesn't live in our district
Or why he'd rubber-stamp Nancy Pelosi's liberal agenda.
Jon Ossoff. Not ready for prime time. Not ready for Congress.
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TITLE: [Costly](#) (60 seconds, radio)

DATE: 6/14/17

Narrator: Jon Ossoff is a Nancy Pelosi tax hiking, amnesty loving, Obamacare defending liberal
In Washington, Ossoff would rubberstamp Pelosi's agenda
Liberal Jon Ossoff supports a \$2 trillion dollar spending bill and a trillion dollar tax hike
His views on National Security are even more radical
Ossoff would let dangerous Syrians into America even though ISIS has used Syrian refugees to conduct terrorist attacks
Ossoff supports the reckless Iran Deal that gave billions to a regime that chants death to America
And Ossoff would vote with Pelosi to weaken our military putting American soldiers and our homeland at risk
Higher taxes, Obamacare, amnesty, and a weaker military
Jon Ossoff's loyalty to Pelosi would be costly for Georgia
The stakes are high vote on June 20 to stop Ossoff and Pelosi
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Ending Spending Inc.

TITLE: [Gets Things Done](#) (30 Seconds)

Date: 4/12/17

SAXBY CHAMBLISS: For Congress, Georgians have a clear, conservative choice in Karen Handel.
I worked with Karen personally when she was Secretary of State. She simply gets things done.
Karen balanced budgets without raising taxes and helped create tens of thousands of jobs,
And in Congress she'll fight for lower taxes and to strengthen our national security.
On April 18 vote Karen Handel for United States Congress.

TITLE: [Proven Conservative](#) (30 Seconds)

Date: 4/06/17

VOICEOVER: Lots of campaign promises, but who's gotten results?
NARRATOR: As Chair of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, Karen Handel turned a \$100 million deficit into a balanced budget, without raising taxes.

NARRATOR: As local Chamber of Commerce President, Handel helped create tens of thousands of jobs. And in Congress, she'll fight to lower taxes.

NARRATOR: In this race, there's only one proven Conservative who will fight for Georgia. Vote Karen Handel for Congress.

TITLE: [Proven Conservative](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 4/3/17

NARRATOR: Lots of campaign promises, but who's gotten results?

SUPER: Who's gotten results? Karen Handel

NARRATOR: As chair of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners

SUPER: Karen Handel, as Chair of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners

NARRATOR: Karen Handel turned a \$100 million deficit into a balanced budget, without raising taxes

SUPER: Balanced the budget without raising taxes

NARRATOR: As local chamber of commerce president

SUPER: Karen Handel, Former President, North Fulton Chamber of Commerce

NARRATOR: Handel helped create tens of thousands of jobs

SUPER: Karen Handel helped create tens of thousands of jobs

NARRATOR: And in Congress, she'll fight to lower taxes

SUPER: Karen Handel, lower taxes, fiscal conservative

NARRATOR: In this race, there's only one proven conservative who will fight for Georgia

SUPER: The proven conservative who will fight for Georgia

NARRATOR: Vote Karen Handel for Congress

SUPER: Karen Handel for Congress, a proven conservative leader for Georgia, vote April 18th

NARRATOR: Ending Spending Inc. is responsible for this advertising

Family Policy Alliance

TITLE: [Georgia 6th District: Vote for Karen Handel on June 20](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/23/17

NARRATOR: Why is Planned Parenthood spending big money to fund Jon Ossoff when he says

OSSOFF: 'because I'll work with anybody in Washington who respects your tax dollars'

NARRATOR: What he really means is that he wants to give more of our money to

Planned Parenthood to fund abortions

Jon Ossoff, not from this district, not for our families, not trustworthy with our tax dollars

On June 20 send Karen Handel a proven fighter against Planned Parenthood

A proven fighter for us to Congress

Georgia Life Alliance

TITLE: ['One Choice'](#)

DATE: 6/2/17

What would life be like if you only had one choice

If every decision you tried to make was already made for you

If you only had one choice how much freedom would you really have

Most women that get abortions believe they have no other choice

Planned Parenthood and Jon Ossoff are spending millions to keep it that way

On June 20th let Planned Parenthood know you have options

Vote no to Jon Ossoff

Georgia Life Alliance Action Fund is responsible for the content of this message

Handel For Congress

TITLE: “[Jon Ossoff - Lightweight Liberal](#)” (1:14)

DATE: 4/16/17

SUPER: FROM THE PARTY THAT BROUGHT YOU

VOICEOVER: We're talking twenty-five percent across the board increases

SUPER: OBAMACARE

VOICEOVER: One and a half trillion dollars. That is how much house democrats want to hike taxes over the next ten years.

SUPER: HIGHER TAXES AND REGULATIONS

VOICEOVER: We have to pass the bill so you can, uh, find out what is in it.

SUPER: FAILED SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI

VOICEOVER: My fear is the whole island will tip over and capsize

SUPER: AND CONGRESSMAN HANK JOHNSON

SUPER: COMES A NEW OUT OF TOUCH LIBERAL IN GEORGIA

SUPER: NANCY PELOSI'S HAND-PICKED CANDIDATE

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: LIBERALS ARE “POURING CASH[...] TO OSSOFF” - POLITICO 2/2/2017

SUPER: “NETTING OSSOFF NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN A FEW WEEKS” - LOS ANGELES TIMES - 3/2/2017

SUPER: WE CAN STOP THEM

SUPER: ON APRIL 18TH

SUPER: SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE WHO CAN DEFEAT HIM

SUPER: AND DELIVER FOR US

SUPER: KAREN HANDEL

SUPER: JOIN KAREN'S CAMPAIGN

SUPER: KARENHANDEL.COM

SUPER: PAID FOR BY KAREN HANDEL FOR CONGRESS, INC.

TITLE: [Talk](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 3/29/17

SUPER: Karen Handel

NARRATOR (Karen Handel): Haven't we had enough of the politicians who talk of a big game and never deliver. We've seen swamps, animals, shovels, and scare tactics.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff former national security

SUPER: Karen Handel

NARRATOR: Enough with the empty promises and gimmicks. I'm Karen Handel. I balanced Fulton County's budget without raising taxes.

SUPER: Balanced the budget

NARRATOR: As Secretary of State, I fought President Obama to implement photo ID and won.

SUPER: Implemented photo ID

NARRATOR: In Congress, I'll fight for Georgia's families and businesses. I'm Karen Handel and I approve this message but I'll do more than talk, I'll deliver.

SUPER: Karen Handel for Congress

SUPER: Paid for by Karen Handel for Congress, Inc. Approved by Karen Handel

TITLE: [Games](#) (36 seconds)

DATE: 04/06/17

Karen Handel: I'm Karen Handel.

SUPER: Karen Handel.

Karen Handel: The other guys in this race want to play games.

SUPER: Steve Handel

Steve Handel: I think I'm gonna need a bigger handle.

Karen Handel: I'm tired of the gimmicks. I'm running for Congress to get things done.

Steve Handel: Honey, I got it. Washington can't handle Handel.

Karen Handel: I've balanced budgets without raising taxes and took on the Obama administration and won. In Washington, I'll keep fighting and winning for you.

Steve Handel: I'm draining the swamp!

Karen Handel: *laughs* Enough with the games, I'm Karen Handel and I approve this message because I'll deliver.

SUPER: Karen Handel for Congress. Paid for by Karen Handel for Congress, Inc. Approved by Karen Handel.

TITLE: [I Deliver](#) (30 Seconds)

DATE: 4/24/17

Handel: I'm Karen Handel

I've been called resilient, tough, even stubborn because I fight for my conservative principles

And I've delivered for the people of Georgia

In Fulton County I balanced the budget without tax increases when few thought I could

As Secretary of State I took on Obama to implement photo ID and I won

In Congress I'll fight for Georgia's families and businesses

I'm Karen Handel and I approve this message because while others talk I deliver

TITLE: [Story](#) (60 seconds)

DATE: 5/2/17

Karen Handel: I've had to be tough, my whole life.

SUPER: Karen Handel on why she's running

Karen Handel: I moved out when I was seventeen, to get away from a pretty tough and difficult family environment

SUPER: Karen Handel

Karen Handel: Stayed with friends, and finished high school, got a full-time job, then a part-time job, and then another part-time job, to make ends meet. And that makes a person not only strong and tough, but also resilient, and empathetic about other folks who are going through their own challenges and difficult situations.

SUPER: Karenhandel.com

Karen Handel: I think those are good qualities for someone who is going to be in Congress, because we need a really hard worker, and the people of the 6th District need someone who's going to fight for them, and be tough for them. I'm going to work really hard to earn the vote of the people of the 6th and work really hard to deliver, because I have a track record of doing what I say I'm going to do. I have a track record of delivering real results.

SUPER: Vote Karen Handel on June 20th. Paid for by Karen Handel for Congress.

TITLE: [Home](#) (31 seconds)

DATE: 5/16/17

Handel: I've been involved in the sixth district for almost 25 years.

SUPER: Karen Handel

Handel: From my time as Fulton County Commission chairman, and my time as Secretary of State, and even from my time as President of the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce.

Handel: We just love this community, it's home for us. To be able to do good for the people of this district who aren't just constituents for me, they are friends, to Steve and I. It would be extraordinary, and a real privilege.

SUPER: Karen Handel. June 20th

Handel: I'm Karen Handel, and I approve this message.

TITLE: [Anne](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/18/17

Anne: I'm Anne. I'm currently fighting cancer. When I see ads attacking Karen Handel, they make me sick. Karen is one of the strongest advocates for women I know. She stands up for us, and she stands by us when we need her most. I know because she's one of my best friends. Ignore the attacks. Let's elect a woman we can count on.

Handel: I'm Karen Handel, and I approve this message.

SUPER: Karen Handel for Congress.

TITLE: [Safer](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/24/17

NARRATOR: America under threat

Super: America under threat

NARRATOR: North Korea marching towards nuclear weapons

Super: North Korea marching towards nuclear weapons

NARRATOR: ISIS inspired attacks here and abroad

Super: ISIS inspired attacks here and abroad

NARRATOR: Republicans in Congress working to make us safer

Super: Republicans in Congress working to make us safer

NARRATOR: But liberal Jon Ossoff still supports the disastrous Iran nuclear deal

Super: Liberal Jon Ossoff still supports the disastrous Iran nuclear deal

NARRATOR: Which gave Iran billions while they still fund terrorism

Super: Liberal Jon Ossoff Gave Iran billions while they still fund terrorism

NARRATOR: And put them on a path toward a nuclear weapon

Super: Path towards nuclear weapons

NARRATOR: House Republicans are fighting to protect our national security

Super: House Republicans are fighting to protect our national security

NARRATOR: On June 20th, send them help.

Super: Vote Republican on June 20th Karen Handel for Congress

NARRATOR: Send them Karen Handel.

Handel: I'm Karen Handel and I approve this message.

TITLE: [Caught](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/24/17

NARRATOR: Jon Ossoff had a problem

SUPER: Jon Ossoff had a problem

NARRATOR: No experience, no record of success

SUPER: Ossoff's national security comments are "misleading"

NARRATOR: So he intentionally misled us to get our vote.

The problem is, he got caught.

SUPER: He got caught. Ossoff admits he misrepresented national security credentials

Now Jon Ossoff and his liberal allies have been caught lying about Karen Handel too.

SUPER: Caught lying In Georgia, Dem attack on GOP's Handel falls wide of the mark.

NARRATOR: The fact is, Karen Handel has a record of balancing budgets, cutting spending and putting Georgia first.

SUPER: Fact is, Karen Handel "a reasonable and even handed budget that doesn't raise taxes or cut out good programs" balancing budgets, cutting spending, Georgia First

NARRATOR: Looks like the real problem Ossoff has, is with the truth.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff has a problem with the truth

TITLE: [Front Line](#) (30 Seconds)

DATE: 6/6/17

VOICEOVER: I'm Karen Handel and I approve this message

SERGEANT McGARRY: As an army ranger, I deployed five times to the Middle East fighting to keep Americans safe

Jon Ossoff said he sent a team to the front line against ISIS

I fought for our country, Jon Ossoff hired a film crew

For him to say that's being on the front lines is disgraceful

He exaggerated his security clearance too

Jon Ossoff is not fit to serve in Congress.

TITLE: ["Gridlock"](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/8/17

HANDEL: Around here, we know a thing or two about gridlock.

In Congress, we need leaders who will work to solve problems, like fixing these roads.

But my opponent – he's raising millions from Nancy Pelosi and partisan outsiders on a mission to slow us down.

We've had enough of that. I'll work to get funding for roads and cut the red tape.

I'm Karen Handel, and I approved this message, because I'll work with anyone to get Georgia moving.

TITLE: [Sen. Isakson Radio Ad For Karen Handel](#)

DATE: 6/12/17

Johnny Isakson: Hello I'm United States Senator Johnny Isakson

On June the 20th we have a critical special election and I'm asking you to join me in voting for Karen Handel

I live in the sixth district and I know Karen Handel embodies our values

She's a proven fiscal conservative

A reformer who delivers results for Georgia families and Georgia businesses

Karen's tackled deficits, passed balanced budgets without increasing taxes, and she got photo I.D. done

In Congress we can trust Karen to fight to cut spending and reduce the role of federal government in our lives

She supports repealing and replacing Obamacare and passing tax reform to get the economy going

I know Karen Handel is a proven leader who will represent us well in Washington

On June the 20th join me, United States Senator Johnny Isakson in voting for Karen Handel for Congress

I'm Karen Handel candidate for Congress and I approve this message

Paid for by Handel for Congress Inc.

TITLE: ["About You"](#)

DATE: 6/13/17

Karen Handel: Sometimes are choices are clear

I have a proven record in the private sector and in public service

Experience I want to put to work for you

My opponent doesn't live here, doesn't share our values

He's raised millions outside of Georgia from Nancy Pelosi and outsiders who just don't share our priorities

He wants to make it about them, it should be about you

I'm Karen Handel and I approve this message

Title: [Spends A Lot](#)

Date: 10/17/18

VO: Out-of-towner Lucy McBath runs with the DC crowd.

VO: They're spending a lot to get her to Washington so they can have their way.

VO: Allowing them to push their government run health care scheme that would eliminate employer paid coverage, end Medicare as we know it for seniors and could double our income taxes to pay for it.

VO: Lucy McBath, running with the wrong crowd and we pay the price.

Title: [Combat Human Trafficking](#)

Date: 8/22/18

Karen Handel: Metro Atlanta is a real hub for human trafficking.

Text: Fox 5 Atlanta, 3/14/17

KH: In Congress, the very first bill that I cosponsored was a bill to help combat human trafficking.

Text: H.R. 1865

KH: I left a troubled home when I was 17, but for the grace of God I was able to stay safe. Unfortunately that's not the case for so many young people.

Text: WSBTV Atlanta, 6/6/18

KH: I am determined to end human trafficking.

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TITLE: [Vote](#) (32 seconds)

DATE: 4/13/17

SUPER: Wayne, Johns Creek:

Wayne: Jon Ossoff lied about his credentials.

SUPER: Robin, Johns Creek:

Robin: What else has he lied about?

Wayne: There's enough liars in D.C.

SUPER: Maureen, Roswell

Maureen: He lived in D.C. He worked in D.C. They own him.

Robin: Nancy Pelosi and the liberals are giving him missions

Wayne: Because Jon Ossoff would be a complete puppet.

SUPER: Fred, Roswell

Fred: He's basically going to rubber stamp everything she wants to do.

Maureen: More wasteful spending

Fred: Higher taxes

Maureen: And a weaken military

Fred: Jon Ossoff is not one of us.

Robin: That's why we have to vote against Jon Ossoff.

SUPER: Vote Against Jon Ossoff

Robin: On April 18th.

SUPER: Vote against Jon Ossoff on April 18.

NARRATOR: NRCC is responsible for the content of this advertising.

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TITLE: [At Stake](#) (30 Seconds)

Date: 04/10/2017

FRED, ROSWELL: A bunch of slick ads trying to make us think he's qualified.

ROBIN, JOHNS CREEK: But that was all a lie.

VOICEOVER: DC liberal Jon Ossoff caught misrepresenting his credentials.

MAUREEN, ROSWELL: He's just not who he says he is.

ROBIN: Jon Ossoff doesn't even live here, he can't represent us!

WAYNE, JOHN'S CREEK: For me there's too much at stake to give our only vote in Congress to a liberal Democrat.

FRED: Obamacare has got to go, so do Democrats like Jon Ossoff who support it.

ROBIN: Jon Ossoff is just too liberal.

FRED: Way too liberal.

TITLE: [It's Clear](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 3/3/17

SUPER: Tax day!

NARRATOR: This year, April 18th is Tax Day...

SUPER: Election Day

NARRATOR: ...but it's also Election Day and Republicans face a crucial vote.

SUPER: Republicans need your vote.

NARRATOR: Nancy Pelosi and liberal politicians are flooding into Georgia...

SUPER: Trying to stop Republicans

NARRATOR: to try and stop our Republican majority that's getting things done.

SUPER: Getting things done

SUPER: April 2017

SUPER: Tuesday 18

SUPER: Republicans need your help

NARRATOR: Republicans need your help to defend our values...

SUPER: Protect our values

NARRATOR: bring back jobs

SUPER: Bring back jobs

NARRATOR: ...and lower taxes.

SUPER: Lower taxes

SUPER: Election Day

NARRATOR: On April 18th, the stakes are too high to stay home.

SUPER: Tuesday April 18th

SUPER: Vote Republican

NARRATOR: Get out and vote Republican for Congress. The NRCC is responsible for the content of this advertising.

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TITLE: [DC Liberal](#)

Date: 4/2/17

NARRATOR: DC Liberal Jon Ossoff wants to represent us in Congress but he doesn't even live here

SUPER: D.C. liberal Jon Ossoff doesn't even live here

NARRATOR: Ossoff Lived and worked with the liberals in Washington (Lewis and Ossoff video)

NARRATOR: That's why Nancy Pelosi and her liberal allies are pouring millions into his campaign

SUPER: Liberals "pour cash" to Ossoff [Politico, 2/2/17]

NARRATOR: They know Ossoff strongly supports Obamacare

SUPER: Jon Ossoff supports Obamacare

Ossoff: Repealing it makes no sense

SUPER: "Individual Insurance Rates Spiking by Double Digits in Georgia" [Oct. 11, 2016 AJC] Trillion in Obamacare Taxes

NARRATOR: Even with a trillion in taxes and sky rocketing premiums in Georgia

NARRATOR: DC Liberal Jon Ossoff, he's just not one of us

SUPER: D.C. Liberal Jon Ossoff, Not One of Us

Untitled (30 Sec)**Date: 4/22/17****MAN:** John Ossoff lied about his credentials**WOMAN:** What else has he lied about?**MAN:** There's enough liars in DC**Woman:** He lived in DC, he worked in DC...they own him!**Woman:** Nancy Pelosi and the liberals are giving him millions!**Man:** Because Jon Ossoff would be a complete puppet**Man:** He's basically gonna rubber-stamp everything that she wants to do**Woman:** More wasteful spending**Man:** Higher taxes**Woman:** and a weakened military**Woman:** Jon Ossoff doesn't even live here. He can't represent us!**Man:** Jon Ossoff is not one of us.**SUPER:** Jon Ossoff is not one of us.**Title: Fight (30 Sec)****4/27/17****VOICEOVER:** Hollywood celebrities, Democrat party bosses. Forcing DC liberal Jon Ossoff on Georgia.

Ossoff's support of Obamacare means higher insurance premiums, and a trillion in new taxes.

Jon Ossoff will fight for them.

But Karen Handel fights for us!

A 25-year resident of our district, Handel balanced Moulton County's budget without raising taxes.

As Secretary of State, Handel fought voter fraud.

Karen Handel: A Proven Fighter for Georgia.

TITLE: Serious (30 seconds)**DATE: 5/11/17****Narrator:** Terrorists in our shopping centers- jihadists in our streets.**SUPER:** DC Liberal Jon Ossoff**Narrator:** Jon Ossoff supports the deal allowing Iran billions. Iran- the leading state sponsor of terrorism. Billions that even John Kerry admits will fund terrorism.**Narrator:** The same Jon Ossoff who lied about his national security credentials sides with his liberal allies.**SUPER:** Planning another attack?**Narrator:** Naïve to terrorism? The threat is serious.**SUPER:** Jon Ossoff Dishonest. Dangerous.**Narrator:** But Jon Ossoff is not. NRCC is**TITLE: Just Too Risky (30 seconds)****DATE: 5/31/17****Narrator:** ISIS is infiltrating America and using Syrians to do it

The FBI warned we can't safely screen every Syrian

Yet Jon Ossoff's liberal party bosses brought 10,000 Syrian refugees to America

And Ossoff supports their dangerous Iran nuclear deal allowing billions for the leading sponsor of terrorism

Billions that will fund terror

While terrorists infiltrate and attack with our safety at risk

Jon Ossoff is just too risky

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TITLE: [Vote](#) (32 seconds)

DATE: 5/31/17

Man: Jon Ossoff lied about his credentials

Woman: What else is he lying about?

Man: There's enough liars in DC

Woman 2: He lived in DC, he worked in DC, they own him.

Woman: Nancy Pelosi and the liberals are giving him millions

Man: Because Jon Ossoff would be a complete puppet

Man 2: He's basically going to rubberstamp everything she wants to do

Woman 2: More wasteful spending

Man: Higher taxes

Woman 2: And a weakened military

Man: Jon Ossoff is not one of us

Woman: That's why we have to vote against Jon Ossoff on April 18

Narrator: NRCC is responsible for the contents of this advertising

TITLE: [Serious](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/11/17

Narrator: Terrorists in our shopping centers- jihadists in our streets.

SUPER: DC Liberal Jon Ossoff

Narrator: Jon Ossoff supports the deal allowing Iran billions. Iran- the leading state sponsor of terrorism. Billions that even John Kerry admits will fund terrorism.

Narrator: The same Jon Ossoff who lied about his national security credentials sides with his liberal allies.

SUPER: Planning another attack?

Narrator: Naïve to terrorism? The threat is serious.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff Dishonest. Dangerous.

Narrator: But Jon Ossoff is not. NRCC is responsible for the content of this advertising.

TITLE: [Out-of-touch Ossoff: The Extravagant, Privileged Life of Jon Ossoff](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/1/2017

SUPER: Text on screen: Out-of-touch Ossoff

The extravagant life of privileged Jon Ossoff

Jon Ossoff tries to make Georgians think he's one of them...

OSSOFF: 'Well I grew up in this district I grew up in this community'

SUPER: But in reality he spends more time high above the clouds...

In his own private plane...

Or cruising across the ocean...

In his family's yacht...

Than he does in Georgia's 6th district...

Georgians deserve someone who can relate to them,

Not another jet-setting politician.

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TITLE: [Childish Radicals](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/8/17

Narrator: When will it stop? Violent extremists obstructing President Trump.

They're childish, they're radical, DC liberals, Hollywood elites

This is who supports Jon Ossoff.
Because Jon Ossoff is one of them
Childish, radical
They've targeted Georgia, but we can stop them
We just need to vote
We can defeat Ossoff and the childish radicals
Vote today, vote until June 20th, vote against Jon Ossoff
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TITLE: [Vote](#) (32 seconds)

DATE: 6/12/17

We have enough politicians who lie, we don't need to add another one
I think Jon Ossoff has been dishonest throughout the entire campaign
He's a liar
Jon Ossoff is a liar
He just doesn't have the experience. Very childish and naïve
Jon Ossoff would vote 100% with Democrats
That's why they're supporting him
A lot of Liberal money, from the Democrats, from Pelosi
He's naïve, he doesn't have the experience
It's important that we vote because Jon Ossoff can't represent us
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TITLE: [Out-of-town Ossoff](#) (45 seconds online)

DATE: 6/13/17

Female host: Mr Ossoff, is it true that you cannot vote for yourself?

Ossoff: No one knew there was going to be an election coming, I have been living with Alicia, my girlfriend of 12 years...

Male host: The fundraising numbers on Jon Ossoff are staggering- so is the amount of fundraising being done from outside the state of Georgia

Female voice: Seems the biggest insult you can say about someone wanting to represent constituents in Washington is that the candidate represents Washington and not everybody else.

Handel: In fact, your values are some 3,000 miles away in San Francisco

Title: Bad Movie

Date: 10/30/18

VO: We've seen this movie before. Nancy Pelosi forcing her handpicked candidate on Georgia – this time it's Lucy McBath.

VO: McBath's radical backers support open borders and abolishing ICE. Leaving us defenseless against the surge of illegal immigrants.

VO: And Lucy McBath supports their radical plan putting us on a path to government controlled health care. Limiting patients choices and raising our taxes.

VO: Stop Pelosi, stop the radicals, stop Lucy McBath.

Title: Insurance

Date: 10/23/18

Actor: Hello, we need to see Dr. Miller right away. Yes let me just grab my insurance card.

VO: Under the healthcare plan Lucy McBath supports, your employer based health coverage could be eliminated.

Actor: What do you mean you don't take that anymore? But it's through my work...

VO: Forcing everyone into an extreme government run system.

Actor: So we can't see Dr. Miller today?

VO: Putting DC bureaucrats in charge.

VO: Lucy McBath, takes from us to give it all to Washington.

Principled Leadership PAC

Principled Leadership Project: [Stop The Violent Left](#) (30 seconds)

Narrator: Now the unhinged left is applauding and endorsing shooting Republicans

When will it stop?

It won't if Jon Ossoff wins on Tuesday.

Because the same unhinged leftists cheering last week's shooting are all backing Jon Ossoff.

And if he wins, they win.

Stop them. Stop them now.

Stop Jon Ossoff. Stop Nancy Pelosi.

Vote Karen Handel for Congress.

Vote.

U.S. Chamber Action

TITLE: [Hollywood](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/1/17

NARRATOR: Why are Hollywood liberals rolling out the red carpet for Jon Ossoff

Helping bankroll his campaign.

Because they share the same agenda as Nancy Pelosi, Bernie Sanders and the liberal extremists supporting him.

Georgia knows better.

Karen Handel a proven and effective leader who gets results

A fighter who knows how to balance budgets

And get things done for Georgia

Karen Handel, she's one of us

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TITLE: [Johnny Isakson: I'm Voting for Karen Handel](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/9/17

JOHNNY ISAKSON: I'm Johnny Isakson. I was born right here in the 6th district of Georgia. We've got a big decision to make on June the 20th.

My choice, I'm supporting the person who knows our district, who's an experienced leader. I'm voting for Karen Handel.

Karen has a record of fighting for us, for our families, for our local businesses, for Georgia jobs.

On June the 20th, Karen's got my vote. She is the real deal.

VOICEOVER: The US Chamber Of Commerce is responsible for the content of this advertising.

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Club For Growth

TITLE: [Gamble](#) (30 Seconds)

Date: 4/13/17

VOICEOVER: Dan Moody, Karen Handel, That's two of a kind. Career politicians with tax and spend records. Like when Handel pushed a massive sales tax hike, and spent taxpayer money giving contracts to cronies. Moody did it, too. Voting for \$2 billion in higher taxes and fees to benefit a utility company. Now they're running for Congress. But after all those tax hikes, Dan Moody and Karen Handel are just too big a gamble.

TITLE: [Trees](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 3/28/17

SUPER: Money doesn't grow on trees

NARRATOR: Money doesn't grow on trees, but don't tell that to career politician Karen Handel.

SUPER: Big spender career politician Karen Handel

NARRATOR: Handel voted to spend nearly \$2 million planting trees to beautify government properties.

SUPER: Spent nearly \$2 million to plant trees & shrubs

NARRATOR: Jacked up spending 43% on her office budget

SUPER: 43% higher office budget

NARRATOR: And paid her top crony 50% more.

SUPER: 50% more for political crony

NARRATOR: Handel spent \$200,000 on red light cameras

SUPER: \$200,000 for red light cameras. Handel.

NARRATOR: Stop Karen Handel. Big spending career politician.

SUPER: Stop Karen Handel. Big spending career politician.

NARRATOR: We can't trust with our money. Club for Growth Action is responsible for the contents of this advertising.

SUPER: We can't trust Karen Handel in Congress.

DCCC

TITLE: [Ride](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 4/19/17

NARRATOR: Karen Handel is just another career politician taking us for a ride
Handel used our tax dollars to pay for her luxury SUV
Then jetted around on our dime
With Handel at the wheel her office budget went up 42%
She even suggested spending \$15,000 on chairs
All while a billion dollars was cut from Georgia school
Karen Handel living the high life
She'd fit right in in Washington

Title: [Travel](#) (15 Seconds)

DATE: 5/02/17

NARRATOR: Georgia experienced the worst budget crisis since the Great Depression
For years we saw cuts across the board
While Karen Handel travelled to places like China on our dime!
Karen Handel: another self-serving politician
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Title: [Career Politician](#) (30 Seconds)

Date: 5/03/17

NARRATOR: Georgia experienced the worst budget crisis since the Great Depression
For years we saw cuts to education
Cuts to law enforcement
And rising college tuition
Yet Secretary of State Karen Handel's office budget increased a whopping 42 percent
She paid for a luxury SUV
Traveled to China on our dime
Even suggested paying \$15,000 for office chairs
Karen Handel another self-serving politician
She'd fit right in in Washington
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TITLE: [Office Budget](#) (15 Seconds)

DATE: 5/03/17

NARRATOR: Georgia experienced the worst budget crisis since the Great Depression
For years we saw cuts to education
Cuts to law enforcement
And rising college tuition
Yet Secretary of State Karen Handel's office budget increased a whopping 42 percent
She paid for a luxury SUV
Traveled to China on our dime
Even suggested paying \$15,000 for office chairs
Karen Handel another self-serving politician
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TITLE: [SUV](#) (15 seconds)

DATE: 5/19/17

NARRATOR: Georgia experienced the worst budget crisis since the Great Depression
For years we saw cuts across the board
Yet taxpayers paid for Karen Handel's SUV
Even suggested paying \$15,000 for office chairs
Karen Handel: another self-serving politician
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TITLE: [Decisions](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/18/17

Narrator: With all the controversy and big decisions being made in Washington...

SUPER: With controversy and decisions

Narrator: Do we really a partisan, self-serving, career politician representing us?

SUPER: Do we want a partisan, self-serving, career politician?

Narrator: Karen Handel has used her political power to serve herself.

SUPER: Karen Handel

Narrator: A luxury car, trips around the world, even refusing the governor's order to cut her staff's pay during the budget crisis

SUPER: Luxury SUV, trips around the world, refused to cut pay, ignored budget crisis.

Narrator: So if we can't trust Karen Handel in Georgia...

SUPER: Can't trust Karen Handel

Narrator: Why would we ever trust her in Congress?

TITLE: "Pattern" (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/8/17

Narrator: It happens once, you dismiss it.

Narrator: It happens over and over, you call it a pattern.

Narrator: At every turn, career politician Karen Handel has spent your money on herself.

Narrator: A Lexus SUV...trips on a state plane...Handel didn't seem to bat an eyelash at the expense.

Narrator: And during the worst budget crisis in generations, Handel wanted to spend \$15,000 of your money on office chairs.

End Citizens United

TITLE: [Tireless and Effective](#) (30 Seconds)

DATE: 4/10/17

VOICEOVER: He's a relentless warrior against corruption.

Jon Ossoff. As an investigative filmmaker, he exposed the powerful and won.

Praised as tireless and effective. In Congress, Jon Ossoff will help end the rigged campaign finance system.

Taking on special interests and calling out pay-to-play in Washington.

Determined, effective. Send Jon Ossoff to Congress.

MoveOn

TITLE: [Karen Handel Won't Stand Up For Georgians](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 5/2/17

SUPER: Why won't Karen Handel oppose Trumpcare?

NARRATOR: It throws nearly 1 million Georgians off health care,

Ends protections for pre-existing conditions,

And is opposed by 59% of voters she wants to represent.

So why won't Karen Handel stand up for Georgians?

Is it because Donald Trump just held a fundraiser on her behalf?

Vote Jon Ossoff on June 20.

MoveOn.org Political Action

Lucy McBath

Title: Strength

Date: 11/1/18

Lucy McBath: After my son was murdered I prayed to God for the strength to forgive his killer.

LM: Washington needs strong principled leaders.

LM: Karen Handel voted to lock up doctors who perform abortions, supports cutting health care for people with pre-existing conditions, and Handel led on the horrific policy of separating children from their parents.

LM: Elect someone with the strength to put people above politics.

Title: Cancer

Date: 10/25/18

Lucy McBath: The first time I found out I had cancer I cried out to God.

LM: But Karen Handel would cut coverage for people like me with pre-existing conditions.

LM: Handel took \$260,000 from insurance and pharmaceutical companies. To support a plan to charge older Georgians give times more for health care.

LM: The AARP slams it as an age tax.

LM: Karen Handel, wrong on the issues.

Title: Right to Choose

Date: 10/17/18

VO: A woman's right to choose now hangs in the balance. So whose side is Karen Handel on?

VO: She's against a woman making her own health care decisions. Handel went to Congress and voted repeatedly to make abortion illegal.

VO: And she even jailed doctors, because Handel voted multiple times for doctors and nurses to face criminal penalties if they perform abortions.

VO: Handel, with so much at stake she is too extreme.

Title: Something Different

Date: 7/23/18

Lucy McBath: There's so much chaos and dysfunction in Washington, I want to offer something different.

McBath: From two big experiences in my life - the challenge of having breast cancer and losing my son to a senseless act of gun violence.

McBath: I will put Georgia first and I will always look for common sense solutions by building bridges not tearing people apart.

McBath: I'm Lucy McBath and I approve this message.

Lucy McBath and DCCC

Title: Jordan

Date: 10/5/18

Lucy McBath: We were contemplating adopting, when out of nowhere I got pregnant.

LM: Jordan was so much fun as a child, and then...(shooting sounds)

LM: Three of those rounds he aimed at Jordan. Jordan didn't deserve to die that way.

LM: When my son was murdered I vowed to make a difference.

LM: I'm a mom who flew with Delta for over 30 years.

LM: I will fight to protect women's health care and middle class tax cuts.

Everytown

Title: Little Less

Date: 10/12/18

VO: It means worrying a little less about that mortgage payment, not stressing about your weekly grocery bill, maybe taking that vacation you keep talking about.

VO: Lowering taxes for middle class families is no small thing, which is why Lucy McBath has made it one of her top priorities.

VO: Because the middle class is where she comes from and who she is and she doesn't intent to back down.

VO: It's time we caught a break for a change.

Everytown and HMP

Title: Breast Cancer**Date: 10/30/18**

VO: After surviving two battles with breast cancer, Lucy McBath knows how devastating disease can be.

VO: Not just to your health, but to your wallet.

VO: Karen Handel? She's racked in hundreds and thousands from the health care industry. Maybe that's why she supports a plan that would let those companies charge more to those with pre-existing conditions, and nearly half of Georgians would be affected.

VO: That's why Lucy's running for Congress, because she's not just a survivor she's a leader.

End Citizens United

TITLE: [Tireless and Effective](#) (30 Seconds)**DATE: 4/10/17**

VOICEOVER: He's a relentless warrior against corruption.

Jon Ossoff. As an investigative filmmaker, he exposed the powerful and won.

Praised as tireless and effective. In Congress, Jon Ossoff will help end the rigged campaign finance system.

Taking on special interests and calling out pay-to-play in Washington.

Determined, effective. Send Jon Ossoff to Congress.

House Majority PAC

TITLE: [Signs](#) (30 seconds)**DATE: 5/30/10**

Narrator: Six campaigns for five different offices

But politician Karen Handel never changes

Always taking taxpayers for a ride

A Lexus SUV, taxpayer funded air travel, \$15,000 on fancy office chairs while Georgia faced a huge budget deficit

With Handel's big spending on cruise control taxpayers foot the bill

No matter the office Karen Handel's the kind of politician we cant afford

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Jon Ossoff for Congress

TITLE: [Accountable](#) (30 seconds)**DATE: 3/3/17**

OSSOFF: I'm Jon Ossoff. And I'll work for anyone to do what's best for our country, and Georgia.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff.

OSSOFF: We need to attract more high-tech and research jobs to the area.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. Attract high-tech and research jobs.

OSSOFF: Cutting wasteful spending- it's not a partisan issue.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. Cut wasteful spending.

OSSOFF: And we can find common ground to fix Obamacare, while keeping what works. Repealing it makes no sense.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. Common ground to fix Obamacare.

OSSOFF: But when President Trump embarrasses our country, or acts recklessly, I'll hold him accountable. That's why I approve this message.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. Hold President Trump accountable.

TITLE: [Countdown](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 3/3/17

OSSOFF: Imagine you had 30 seconds to make a life-or-death decision affecting thousands of Americans.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff. Former national security aide.

OSSOFF: That's what we expect of our President- sound judgment. That's why it's so concerning to see President Trump act impulsively. He's not only embarrassing us on the world stage, he can start an unnecessary war. I'm Jon Ossoff and I approve this message because I'll work with anybody to do what's right for our country.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff Congress.

OSSOFF: But we can't let Donald Trump put us at risk.

TITLE: [Warrior 2](#) (15 seconds)

DATE: 3/7/17

NARRATOR: He's a relentless warrior against corruption.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff, "a relentless warrior against corruption" Roy Barnes, former governor of Georgia.

NARRATOR: A national security aide with top-secret clearance.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff "saw waste and abuse, fought to stop it" Daraka Satcher, former deputy assistant secretary of Commerce.

NARRATOR: Jon Ossoff saw waste and abuse and fought to stop it.

Ossoff: I'm Jon Ossoff, and Washington should be accountable to you.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff Congress.

TITLE: [Warrior 3](#) (15 seconds)

DATE: 3/7/17

NARRATOR: He's a relentless warrior against corruption.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff, "a relentless warrior against corruption" Roy Barnes, former governor of Georgia.

NARRATOR: As an investigative film-maker, Jon Ossoff took on corrupt foreign officials who were stealing U.S. tax dollars.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff "took on corrupt foreign officials" Joel Rubin, former deputy assistant Secretary of State.

NARRATOR: And helped send them to jail.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff "took on corrupt foreign officials, helped send them to jail" Joel Rubin, former deputy assistant Secretary of State.

OSSOFF: I'm Jon Ossoff, and Washington should be accountable to you.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff Congress.

TITLE: [Warrior](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 3/3/17

NARRATOR: He's a relentless warrior against corruption.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff, "a relentless warrior against corruption" Roy Barnes, former governor of Georgia.

NARRATOR: Jon Ossoff. As a national security aide with top-secret clearance...

SUPER: Jon Ossoff.

NARRATOR: Jon Ossoff saw waste and abuse by military contractors and fought to stop it.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff "saw waste and abuse, fought to stop it" Dakata Satcher, former deputy assistant Secretary of Commerce.

NARRATOR: As an investigative film-maker, Jon Ossoff took on corrupt foreign officials who were stealing U.S. tax dollars.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff "took on corrupt foreign officials" Joel Rubin, former deputy assistant Secretary of State.

NARRATOR: And helped send them to jail.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff “took on corrupt foreign officials, helped send them to jail” Joel Rubin, former deputy assistant Secretary of State.

NARRATOR: If anyone can shake things up in Congress, it’s Jon Ossoff.

SUPER: “If anyone can shake things up in Congress, it’s Jon Ossoff” Congressman John Lewis.

OSSOFF: I’m Jon Ossoff, and Washington should be accountable to you.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff Congress.

TITLE: [Unite](#) (30 seconds) - Digital

DATE: 3/27/17

VOICEOVER: This is Congressman John Lewis.

SUPER: CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

SUPER: CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

VOICEOVER: I've spent my entire life fighting for justice in America. Now Donald Trump is putting everything we have accomplished at risk.

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: DEMOCRAT FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APRIL 18TH

VOICEOVER: That's why I'm supporting Jon Ossoff in the special election on April 18th. I've known Jon Ossoff for many years. I know he will hold Donald Trump Accountable. Friends I'm calling on you to support Jon Ossoff and make sure Donald Trump hears us all on April 18th.

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: DEMOCRAT

SUPER: CONGRESS

SUPER: APRIL 18TH

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

Title: [Clear](#) (15 seconds) - Digital

Date: 3/27/17

SUPER: CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

VOICEOVER: Donald Trump doesn't represent our values.

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: DEMOCRAT FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APRIL 18TH

VOICEOVER: That's why I'm supporting Jon Ossoff in the special election on April 18th. Friends, I'm calling on you to support Jon Ossoff, and send Donald Trump a message he will never forget.

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

Title: [Dark Times](#) (30 seconds) - Digital

Date: 3/27/17

SUPER: CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

SUPER: CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

VOICEOVER: We have been through dark times before. We have had to fight for what is right, but America has always emerged stronger. These are tough times too, but we can keep moving forward, and it starts here in Georgia.

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: DEMOCRAT FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APRIL 18TH

VOICEOVER: Where on April 18th we can elect Jon Ossoff to Congress I've know Jon for many many years he will represent Georgia with dignity He will fight for our values and I know he's tough enough to hold Donald

Trump accountable.

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

Title: [Before](#) (30 seconds) - Digital

Date: 3/27/17

SUPER: CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

VOICEOVER: We have been through dark times before. We have always emerged stronger.

VOICEOVER: That's why I'm supporting Jon Ossoff in the special election on April 18th.

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: DEMOCRAT FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APRIL 18TH

VOICEOVER: I've known Jon Ossoff for many years. I know he will hold Donald Trump accountable.

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

TITLE: [Tweet](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 4/5/17

SUPER: I'm Jon Ossoff

SUPER: I'm running for Congress to hold Washington accountable.

SUPER: We need to fix Obamacare, NOT repeal it.

SUPER: Cut wasteful spending.

SUPER: And attract more high-tech jobs.

SUPER: But I'll stand up to Donald Trump

SUPER: Because anyone can send a tweet...

SUPER: He should act like a president.

SUPER: VOTE APRIL 18TH

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

TITLE: "Shameful" (30 seconds)

DATE: N/A

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

OSSOFF: "I'm Jon Ossoff have you seen this ad?"

[CUTS TO AD]

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: PRODUCES VIDEOS OF AL JAZEERA

VOICEOVER: PRODUCES VIDEOS OF AL JAZEERA

[ENDS AD]

OSSOFF: "We all know what politics has become, but this is shameful. I served as a national security aide, had top secret clearance, and I'm proud of my work. As an investigative film maker working with outlets all over the world-"

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: -FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY AIDE

SUPER: -TOP-SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE

OSSOFF: "-like the BBC, Skyvision, and yes Al Jazeera."

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: -STOPPED THEFT OF U.S. TAX DOLLARS

SUPER: -EXPOSED ISIS ATROCITIES

OSSOFF: “We've stopped the theft of U.S. tax dollars and helped exposed the atrocities committed by ISIS. I approve this message, because saying I support terrorism is just disgraceful.”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF CONGRESS

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

TITLE: “[Next Level](#)” (30 seconds)

DATE: 4/6/17

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

OSSOFF: “I grew up here, and I've seen metro Atlanta's economy grow. But our potential is unlimited. We've got great colleges training our young people, but too many leave after they graduate. We still don't have enough of the jobs they're looking for. In Congress I'll work with anyone to cut wasteful spending-”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: CUT WASTEFUL SPENDING

OSSOFF: “-Increase our exports-”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: INCREASE EXPORTS

OSSOFF: “-and expand high-tech, bio-tech, and medical research.”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: EXPAND HIGH-TECH, BIO-TECH, AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

OSSOFF: “That's how we take our economy to the next level.”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF CONGRESS

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

TITLE: “Entrepreneur” (30 seconds)

DATE: 4/19/17

VOICEOVER: “Scott Saturday is a high-tech entrepreneur.”

SUPER: SCOTT SATURDAY

SUPER: DATA SCIENCE ENTREPRENEUR

VOICEOVER: “Who started his data science company right here in metro Atlanta. Since then they've grown to fifteen employees.”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

VOICEOVER: “I'm Jon Ossoff and we need to attract more companies like Scott's.”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: EXPAND EXPORT MARKETS

VOICEOVER: “That's why in Congress I'll work to expand export markets-”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: CUT WASTEFUL SPENDING

VOICEOVER: “-cut wasteful spending-”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: HIGH-TECH, BIO-TECH, AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

VOICEOVER: “-and focus on high-tech, bio-tech, and medical research. So we can keep growing our economy one entrepreneur at a time.”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF CONGRESS

VOICEOVER: “I'm Jon Ossoff and I approve this message.”

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

TITLE: “Confident” (30 seconds)

DATE: 4/19/17

SUPER: SCOTT SATURDAY

SUPER: DATA SCIENCE ENTREPRENEUR

VOICEOVER: “I’m Scott Saturday. I’m a technology entrepreneur here in Atlanta, and I’ve got to know Jon Ossoff pretty well. Jon Ossoff grew up here. He knows our local economy. He thinks both political parties waste too much money in Washington. Jon wants to increase technology research-”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: INCREASE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

VOICEOVER: “-and expand export markets-”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

SUPER: EXPAND EXPORT MARKETS

VOICEOVER: “He’s right. That’s how we grow American productivity and wages.”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF

VOICEOVER: “We need someone like Jon Ossoff who can help us support this industry. I’m confident Jon Ossoff can help take Atlanta’s economy to the next level. He gets it.”

SUPER: JON OSSOFF CONGRESS

VOICEOVER: “I’m Jon Ossoff and I approve this message.”

SUPER: PAID FOR BY JON OSSOFF FOR CONGRESS

SUPER: APPROVED BY JON OSSOFF

TITLE: [Proud](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 4/8/17

OSSOFF: I’m Jon Ossoff, and you’ve probably seen those negative ads against me.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff

OSSOFF: Yes, I’m a Georgia Democrat and proud of it.

OSSOFF: But I don’t support wasteful spending or bigger government. Those attacks are false.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff

OSSOFF: And as a national security aide, I worked with our military to strengthen national defense and help expose waste by government contractors.

SUPER: Strengthen national defense. Exposed waste by government contractors.

OSSOFF: I approve this message because I’ll work with anyone to cut wasteful spending, and grow our economy.

SUPER: Cut wasteful spending. Grow our economy.

OSSOFF: That’s how we make Washington accountable to you.

TITLE: [“Energy”](#) (45 seconds)

DATE: 4/11/17

SUPER: Every hour counts

SUPER: Vote on April 18

CROWD: Chanting

OSSOFF: I will work hard for you, I’ll be a representative for everyone.

SUPER: Get involved.

TITLE: [Wasting](#) (30 Seconds)

DATE: 4/22/17

OSSOFF: I’m Jon Ossoff, and both parties in Washington waste too much of your money. Thirty seconds isn’t enough time to show it all, but if you go to my website, you’ll see exactly what I think we should cut. Cracking down on Medicare fraud, we can save money and protect seniors. We should consolidate federal data centers. And we overpay for cellphones by 388 million dollars. I approve this message because it’s your money they’re wasting. Washington should be accountable to you.

TITLE: Table (30 seconds)

DATE: 4/26/17

OSSOFF: I'm Jon Ossoff and both parties in Congress waste a lot of your money
It's just on different things and the deficits are holding back our economy
Here's my plan: Cut the wasteful spending, reduce the deficit so the economy can keep growing
And prioritize high-tech and bio-tech research to create more good jobs in metro Atlanta
I approve this message because it's your money. Washington should be accountable to you

TITLE: [Karen Handel Spends Your Money On Herself](#) (1:37)

DATE: 5/3/17

OSSOFF: I'm Jon Ossoff and I approve this message
Karen Handel has run five times for six different offices
When she wins she spends your money on herself
Her own Lexus SUV with taxpayer money
She requested \$15,000 for fancy office chairs during the worst state budget crisis since the Great Depression
Karen Handel even used a taxpayer-funded airplane
She didn't seem to bat an eyelash at the expense
Karen Handel: always running for herself

TITLE: [Connected](#) (31 seconds)

DATE: 5/15/17

Ossoff: How do we keep metro Atlanta's economy growing? I'm Jon Ossoff, and we have to look at how it's all connected.

SUPER: CDC

Ossoff: Places like the CDC drive innovation with advanced research

SUPER: Universities and tech schools

Ossoff: Our universities and tech schools train our talented young people.

SUPER: Entrepreneurs

Ossoff: And entrepreneurs create good jobs

SUPER: Alpharetta tech corridor

Ossoff: Like in the Alpharetta tech corridor. That's why in Congress, I'll work to cut wasteful spending and prioritize high-tech research.

SUPER: Jon Ossoff Congress

Ossoff: I approve this message because it's all connected.

TITLE: [Unforgivable](#) (31 seconds)

DATE: 5/14/17

Ossoff: I'm Jon Ossoff and I approve this message.

Mindy Fine: My name is Mindy Fine, and I'm an OB-GYN in Cobb County.

SUPER: Mindy Fine, MD. OB/GYN Cobb County GA

Fine: Part of a normal exam is screening for breast and cervical cancer. When we catch it early, we save lives. But Karen Handel cut off funding for Planned Parenthood cancer screenings...

SUPER: Karen Handel, cut off funding for Planned Parenthood cancer screenings. Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 2/3/12

Fine: When she was an executive at Susan G. Komen. I don't usually get involved in politics, but as a doctor and a breast cancer survivor myself, what Karen Handel did is unforgivable.

TITLE: [Just Ask](#) (31 Seconds)

DATE: 6/6/17

OSSOFF: I'm Jon Ossoff, and how do we keep metro Atlanta's economy growing?
Just ask the entrepreneurs who do it every day:

STEVE HELSING: Promote high-tech and biotech research.

TAMIKA PAYNE: Because it drives innovation

ALLISON BARCHICHAT: Prioritize our colleges and tech schools.

JAMI BECKER: So we can hire young people with the right skills.

LONNIE JOHNSON: And cut the wasteful spending in Washington

SCOTT SATURDAY: Because the deficits are holding back our economy

OSSOFF: I approve this message, because I'll work with anyone to keep our economy growing. I'm listening to them.

TITLE: ['Deserve'](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 6/13/17

JON OSSOFF: I'm Jon Ossoff, and before you vote you deserve to know exactly where I stand.

I think both parties in Washington waste too much of your money, and I've identified \$600 billion of wasteful spending on my website.

I'll prioritize high-tech and biotech research to create more good jobs in metro Atlanta.

Those details are on my website too. And I'll work with anybody to do what's right for Georgia and our country.

I approve this message because Washington should be accountable to you.

Appendix V – Bill Sponsorships & Amendments

Toplines

Handel Sponsorship Toplines		
Congress	# of Sponsorships	# Became Law
115th Congress (2017 - 2018)	5	0
TOTAL	5	0

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

Handel Career Sponsorships By Subject		
Subject	# Of Bills Sponsored	# Became Law
Taxation	1	0
Labor and Employment	1	0
Crime and Law Enforcement	1	0
Commerce	1	0
Agriculture and Food	1	0

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

115th Congress

Handel Sponsored 5 Bills, 0 Of Which Became Law

Handel 115th Congress Sponsorships				
Date	Bill #	Title	Last Action	Last Action/ Effective Date
8/31/18	H.R.6691	Community Safety and Security Act of 2018	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary	Received in Senate – 9/12/18
4/27/18	H.R. 5645	Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2018	Senate - 05/10/2018 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary	Read in Senate – 5/10/18
3/20/18	H.R.5338	Stop Needless Award Payments Act of 2018	House - 04/30/2018 Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition	Read in House – 4/30/18
4/16/18	H.Res.83 2	Recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2018, as National Lineman Appreciation Day.	House - 04/16/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	Read in House – 4/16/18
4/9/18	H.R. 5440	To require notice from the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of any closure of a Taxpayer Assistance Center.	House - 04/18/2018 Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 831, H.R. 5440 is laid on the table.	Tabled in House – 4/18/18

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

Sponsorships

Handel Sponsored The Stop Needless Award Payments Act of 2018

March 20th, 2018: Handel Sponsored The Stop Needless Award Payments Act of 2018, Which Would Strip The Department Of Agriculture Of Its Power To Give Bonus Payments To States That Successfully Administer SNAP Benefits. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

April 30th, 2018: The Bill Was Read In The House. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Sponsored A Bill To Require Notice From The Secretary Of The Treasury In The Case Of Any Closure Of A Taxpayer Assistance Center

April 9th, 2018: Handel Sponsored A Bill To Require Notice From The Secretary Of The Treasury In The Case Of Any Closure Of A Taxpayer Assistance Center. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

April 18th, 2018: The Bill Was Tabled In The House. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

: Handel Sponsored A Resolution To Designate April 18th, 2018 “National Lineman Appreciation Day”

April 16th, 2018: Handel Sponsored A Resolution To Designate April 18th, 2018 “National Lineman Appreciation Day.” [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

April 16th, 2018: The Resolution Was Read In The House. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Sponsored The Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2018, Which Would Eliminate The Federal Trade Commission’s Litigation Enforcement Authority With Respect To Corporate Mergers

April 27th, 2018: Handel Sponsored The Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2018, Which Would Eliminate The Federal Trade Commission’s Litigation Enforcement Authority With Respect To Corporate Mergers. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

May 10th, 2018: The Bill Was Read In The Senate. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Sponsored The Community Safety and Security Act of 2018, Which Would Amend The U.S. Criminal Code To Broaden The Scope Of “Crimes Of Violence”

August 31st, 2018: Handel Sponsored The Community Safety and Security Act of 2018, Which Would Amend The U.S. Criminal Code To Broaden The Scope Of “Crimes Of Violence.” [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

September 12th, 2018: The Bill Was Received In The Senate. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Appendix VI – Bill Co-Sponsorships

Career

Handel Co-sponsored 118 Pieces Of Legislation; 7 Or 5.9 Percent Of Became Law

Handel Co-sponsored 118 Pieces Of Legislation; 7 Or 5.9 Percent Of Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [5/17/17](#)]

Toplines

Handel Co-Sponsorship Toplines			
	# of Co-sponsorships	# Became Law	Percentage Became Law
115th Congress (2017 - 2018)	118	7	5.9%
TOTAL			

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

Cosponsored Legislation That Became Law

Subject

Handel Career Co-Sponsorships By Subject			
Subject	# Of Bills Co-Sponsored	# Became Law	Percentage Became Law
Public Lands & Natural Resources	2	0	0%
Finance and Financial Sector	2	0	0%
Civil Rights & Liberties, Minority Issues	2	0	0%
Families	1	0	0%
Government Operations & Politics	7	2	28.6%
Foreign Trade & International Finance	3	0	0%
Armed Forces & National Security	9	2	22.2%
Economics and Public Finance	1	0	0%
Crime & Law Enforcement	17	1	5.9%
Transportation & Public Works	2	0	0%
Sports & Recreation	2	0	0%
Arts, Culture, Religion	1	0	0%
Congress	2	0	0%
International Affairs	7	0	0%
Emergency Management	1	1	100%
Social Welfare	1	0	0%
Taxation	10	0	0%
Health	22	0	0%
Immigration	8	0	0%
Education	6	0	0%

Labor & Employment	5	0	0%
Commerce	3	1	33.3%
Agriculture & Food	1	0	0%
Housing & Community Development	1	0	0%

[Congress.gov, accessed [5/19/17](#)]

Handel Cosponsored The Allow States And Victims To Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act Of 2017

July 28th, 2017: Handel Cosponsored The Allow States And Victims To Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act Of 2017, Which Enhanced Penalties On Websites That Unlawfully Promote And Facilitate Prostitution.

[Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

April 11th, 2018: The Bill Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Cosponsored Legislation To Rename A Post Office In Clermont, Georgia

September 25th, 2017: Handel Cosponsored Legislation To Rename A Post Office In Clermont, Georgia.

[Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

March 23rd, 2018: The Bill Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Cosponsored Legislation To Rename A Veteran Affairs Clinic In Statesboro, Georgia

October 4th, 2017: Handel Cosponsored Legislation To Rename A Veteran Affairs Clinic In Statesboro, Georgia. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

December 14th, 2018: The Bill Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Cosponsored The Correcting Miscalculations in Veterans' Pensions Act, To Direct Federal Agencies That Miscalculate Military Service Deposits And Pensions To Pay The Incorrectly Accrued Interest On Behalf Of Veterans

November 16th, 2017: Handel Cosponsored The Correcting Miscalculations in Veterans' Pensions Act, To Direct Federal Agencies That Miscalculate Military Service Deposits And Pensions To Pay The Incorrectly Accrued Interest On Behalf Of Veterans. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

December 21st, 2018: The Bill Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Cosponsored The Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act, Which Directed The Department Of Interior To Provide Outer Burial Receptacles For Veterans' Remains Buried In National Cemeteries

January 30th, 2018: Handel Cosponsored The Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act, Which Directed The Department Of Interior To Provide Outer Burial Receptacles For Veterans' Remains Buried In National Cemeteries. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

June 15th, 2018: The Bill Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Cosponsored The United States Ports of Entry Threat and Operational Review Act, Which Directed The Department Of Homeland Security To Analyze Deficiencies At Ports Of Entry

July 17th, 2018: Handel Cosponsored The United States Ports of Entry Threat and Operational Review Act, Which Directed The Department Of Homeland Security To Analyze Deficiencies At Ports Of Entry.
 [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

December 21st, 2018: The Bill Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Cosponsored The SUCCESS Act, Which Directed The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office To Report On The Number Of Patents Applied For And Obtained By Women, Minorities, And Veterans

September 9th, 2018: Handel Cosponsored The SUCCESS Act, Which Directed The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office To Report On The Number Of Patents Applied For And Obtained By Women, Minorities, And Veterans. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

October 31st, 2018: The Bill Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Handel Co-Sponsored 10 Bills With Fewer Than 10 Other Members

Handel Co-Sponsorships With Fewer Than 10 Other Members				
Date Intro.	Bill #	Title	Sponsor	# of Cosponsors
9/13/18	H.R.6798	Make Schools Safer Act	Byrne	1
4/11/18	H.R.5468	Permitting Litigation Efficiency Act of 2018	Marino	8
3/19/18	H.R.5332	Student and Teacher Safety Act of 2018	Grothman	6
5/9/18	H.R.5202	Ensuring Patient Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatments Act of 2018	Costello	7
11/28/17	H.R.4458	To amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to prohibit the use of public funds for the payment of a settlement or award under such Act in connection with a claim arising from sexual harassment committed by a Member of Congress, and for other purposes.	Marino	3
11/16/17	H.R.4447	CyberTipline Modernization Act of 2017	Sensenbrenner	2
11/7/17	H.R.4284	INFO Act	Latta	8
10/4/17	H.R.3957	To repeal title VIII of the Higher Education Opportunity Act and title VIII of the Higher Education Act of 1965.	Rooney	8
1/24/17	H.Con.Res.12	Supporting the designation of the week of September 11 to September 17 as "Patriot Week".	Bishop	6
	H.Res.1133	Expressing support for the designation of the third Thursday in November as "National Pressure Ulcer/Injury Prevention Day" and promoting enhanced care coordination and prevention resources to reduce the development of pressure ulcers/injuries.	Emmer	4

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/13/20](#)]

Handel Co-Sponsored 10 Bills With Democratic Sponsors

As Of April 2020, Handel Cosponsored 10 Bills (8.5%) Sponsored By A Democrat. [Congress.gov, accessed [10/24/17](#)]

Costello Co-Sponsorships With Democratic Sponsor			
	# of Co-sponsorships	# With Dem Sponsor	% With Dem Sponsor
115th Congress (2017 - 2018)	118	10	8.5%
TOTAL	118	10	8.5%

[Congress.gov, accessed [4/21/20](#)]

Appendix VII – Office Expenditures

Career

Handel Office Expenditures – Career								
	Franked Mail	Personnel Compensation	Travel	Rent, Comms., Utilities	Printing	Other Services	Supplies and Materials	Equipment
2017	\$14.09	\$282,932.03	\$14,344.08	\$53,322.20	\$4,309.84	\$20,960.00	\$29,107.61	\$3,814.41
2018	\$85,407.89	\$632,645.69	\$28,997.84	\$98,655.01	\$134,957.52	\$49,678.00	\$17,425.59	\$155,904.64
Career	\$85,421.98	\$915,577.72	\$43,341.92	\$151,977.21	\$139,267.36	\$70,638.00	\$46,533.20	\$159,719.05

[U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2017 Q3](#), [2017 Q4](#), [2018 Q1](#), [2018 Q2](#), [2018 Q3](#), [2018 Q4](#)]

Handel Spent \$169,871.19 On Mass Mail And Communication

Handel Mass Mail And Communication Spending – Career			
	Mass Mail	Mass Communications	Total
2017	\$137,581.20	\$32,289.79	\$169,871.19
Career	\$137,581.20	\$32,289.79	\$169,871.19

NOTE: This data is stored in the DCCC Research Drive.

2018

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Handel Office Expenditures –2018								
	Franked Mail	Personnel Compensation	Travel	Rent, Comms., Utilities	Printing	Other Services	Supplies and Materials	Equipment
Q1	\$24,114.41	\$18,423.40	\$3,652.97	\$14,463.19	\$47,892.29	\$28,048.00	\$7,081.84	\$149,829.52
Q2	\$2,077.86	\$186,686.13	\$7,792.39	\$25,119.66	\$30,170.41	\$5,675.00	\$4,239.67	\$4,541.50
Q3	\$55,624.76	\$200,442.79	\$9,143.53	\$34,807.03	\$15,921.93	\$5,580.00	\$3,469.15	\$798.62
Q4	\$3,590.86	\$227,093.37	\$8,408.95	\$24,265.13	\$40,972.89	\$10,375.00	\$2,634.93	\$735.00
TOTAL	\$85,407.89	\$632,645.69	\$28,997.84	\$98,655.01	\$134,957.52	\$49,678.00	\$17,425.59	\$155,904.64

[U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2018 Q1](#), [2018 Q2](#), [2018 Q3](#), [2018 Q4](#)]

2018: Handel Collected \$10,694.34 In Personal Reimbursements

Handel Office Expenditures – 2017 Personal Reimbursements					
Quarter	Payee	Description	Voucher #	Date	Amount
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E05990003	01/22/18 01/22/18	\$159.30
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E05990003	01/22/18 01/22/18	\$159.20
Q1	Handel	Private Auto Mileage	E0600961	01/26/18 01/26/18	\$31.77
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0606322	02/05/18 02/05/18	\$159.20
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0606322	02/09/18 02/09/18	\$262.30
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0606322	02/13/18 02/13/18	\$159.20

Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0606322	02/15/18 02/15/18	\$262.30
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0606322	02/26/18 02/26/18	\$159.20
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0606322	02/28/18	\$262.30
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0608551	01/08/18 01/08/18	\$159.20
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0608551	01/11/18 01/11/18	\$262.30
Q1	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0608551	01/16/18 01/16/18	\$159.20
Q1	Handel	Food and Beverage	E0600961	01/12/18 01/12/18	\$715.47
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0613366	03/05/18 03/05/18	\$262.30
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0613366	03/15/18 03/15/18	\$262.30
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0613366	03/19/18 03/19/18	\$159.30
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0613366	03/22/18 03/22/18	\$262.30
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0613366	04/10/18 04/10/18	\$262.20
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0613366	04/13/18 04/13/18	\$262.20
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0613366	04/24/18 04/24/18	\$159.30
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0613366	04/27/18 04/27/18	\$159.30
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0629482	05/07/18 05/07/18	\$159.30
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0629482	05/10/18 05/10/18	\$159.20
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0629482	05/15/18 05/15/18	\$262.20
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0629482	05/18/18 05/18/18	\$159.20
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0629482	05/21/18 05/21/18	\$262.30
Q2	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0629482	05/24/18 05/24/18	\$159.20
Q3	Handel	Private Auto Mileage	E0637809	05/30/18 06/08/18	\$682.34
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0640997	06/12/18 06/12/18	\$159.20
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0640997	06/15/18 06/15/18	\$262.20
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0640997	06/19/18 06/19/18	\$159.30
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0640997	06/22/18 06/22/18	\$262.20
Q3	Handel	Lodging	E0642185	06/24/18 06/29/18	\$191.84
Q3	Handel	Private Auto Mileage	E0642185	06/24/18 06/28/18	\$682.34
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0642807	07/10/18 07/10/18	\$159.20
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0642807	07/13/18 07/13/18	\$159.20
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0642807	07/16/18 07/16/18	\$262.20
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0642807	07/19/18 07/19/18	\$159.20
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0642807	07/23/18 07/23/18	\$159.20

Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	01019854	09/07/18 09/07/18	\$159.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	01019854	09/11/18 09/11/18	\$159.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	01019854	09/13/18 09/13/18	\$262.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	01019854	09/28/18 09/28/18	\$159.20
Q4	Handel	Taxi/Parking/Tolls	01044418	09/28/18 09/28/18	\$15.67
Q4	Handel	Taxi/Parking/Tolls	01044418	11/26/18 11/26/18	\$20.00
Q4	Handel	Private Auto Mileage	01044419	08/01/18 08/25/18	\$77.39
Q4	Handel	Private Auto Mileage	01044419	09/17/18 09/28/18	\$62.84
Q4	Handel	Private Auto Mileage	01044419	10/01/18 10/24/18	\$46.67
Q4	Handel	Private Auto Mileage	01044419	11/26/18 11/26/18	\$22.56
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	01/11/18 02/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	02/11/18 03/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	03/11/18 04/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	04/11/18 05/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	05/11/18 06/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	06/11/18 07/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	07/11/18 08/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	08/11/18 09/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	09/11/18 10/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	10/11/18 11/11/18	\$49.95
Q4	Handel	\$49.95	01042663	11/11/18 12/11/18	\$49.95
TOTAL					\$10,694.34

[U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2018 Q1](#), [2018 Q2](#), [2018 Q3](#), [2018 Q4](#)]

2018: Handel Took A Total Of \$10,694.34 In Personal Reimbursements. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2018 Q1](#), [2018 Q2](#), [2018 Q3](#), [2018 Q4](#)]

Q1: Handel Took A Total Of \$2,910.94 In Reimbursements. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2018 Q1](#)]

Q2: Handel Took A Total Of \$2,950.60 In Reimbursements. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2018 Q2](#)]

Q3: Handel Took A Total Of \$3,298.42 In Reimbursements. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2018 Q3](#)]

Q4: Handel Took A Total Of \$1,543.48 In Reimbursements. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2018 Q4](#)]

2017

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Handel Office Expenditures –2017								
	Franked Mail	Personnel Compensation	Travel	Rent, Comms., Utilities	Printing	Other Services	Supplies and Materials	Equipment
Q3	\$0	\$100,718.15	\$3,724.91	\$22,115.01	\$1,716.63	\$4,650.00	\$3,659.89	\$2,982.42
Q4	\$14.09	\$182,213.88	\$10,619.17	\$31,207.19	\$2,593.21	\$16,310.00	\$25,305.24	\$831.99
TOTAL	\$14.09	\$282,932.03	\$14,344.08	\$53,322.20	\$4,309.84	\$20,960.00	\$29,107.61	\$3,814.41

[U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2017 Q3](#), [2017 Q4](#)]

2017: Handel Collected \$4,265 In Personal Reimbursements

Handel Office Expenditures – 2017 Personal Reimbursements					
Quarter	Payee	Description	Voucher #	Date	Amount
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0542751	07/11/17 07/11/17	\$219
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0542751	07/14/17 07/14/17	\$163.83
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0542751	07/17/17 07/17/17	\$341.88
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0542751	07/21/17 07/21/17	\$377.90
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0542751	07/24/17 07/24/17	\$69.27
Q3	Handel	Taxi/Parking Tolls	E0553720	6/30/17 6/30/17	\$17.64
Q3	Handel	Private Auto Mileage	E0553720	7/24/17 7/24/17	\$337.64
Q3	Handel	Taxi/Parking Tolls	E0553720	8/3/17 8/3/17	\$8.72
Q3	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0553720	11/12/18 11/17/18	\$71.78
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	09/05/17 09/05/17	\$257.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	09/08/17 09/08/17	\$257.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	09/12/17 09/12/17	\$158.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	09/14/17 09/14/17	\$257.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	09/25/17 09/25/17	\$257.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	10/06/16 10/06/17	\$262.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	10/10/17 10/10/17	\$262.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	10/13/17 10/13/17	\$262.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	10/23/17 10/23/17	\$262.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	10/23/17 10/23/17	\$262.20
Q4	Handel	Commercial Transportation	E0567844	10/31/17 10/31/17	\$159.20
TOTAL					\$4,265

[U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2017 Q3](#), [2017 Q4](#)]

2017: Handel Took A Total Of \$4,265 In Reimbursements. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2017 Q3](#), [2017 Q4](#)]

Q3: Handel Took A Total Of \$1,608 In Reimbursements. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2017 Q3](#)]

Q4: Handel Took \$2,728.98 In Reimbursements. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, [2017 Q4](#)]

Appendix VIII – Travel Expenditures

NOTE: Primary source documents are available on the DCCC Research drive.

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Handel Did Not Spend Any Money On Official Foreign Travel While She Was A Member Of Congress

According to the House Clerk, Handel did not attend any official foreign trips while she was a Member of Congress. [House Clerk, Foreign Travel Reports, [2017 Q3](#), [2017 Q4](#), [2018 Q1](#), [2018 Q2](#), [2018 Q3](#), [2018 Q4](#)]

Handel Private Travel Expenditures

Handel Received \$24,583.50 Worth Of Special Interests Funded Travel To Israel

Handel Travelled Once To Israel On \$24,585.50 Special Interest Funding

2017: Handel Received \$24,583.50 Worth Of Special Interests Funded Travel To Israel. [Congressional Foreign Travel Reports, accessed [3/10/20](#)]

Handel Private Travel Expenditures								
Date	Destination	Sponsor	Accompanying Relative	Transportation	Lodging	Meals	Other Expenses	Total Cost
8/2017	Israel	American Israel Education Foundation	Stephen Handel (Husband)	\$14,280.50	\$4,240	\$1,932	\$4,131.50	\$24,583.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES								\$24,583.50

[Congressional Foreign Travel Reports, accessed [3/10/20](#)]

Handel's Staff Received \$2,197.61 Worth Of Special Interest Funded Travel

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Handel's Staff Received \$2,197.61 Worth Of Special Interest Funded Travel. [Congressional Foreign Travel Reports, accessed [3/10/20](#)]

Handel's Staff Private Travel Expenditures									
Date	Staff Member	Most Recent Position	Destination	Sponsor	Transportation	Lodging	Meals	Other Expense	Total Cost
3/2018	Lucille (Muffy) Day	Chief of Staff	Cambridge, MD	Congressional Institute	\$165	\$206	\$320	\$410	\$1,101
8/2018	Lucille (Muffy) Day	Chief of Staff	Palo Alto, CA	Stanford University's Hoover Institution	\$565.90	\$320	\$128.01	\$82.70	\$1,096.61
TOTAL EXPENDITURES									\$2,197.61

[Congressional Foreign Travel Reports, accessed [3/10/20](#)]

Appendix IX – Votes – 115th Congress

Agriculture & Food Safety

Handel Voted For The Farm Bill Conference Report, Funding Farm And Nutrition Programs Through FY 2023. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, and several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program). It would create new pilot programs that would test strategies for improving the accuracy of the SNAP income verification process. It would allow industrial hemp to be grown in the United States, subject to close regulation at the state level. It would modify the activities permitted on land contracted under the conservation reserve program.” The conference report was adopted by a vote of 369-47. [HR 2, [Vote #434](#), 12/12/18; CQ, [12/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For House Floor Consideration Of The Farm Bill. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1176) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Farm Bill (HR 2), that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023. The rule would also waive section 7 of the War Powers Resolution for a concurrent resolution related to hostilities in Yemen.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 206-203. [HR 2, [Vote #432](#), 12/12/18; CQ, [12/12/18](#)]

Language Was Also Attached To The Vote Advancing The Farm Bill That Would Prevent A Vote That Year On Limiting U.S. Involvement In Yemen. “The bill only narrowly advanced in the House, 206-203, after language was tucked into the procedural rule preventing for the rest of the year a floor vote on any war powers resolution limiting the U.S. involvement in Yemen. The move sparked backlash from a number of lawmakers.” [The Hill, [12/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Issue A Grazing Permit Or Lease That Violates The Mandatory Qualifications For Such Permits. In July 2018, Handel voted against “Gallego, D-Ariz., amendment no. 51, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to issue a grazing permit or lease that violates the mandatory qualifications for such permits.” The amendment failed, 203-212. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #352](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Reauthorize And Modify The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through 2020. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and modify the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act through fiscal 2022 and would provide greater authority to regional fishery management councils in setting the conditions under which overfished or depleted fisheries are to be restored. The bill would eliminate the current 10-year requirement for rebuilding overfished or depleted fisheries and would allow fishery councils to set rebuilding periods that reflect the individual fish species' ability to recover. The bill would also modify catch limits for specific species and would prohibit fisheries councils in four regions from implementing any new ‘catch share’ programs unless such plans had been approved by an industry referendum vote. The bill would authorize \$397 million annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 to carry out the bill's provisions.” The bill passed, 222-193. [HR 200, [Vote #321](#), 7/11/18; CQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With Instructions To Require The Secretary Of Commerce Or State Governments To Declare A Fishery Disaster If Unilateral Tariffs Affect The Economic Viability Of The U.S. Fishing Industry. In July 2018, Handel voted against “Gomez, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the Commerce Department, or a relevant state government, to declare a fishery disaster if any

unilateral tariffs imposed by any countries on U.S. seafood exports affect the economic viability of the U.S. fishing industry.” The motion was rejected, 187-228. [HR 200, [Vote #320](#), 7/11/18; CQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Bill Reauthorizing The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through Fiscal 2022. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 965) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 200) that would reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act through fiscal 2022 and would provide greater authority to regional fishery management councils in setting the conditions under which overfished or depleted fisheries are to be restored.” The resolution was adopted 227-184. [H Res 965, [Vote #317](#), 7/11/18; CQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits. The bill would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, the current sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program) and would modify certain utility standards in the Home Energy Assistance Program to require SNAP benefits recipients to provide documentation of such expenses in order to receive increased benefits using the Standard Utility Allowance.” The bill passed, 213-211. [H.R. 2, [Vote #284](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House farm bill passes with controversial food stamp changes [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

The Bill Would Tighten Eligibility For SNAP, Resulting In 400,000 Households Losing Benefits, And Would Risk Free And Reduced-Price School Meals For Thousands For Children. “The House farm bill would also tighten eligibility criteria under SNAP — changes that would result in some 400,000 households losing SNAP benefits. Thousands of children would also risk losing their enrollment in free and reduced-price school meal programs.” [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

Anti-Hunger Groups Said The Changes Would Make It More Difficult For Millions For Receive Nutrition Assistance, While Investing In Job Training Programs That Are Not Proven To Move People Out Of Poverty. “Republicans contend the plan would put people on a pathway to self-sufficiency. Democrats and anti-hunger groups say it would make it more difficult for millions of needy Americans to receive nutrition assistance, and also would invest in a state-run job training bureaucracy under SNAP that has yet to prove it helps people move out of poverty.” [Politico, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Motion To Reconsider The 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Ryan, R-Wis., motion to reconsider the vote on passage of” the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018. The motion was approved, 233-191. [H.R. 2, [Vote #283](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill, Which Would Reauthorize SNAP And Farm And Rural Programs. In May 2018, Handel voted for conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits.” The bill failed 198 to 213. [HR 2, [Vote #205](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House Farm Bill Collapses Amid Republican Disarray [New York Times, [5/18/18](#)]

The House Farm Bill Included Strict Work Requirements For Food Aid Recipients, While Maintaining Farm Subsidies For Rural Communities. “The twice-a-decade measure — which would have imposed strict

new work requirements on food aid recipients while maintaining farm subsidies important to rural lawmakers — failed on a 213-to-198 vote. It was a rebuke of Speaker Paul D. Ryan by a key bloc of conservatives over his refusal to schedule an immediate vote on a restrictive immigration bill sponsored by the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.” [New York Times, [5/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Motion To Amend The Farm Bill To Remove Provision That Takes Away \$3.8 Billion In Food Assistance For Hungry Families. In May 2018, Handel voted against “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the SNAP child support enforcement provision that perversely spends more than \$2 for every \$1 in savings while taking away \$3.8 billion in SNAP benefits from hungry families. By striking the provision, the amendment restores these vital SNAP benefits and eliminates wasteful administrative spending. It invests the remaining savings in 1) opioid addiction and treatment services and rural mental health services; 2) broadband connectivity to help rural communities compete in the modern economy; 3) increased export marketing to offset the uncertainty caused by the Administration’s trade policies; 4) support for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program to develop the next generation of producers; 5) scholarships at 1890 Institutions; and 6) research on organics and specialty crops.” The motion was rejected 183-226. [HR 2, [Vote #204](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Strengthen Prohibitions Against Animal Fighting. In May 2018, Handel voted for amendment that: “Strengthens prohibitions against animal fighting by ensuring the law applies to all US territories.” The amendment was adopted 359 to 51. [HR 2, [Vote #202](#), 5/18/18; Republican Cloak Room, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Allow For The Interstate Trade And Human Consumption Of Unpasteurized Milk And Milk Products. In May 2018, Handel voted against “Massie, R-Ky., amendment that would prohibit federal interference in the interstate transportation of unpasteurized milk and milk products between states that allow for the distribution of such products for direct human consumption.” The amendment failed, 79-331. [HR 1865, [Vote #201](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Exclude Alcoholic Products From Counting As Value-Added Agricultural Products. In May 2018, Handel voted against “Russell, R-Okla., amendment that would exclude beer, wine, distilled spirits, hard cider, and other alcoholic products from counting as value-added agricultural products, thus making such products ineligible for agricultural product market development grants, and would rescind \$8 million in unobligated funds from value-added agricultural product market development grant program.” The amendment was rejected, 54-356. [HR 1865, [Vote #200](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Repeal The Department Of Agriculture Biomass And Bioenergy Subsidy Programs. In May 2018, Handel voted against “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment that would repeal the Department of Agriculture biomass and bioenergy subsidy programs.” The amendment failed, 75-340. [HR 1865, [Vote #197](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Allow States To Use Private Companies To Carry Out Program Eligibility Functions Of The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In May 2018, Handel voted for “Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would allow states to carry out program eligibility and other administrative functions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in a number of different ways, including the use of non-governmental contractors, as long as such personnel have no direct or indirect financial interest in an approved retail food store.” The amendment was adopted, 222-192. [HR 1865, [Vote #196](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Amendment Would Allow States To “Privatize SNAP Operations.” “An amendment from Representative John Faso (R-NY) that would allow states to privatize SNAP operations. This change would allow private companies to take over administration of the program, despite failed attempts in some states over the years.” [CLASP, [6/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Work-Requirement Exemptions To Five Percent Of SNAP Recipients. In May 2018, Handel voted against “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would reduce work-requirement exemptions from 15 percent to five percent of SNAP benefit recipients; would reduce the qualifying age of children from three-years-old to six-years-old with respect to work requirement-exempted parents; would set the same hour-per-week work Requirement for married parents as for single parents; and would require employment and training program participants to have their work eligibility electronically verified through the E-verify system.” The amendment failed, 83-330. [HR 2, [Vote #195](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Phase Out Agricultural Crop Subsidies By 2030. In May 2018, Handel voted against “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would phase out agricultural crop subsidies by 2030.” The amendment was rejected, 34-380. [HR 2, [Vote #194](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Adjust Loan Rates For The Sugar Program And Establish Tariff Rate Quotas For Raw And Refined Sugar. In May 2018, Handel voted for “Foxx, R-N.C., amendment that would adjust loan rates for the sugar program, would terminate the feedstock flexibility program, and would establish tariff rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar. The amendment failed, 137-278. [HR 2, [Vote #193](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would prohibit the Farm Bill from going into effect until the President certifies to Congress that none of the Administration’s recent actions related to trade and tariffs would cause harm to domestic farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 228-189. [H Res 900, [Vote #190](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill Which Would Loosen Nutritional Disclosure Requirements For Restaurants And Other Food Establishments. In February 2018, Handel voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the Food and Drug Administration’s menu labeling regulations to allow nutritional information to be provided online, as opposed to on a menu board, and would allow restaurants and other food establishments to determine the serving size for which nutritional information would be posted. It would prohibit states from enacting laws regarding the disclosure of nutritional information that are different from the federal law. It would prohibit the FDA from enforcing compliance with menu labeling regulations for 90 days after a violation is discovered.” The motion was adopted, 366-177. [H.R 392. 772, [Vote #56](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#)]

Arts & Humanities

Handel Voted Against An Amendment Decreasing Funds From The NEA And NEH And Appropriating Them To The Spending Reduction Account. In July 2018, Handel voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment no. 39, that would increase funding for the spending reduction account by \$46.5 million, and would decrease funding for funding for the National Endowment on the Arts and the Humanities by an equal amount.” The resolution failed by a vote of 119-297. [H R 6147, [Vote #345](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Budget

Handel Voted For Considering A Short-Term Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government And Construct A U.S.-Mexico Border Wall. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill HR 695 which is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019, and would provide funds for the construction of a U.S-Mexico border wall and emergency disaster relief funding.” The rule was adopted 221-179. [HR 695, [Vote #469](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration of A Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Without Funding For A U.S. Mexico Border Wall. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1183) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill HR 695 which is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019, and provide funds for the construction of a U.S.-Mexico border wall and emergency disaster relief funding.” According to the Congressional Record, “That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up the Senate amendment to H.R. 695, which is the clean CR that has already passed the Senate by a voice vote.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a clean CR without border wall funding. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-178. [HR 659, [Vote #468](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#); Congressional Record, [12/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Fund The Remainder Of The Government And Extend The National Flood Insurance Program And Violence Against Women Act. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1176) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Farm Bill (HR 2), that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, and would waive section 7 of the War Powers Resolution for a concurrent resolution related to hostilities in Yemen.” According to the Congressional Record “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 7264, a continuing resolution to fund the remainder of the government and extend the National Flood Insurance Program, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act until September 30.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of an amendment to bring up a bill funding the remainder of the government and extending the National Flood Insurance Program and Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-191. [CQ, [12/12/18](#); HR 2, [Vote #431](#), 12/12/18; Congressional Record, [12/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill that would provide \$855.1 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments and agencies, including \$674.4 billion for the Defense Department and \$178.1 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments. The Defense Department total would include \$606.5 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps, and would include \$67.9 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide \$90.3 billion in discretionary spending for the Health and Human Services Department, \$71.4 billion for the Education Department and \$12.1 billion for the Labor Department. The measure would also provide funding for federal government operations until Dec. 7, 2018, at an annualized rate of approximately \$1.3 trillion.” The amendment was adopted 361-61. [HR 6157, [Vote #405](#), 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the U.S. government to operate under a balanced budget each year, beginning five years after ratification. Under the proposal, three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit, but a simple majority would be sufficient to waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 233-184. [H J Res 2, [Vote #138](#), 4/12/18; CQ, [4/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 811) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4790) regarding ‘Volcker Rule’ regulation and exemptions thereto, and providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” The rule was adopted 230-184. [H Res 811, [Vote #134](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on [...] providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” According to Rep. McGovern, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule which would amend the bill to exempt Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, vital pillars of our social safety net.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-186. [H Res 811, [Vote #133](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#); Congressional Record, H3018, [4/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The \$1.3 Trillion FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Package That Funded The Government Through September 30, 2018. In March 2018, Handel voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further amendment that would provide roughly \$1.3 trillion in funding for federal government operations and services through Sept. 30, 2018. The measure would provide a total of \$654.6 billion in additional funding to the Defense Department [...] \$98.7 billion to the Health and Human Services Department, [...] \$3.4 billion to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance abuse block grants, and would provide roughly \$3.7 billion to the National Institutes of Health, including an additional \$500 million for research into opioid addiction. It would provide \$47.7 billion to the Homeland Security Department, including \$1.6 billion for the purpose of bolstering security measures on the U.S.-Mexico border, including the construction of new fencing along sections of the border, and would provide \$7.1 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations and enforcement. The measure includes provisions from multiple bills related to school safety and firearms regulations, including a bill (S 2135) that would require the Department of Justice to certify that appropriate records have been submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by federal agencies and state governments with respect to individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms. The measure includes language from the bill (S 2495) that would authorize \$75 million a year through fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence.” The motion as agreed to, 256-167. [H Res 796, [Vote #127](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of The 2018 Omnibus Spending Package. In March 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 796) that would provide for consideration for the Senate amendment to HR 1625, the legislative vehicle for the fiscal 2018 omnibus appropriations package.” The rule was adopted, 211-207. [HR 1625, [Vote #124](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Concurring With The Senate On The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through March 23, 2018. In December 2017, Handel voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through March 23, 2018. The bill would increase defense spending caps to \$629 billion for fiscal 2018 and \$647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by \$63 billion in fiscal 2018 and \$68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide \$89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including \$23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, \$28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund, and \$4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, [Vote #69](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#)]

Budget Deal Ending Second Government Shutdown Of 2018 Added \$320 Billion To The Deficit – The Second Shutdown In Three Weeks. “But action did not come soon enough to avoid a brief government shutdown — the second in three weeks — thanks to a one-man protest from Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who

delayed the Senate vote past midnight to mark his opposition to an estimated \$320 billion addition to the federal budget deficit.” [Washington Post, [2/9/18](#)]

Budget Deal Raised Sequestration Caps For 2018 And 2019 By \$296 Billion, Suspended The Debt Ceiling Until March 2019, And Approved An Additional \$90 Billion In Disaster Relief. “Attached to the CR is language raising the sequestration budget caps for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 by a total of \$296 billion, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2019 and approving an additional \$90 billion in disaster relief, among a host of other policy provisions.” [Roll Call, [2/9/18](#)]

CNN: Continuing Resolution Included A Full Year Of Defense Spending To “Sweeten The Deal For Conservative And Defense Hawks... Who Have Been Emphatic That They Wouldn't Support The Fifth Continuing Resolution In Six Months.” “The House of Representatives passed legislation funding most federal agencies through March 23, and the Pentagon for a full fiscal year, roughly two days before the government faces a shutdown. The bill passed 245-182, but this is just the first step. The bill will next go the Senate, where Democrats are expected to oppose it because it doesn't also provide longer term money for domestic programs like opioid recovery efforts, transportation, and education. [...] GOP leaders tacked on a full year of defense funding to sweeten the deal for conservative and defense hawks in their ranks who have been emphatic that they wouldn't support the fifth continuing resolution in six months without some kind of certainty for the country's military.” [CNN, [2/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Handel voted for to provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 8, 2018. The measure would fund the state Children's Health and Insurance Programs at \$21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 266-150. [H.R. 195, [Vote #44](#), 1/22/18; CQ, [1/22/18](#)]

Measure Ended A Three Day Government Shutdown. “Congress voted late Monday to reopen the government after a three-day shutdown, sending President Trump a short-term spending bill that passed after Senate Republican leaders pledged to act on immigration policy next month. [...] Roughly 60 hours after government funding lapsed, a bipartisan group of negotiators in the Senate prevailed with leadership and trading Democratic support for reopening the government for a commitment by Republicans to hold a vote resolving the status of young undocumented immigrants by mid-February.” [Washington Post, [1/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Handel voted for to provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 16, 2018, at an annualized rate of \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of \$621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The measure would fund the state Children's Health and Insurance Programs at \$21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 230-197. [H.R. 195, [Vote #33](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Bill Failed In The Senate, Leading To A Government Shutdown – The First Time A Shutdown Involving Furloughs Occurred While One Party Controlled Washington. “The federal government entered the 18th

partial shutdown of the modern budget era at midnight Saturday after the Senate failed to reach a deal on a funding bill. The modern budget process began with the passage of the Budget Act of 1974. Since then, there have been a slew of different circumstances that prompted shutdowns, but this shutdown is unique for one reason. This is the first time that one party has controlled the House, the Senate, and the White House during a shutdown in which federal employees are furloughed.” [Business Insider, [1/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Handel voted for expected legislative vehicle for an extension of the current continuing resolution through Feb. 16, 2018, and funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal 2023. It would waive, through the legislative day of January 20, 2018, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee and would also provide for motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of January 20, 2018.” The rule was adopted 226-194. [H Res 695, [Vote #28](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further House amendment that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Jan. 19, 2018. The bill, as amended, would authorize \$2.1 billion for the Veterans Choice Program, \$2.9 billion in mandatory funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program and \$550 million in funding to Community Health Centers through Mar. 31. The bill would exempt funding provided to the Children's Health Insurance Fund and other health programs, as well as the tax overhaul package, from statutory pay-as-you-go requirements. It would provide \$4.7 billion in emergency supplemental funds for missile defense and Navy ship repairs. It would also extend authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Jan. 19, including FISA Section 702, which allows U.S. intelligence agencies to obtain data from electronic service providers or non-U.S. persons who reside outside the U.S.” The motion passed 231 to 188. [HR 1370, [Vote #708](#), 12/21/17; CQ, [12/21/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018 And Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 670) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act (HR 1370) that would fund government operations and certain programs through Jan. 19, 2018, and the disaster supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 4667) that would make further supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance for Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria and calendar year 2017 wildfires.” The rule was adopted 228-186. [H Res 670, [Vote #705](#), 12/21/17; CQ, [12/21/17](#)]

Handel Voted For The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through December 22, 2017. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Dec. 22, 2017, at an annualized rate of \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of \$621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The bill would allow state Children's Health and Insurance Programs to receive extra redistribution funds beyond what is currently allowed, supporting the program's operations through the end of December.” The resolution passed 235 to 193. [H J Res 123, [Vote #670](#), 12/7/17; CQ, [12/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of Bills Loosening Regulations On Mergers And Acquisitions, Exempting Companies From Mortgage Escrow Requirements And Funding The Government Through December 22, 2017. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 647) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 477) that would exempt certain mergers and acquisitions brokers from Securities and Exchange Commission registration requirements; of the bill (HR 3971) that would exempt certain companies from home mortgage escrow requirements; and of the joint resolution (H J Res 123) that would fund government operations at current levels through Dec. 22, 2017 and allow state Children's Health and Insurance Programs to receive extra redistribution funds beyond what is currently allowed.” The rule was adopted 238 to 188. [H Res 647, [Vote #666](#), 12/7/17; CQ, [12/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Agreeing To The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget That Provided \$3.1 Trillion In New Budget Authority. In October 2017, Handel voted for “Black, R-Tenn., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would allow the cap on defense spending to be raised to \$640 billion for fiscal 2018, without the need for offsets. It would require the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than \$1.5 trillion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. It would also instruct the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would reduce the deficit by \$1 billion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. The concurrent resolution would authorize the establishment of various reserve funds, including a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to repealing or replacing the 2010 health care overhaul law, and a revenue-neutral reserve fund related to modifying the federal tax system.” The budget passed 216-212. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #589](#), 10/26/17; CQ Floor Votes, [10/26/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House approves Senate-passed budget plan, paving way for tax reform [CBS News, [10/26/17](#)]

AP: “The Budget Plan Calls For \$5 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over The Decade, Including Cuts To Medicare, Medicaid And The Obama-Era Health Care Law.” “The budget plan calls for \$5 trillion in spending cuts over the decade, including cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the Obama-era health care law, though Republicans have no plans to actually impose those cuts with follow-up legislation. Some Democrats criticized the measure for ruthless spending cuts; others took the opposite approach, failing it for tackling the deficit.” [Associated Press, [10/26/17](#)]

Senate Budget Directed Energy And Natural Resources Committee To Find \$1 Billion In Deficit Reduction, Which Was Likely To Come From Opening ANWR To Oil And Gas Leasing. “Democrats on Tuesday said they planned to introduce an amendment to the budget resolution (S Con Res 25) to strip a provision in its reconciliation instructions that would direct the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to find \$1 billion in deficit reduction. Those savings are likely to come in the form of legislation that would open ANWR to oil and gas leasing, which would generate revenues from the sale of federal leases to drilling companies and from royalties on the sale of oil and gas extracted from federally owned land.” [CQ, [10/17/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 580) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71) that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts.” The resolution was adopted 233-188. [HRes 580, [Vote #583](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Handel Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.2 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume \$1.22 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2018. It would assume the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law. It also would propose reducing spending on mandatory programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and changing programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as food stamps). It would call for restructuring Medicare into a "premium support" system beginning in 2024. I would also require the House Ways and Means Committee to report out legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would provide for a revenue-neutral, comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code and would include instructions to 11 House committees to trigger the budget reconciliation process to cut mandatory spending. The concurrent resolution would assume that, over 10 years, base (non-Overseas Contingency Operations) discretionary defense spending would be increased by a total of \$929 billion over the Budget Control Act caps and non-defense spending be reduced by \$1.3 trillion.” The concurrent resolution was adopted, 219-206. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.”

“The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party's efforts to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

Politico: House Budget Included “\$203 Billion In Mandatory Cuts Achieved Largely By Cutting Safety Net Programs.”

“Under the House budget, any tax reconciliation bill would have to include the \$203 billion in mandatory cuts achieved largely by cutting safety net programs. That prompted some GOP moderates to warn of the political optics of cutting food stamps or Medicaid to pay for corporate tax breaks. The House budget also lays out strict parameters to prevent a tax plan from adding to the deficit, even short-term. And that language has given heartburn to Budget panel members like Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Ohio), who almost voted against the resolution because he was afraid it doesn't provide tax writers with enough funding flexibility to achieve desired cuts.” [Politico, [10/2/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Democratic Alternative FY18 \$3.4 Billion Budget That Would Call For An Increase In The Minimum Wage And The Enactment Of Legislation To Expand Paid Sick Leave.

In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., substitute amendment that would provide for \$3.4 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending and would provide an additional \$54 billion for both defense and non-defense spending in fiscal 2018. It would allow for Overseas Contingency Operations funding at the level requested by the president, but would prevent the use of OCO funding for base defense needs. It would assume \$160 billion in Medicare savings through efficiency programs. It would call for an increase in the minimum wage, would assume the implementation of a comprehensive immigration overhaul and it would call for the enactment of legislation to expand paid sick leave.” The amendment was rejected, 268-156. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #556](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

Handel Voted For An Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget.

In October 2017, Handel voted for: “McClintock, R-Calif., substitute amendment that would provide for \$2.9 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018. It would balance the budget by fiscal 2023 by reducing spending by \$10.1 trillion over 10 years. It would cap total discretionary spending at \$1.06 trillion for fiscal 2018 and would assume no separate Overseas Contingency Operations funding for fiscal 2018 or subsequent years and would incorporate funding related to war or terror into the base defense account. It would assume repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and would convert Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program into a single block grant program. It would require that off budget programs, such as Social Security, the U.S. Postal Service, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, be included in the budget.” The amendment was rejected, 281-139. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #555](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

RSC Budget Targeted Medicare And Medicaid, As Well As Food Assistance For Families In Need.

“The trillions of dollars in RSC-backed cuts are mainly for show, as there is little appetite within the conference or at the other end of the Capitol for deep reductions to the growth rate of mandatory spending. The RSC budget targets the major health care benefit programs Medicare and Medicaid and overhauls other means-tested benefits for the poor such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.” [Roll Call, [10/3/17](#)]

RSC Budget Included More Than \$10 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over A Decade, About Twice As Much As The House Republican Budget.

“House Republicans will get the chance Thursday to vote for an alternative budget blueprint that offers up more than \$10 trillion in spending cuts over a decade. [...] The Budget Committee-approved plan also proposes sizable cuts to mandatory programs, but only about \$5.4 trillion in total reductions, about half of what the RSC wants. In addition, the RSC budget proposes to get to balance by fiscal 2023, as opposed to fiscal 2027 in the underlying resolution headed to the floor Thursday.” [Roll Call, [10/3/17](#)]

RSC Budget Repealed Obamacare And Replaced It With The American Health Care Reform Act. “(b) Policy on Replacing Obamacare.--It is the policy of this resolution that Obamacare must not only be repealed, but also replaced by enacting the American Health Care Reform Act.” [McClintock Substitute Amendment, [10/5/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Democratic \$3.8 Trillion FY18 Budget Alternative That Included A Public Option, Immigration Reform, And \$200 Billion For Hurricane Recovery. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Scott, D-Va., substitute amendment that would provide for \$3.8 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would increase spending by \$1 trillion over five years and would provide for a number of revenue-raising options, totaling \$10.9 trillion, that could be used to raise at least \$3.9 trillion in additional revenues over 10 years. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending, would end defense funding through the Overseas Contingency Operations account, would create a public insurance option to be sold within the current health insurance exchanges, would call for implementation of comprehensive immigration overhaul and would include \$200 billion for hurricane recovery in in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.” The amendment was rejected, 292-130. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #554](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Democratic \$3.8 Trillion FY18 Budget Alternative That Included A Public Option And Comprehensive Immigration Reform. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., for Pocan, D-Wis., substitute amendment that would provide for \$3.8 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would raise overall spending by \$3.5 trillion over 10 years and would increase revenues by \$8.2 trillion over the same period through policies that would increase taxes for corporations and high-income individuals. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending, would modify the tax code by adding five higher marginal tax rates, would create a public insurance option to be sold within the current health insurance exchanges and would call for implementation of comprehensive immigration overhaul.” The amendment was rejected, 314-108. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #553](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of The Fiscal 2018 Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 553) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71).” The rule was adopted, 232-188. [H Res 553, [Vote #552](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Passing The \$1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, including \$621.5 billion for defense and \$511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending.” The bill passed by a vote of 211-198. [H R 3354, [Vote #528](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For Taxpayer Advocate Service’s Identity Theft Casework And Decreasing Funding For IRS Operational Support In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would increase funding for the Taxpayer Advocate Service’s identity theft casework by \$500,000, and would decrease funding for IRS operational support by \$1 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 265-143. [H R 3354, [Vote #526](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds From The Omnibus Appropriations Bill To Be Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce An SEC Rule Related To Conflict Materials. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Huizenga, R-Mich., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce a Securities Exchange Commission rule related to conflict materials.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 211-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #525](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Reducing Funding For All Departmental Salary And Expense Accounts By 10 Percent And Transferring The Savings To A Spending Reduction Account In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Mitchell, R-Mich., amendment that would decrease funding for all departmental salary and expense accounts under the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations section of the bill by

10 percent and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #524](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Remove The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Authority To Regulate Certain Types Of Small Dollar Credit In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would remove the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s authority to regulate certain types of small dollar credit, such as payday loans and vehicle loans.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-221. [H R 3354, [Vote #523](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The Provision Related To Manufactured Housing Mortgages, Manufacturers, And Retailers. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provisions related to manufactured housing mortgages, manufacturers and retailers.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-245. [H R 3354, [Vote #522](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Incorporate The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Into The Regular Appropriations Process In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would incorporate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-226. [H R 3354, [Vote #521](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Omnibus’ Repeal Of The District Of Columbia’s Budget Autonomy. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Norton, D-D.C., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s repeal of the District of Columbia’s budget autonomy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-222. [H R 3354, [Vote #520](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Decreasing Funding For The IRS And Transferring The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Gohmert, R-Texas, for Posey, R-Fla., amendment that would decrease funding for Internal Revenue Service operations support by \$165,300, and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #519](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Any Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement DC’s Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement the District of Columbia’s Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-194. [H R 3354, [Vote #518](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement DOL Regulations Concerning Workplace Injuries And Illness In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Gibbs, R-Ohio, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce Department of Labor regulations concerned with workplace injuries and illness, that were published May 12, 2016.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-201. [H R 3354, [Vote #515](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To For Federal Contractors Who Have Willfully Or Repeatedly Violated The Fair Labor Standards Act. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would prohibit funding appropriated by the bill from being used to enter into contracts with federal contractors who have willfully or repeatedly violated the Fair Labor Standards Act.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-226. [H R 3354, [Vote #514](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Cutting One Percent Of All Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education Departments. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would provide for a one percent cut to all funds appropriated by the bill to the Labor Department,

Health and Human Services Department and the Education Department.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-260. [H R 3354, [Vote #513](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Any Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement A 2014 NLRB Rule Governing Representation-Case Procedures. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Walberg, R-Mich., amendment that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement a 2014 National Labor Relations Board final rule governing representation-case procedures.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-196. [H R 3354, [Vote #512](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Reducing The Funding For The Coal Mine Safety And Health Program By 10 Percent In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment that would reduce the funding for the Coal Mine Safety and Health program by 10 percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-238. [H R 3354, [Vote #511](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Decreasing The Salaries And Expenses Of The NLRB By \$99 Million In The FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment decrease the salaries and expenses of the National Labor Relations Board by \$99 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 175-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #510](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Student Aid Administration Program, Department Of Education Program Administration, And Department Of Education Office Of Inspector General In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for the Student Aid Administration by \$34 million, would decrease funding for the Department of Education’s program administration by \$8.6 million, would decrease funding for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education by \$1.1 million, and would transfer the balance of the saving to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 131-285. [H R 3354, [Vote #509](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Increasing Funding For Adult Education By \$70.2 Million And Reducing Higher Education Funding By The Same Amount In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Lewis, R-Minn., amendment that would increase funding for adult education by \$70.2 million and would decrease funding for higher education by the same amount.” The amendment was reject by a vote of 153-263. [H R 3354, [Vote #508](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing, Then Decreasing, Funding For Education Innovation And Improvement In The FY 2018 Omnibus In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Courtney, D-Conn., amendment that would increase, then decrease, funding for education innovation and improvement by \$1.2 million (related to magnet schools).” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 204-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #507](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For School Improvement Activities And Decreasing Funding For The Department Of Education Department Of Management In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Lowey, D-N.Y., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for school improvement activities by \$100 million, would increase funding for school improvement for the academic year 2018-2019 by \$100 million, would increase funding for integrated student supports and specialized instructional support services by \$100 million, and would decrease funding for the Department of Management of the Department of Education by \$100 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 228-188. [H R 3354, [Vote #506](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Decreasing Then Increasing Funding For The Office Of The HHS Secretary In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Lujan, D-N.M., amendment that would decrease and then increase funding for the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by \$2

million (related to peer support programs).” The amendment was adopted by of 213-205. [H R 3354, [Vote #505](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Increasing Funding Related To Access To Medicare For Mental And Substance Use Disorders In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Murphy, R-Pa., amendment that would increase funding related to access to Medicare for mental and substance use disorders by \$5 million.” The amendment failed by a vote of 198-219. [H R 3354, [Vote #504](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration And Decreasing Funding For The Office Of The HHS Secretary And The DOE Department Of Management In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by \$231.3 million, would decrease funding for the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by \$219.6 million, and would decrease funding for the Department of Management of the Department of Education by \$11.7 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-192. [H R 3354, [Vote #503](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For Maternal And Child Health Service Block Grants And Decreasing Funding For The Office Of The DHS Secretary In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Kildee, D-Mich., amendment that would increase funding for Maternal and Child Health Service block grants by \$25 million, and would decrease funding for the office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 243-175. [H R 3354, [Vote #502](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Bureau Of Labor And Statistics And Increasing Funding For Management Departments Within The Department Of Labor In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Meng, D-N.Y., amendment that would decrease funding for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by \$1.1 million, and increase funding for the departments of management within the Department of Labor by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-198. [H R 3354, [Vote #501](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Working Protection Agencies In The Labor, HHS, And Education Departments In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Pocan, D-Wis., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Departments’ worker protection agencies by \$149 million, and would decrease funding to the departments’ program administration funds by \$164 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-219. [H R 3354, [Vote #500](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Department Of Labor’s Youth Employment Activities And Decreasing Funding For The Department’s Salaries And Expenses. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Kildee, D-Mich., amendment that would increase funding for the Department of Labor’s youth employment activities by \$10 million, and would decrease funding for the department’s salaries and expenses by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 247-170. [H R 3354, [Vote #499](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Violate The Government’s Ability To Exchange Information About Someone’s Citizenship Or Immigration Status. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to violate the federal government’s ability to send or receive information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of an individual.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 226-191. [H R 3354, [Vote #498](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce The National Ocean Policy. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Flores, R-Texas, for Byrne, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to implement, administer or enforce the National Ocean Policy, related to the stewardship of oceans, coasts and the Great Lakes.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-199. [H R 3354, [Vote #497](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Require Individuals In Halfway Houses To Pay A Subsistence Fee. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Norton, D-D.C., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to require individuals who reside in a halfway house or on home confinement to pay a subsistence fee.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 189-225. [H R 3354, [Vote #496](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Allowing Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission To Be Used For Gathering Information From Employers Related To Employees’ Earnings And Hours Worked. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Scott, D-Va., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would allow funds appropriated to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to be used for the collection of information from employers related to employees’ earning and hours worked.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #495](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The DOJ Salaries And Expenses And Increasing Funding For The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Torres, D-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding for the Department of Justice’s salaries and expenses by \$5 million and would increase funding for the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 279-137. [H R 3354, [Vote #493](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Reducing EPA Funding By \$1.8 Million. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce funding for the EPA by \$1.8 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-260. [H R 3354, [Vote #492](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Pursue Extra-Legal Ways To Transfer Federal Funds To Private Owners. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to pursue any extra-legal ways to transfer federal lands to private owners in contravention of existing law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #491](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Closing Or Consolidating Any Regional EPA Office. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds made appropriated by the bill to close or consolidate any regional office of the EPA.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 201-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #490](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Omnibus Funds From Being Used To Implement Rules Or Regulations That Rely On Studies Related To The “Social Cost Of Carbon.” In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to implement any rules or regulations that rely on certain studies related to the ‘social cost of carbon.’” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-186. [H R 3354, [Vote #489](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Funds From Being Used To Enforce Rules Relating To Source Performance Standards For Greenhouse Gas Emissions. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to enforce rules relating to source performance standards for greenhouse gas emissions and volatile organic compound emissions from the oil and natural gas sector.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #488](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Enforce Bureau Of Land Management Rules About Natural Gas Waste On Federal And Indian Lands. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Pearce, R-N.M. amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the Bureau of Land Management’s rule aimed to reduce waste of natural gas from venting, flaring, and leaks during oil and natural gas production activities on onshore federal and Indian (other than Osage Tribe) leases.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-186. [H R 3354, [Vote #484](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Process Any Application For A Permit To Drill Using Hydraulic Fracturing Or Acid Well Stimulation In The Pacific Outer Continental Shelf. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., amendment that would prohibit funds to process any application under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act for a permit to drill or a permit to modify, that would authorize use of hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #483](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds For The EPA’s Criminal Enforcement Division. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds by the EPA to enforce the EPA’s Criminal Enforcement Division.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-227. [H R 3354, [Vote #482](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Reducing All Funds Appropriated In The Interior Division By One Percent In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce all funds appropriated in Interior division of the bill by one percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-248. [H R 3354, [Vote #481](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Funding The Government Through December 8, 2017, Suspending The Debt Limit For Three Months And Making Available Supplemental Emergency Funding For Hurricane Relief. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would make available \$15.25 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey. The measure would suspend the public debt limit from the bill’s date of enactment until Dec. 8, 2017, and would provide for government operations to be funded at fiscal 2017 levels until Dec. 8, 2017.” The motion passed, 316-90. [H R 601, [Vote #480](#), 9/8/17; CQ, [9/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting The EPA From Using FY 2018 Omnibus Funds To Take “Backstop” Actions Against States In The Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment that would prohibit the EPA from using funds made available by the bill to take “backstop” actions against any of the six states in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in the event that a state does not meet the goals mandated by the EPA’s Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-197. [H R 3354, [Vote #479](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement A National Park Service Rule Related To Wildlife Management Practices On National Preserves In Alaska. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Young, R-Alaska, amendment that would prohibit funds made available by the bill from being used to implement a rule by the National Park Service related to wildlife management practices on national preserves in Alaska.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-196. [H R 3354, [Vote #478](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Prohibit Using FY 2018 Omnibus Funds From being Used To Implement Coastal And Marine Spatial Planning And Ecosystem-Based Management Components Of The National Ocean Policy. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Lowenthal, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to further implement the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management

components of the National Ocean Policy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 189-220. [H R 3354, [Vote #477](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Omnibus Provision That Would Delay The Implementation Date For National Ambient Air Quality Standards. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would delay the implementation date for national ambient air quality standards for ozone until 2026.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 194-218. [H R 3354, [Vote #476](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing And Decreasing Funding To EPA State Tribal Assistance Grants. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Lujan, D-N.M., amendment that would increase by \$6 million, and decrease by the same amount, funding to EPA state and tribal assistance grants for environmental programs and infrastructure assistance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-191. [H R 3354, [Vote #475](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Decreasing The EPA Operations And Maintenance Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment that would decrease the EPA operations and maintenance funding by \$10.2 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 184-228. [H R 3354, [Vote #474](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Decreasing The Department Of The Interior’s Office Of The Secretary Funding By \$1 Million And Increasing EPA Funding By The Same Amount In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would decrease the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary funding by \$1 million, and would increase funding for the EPA by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-218. [H R 3354, [Vote #473](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Increasing Funds For Reclamation Of Abandoned Mine Lands And Decreasing EPA Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Thompson, R-Pa., amendment that would increase funds for reclamation of abandoned mine lands and other related activities by \$32.5 million, and would decrease EPA funding by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 207-205. [H R 3354, [Vote #472](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For EPA Superfund Sites And Decreasing Funding For The Bureau Of Land Management Oil And Gas Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would increase funding for EPA Superfund sites by \$12 million, and would decrease funding for the Bureau of Land Management’s oil and gas program by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-221. [H R 3354, [Vote #471](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds From Being Used In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Make Contributions To The UN Human Rights Council, UN Office Of The High Commissioner For Human Rights, Or UN Relief And Works Agency. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Yoho, Fla., for Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to make contributions to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-212. [H R 3354, [Vote #470](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Increasing Funding For Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation And Decreasing Funding For International Multilateral Organizations In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Scott, R-Ga., amendment that would increase funding for Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation by \$10 million, and would decrease funding for international multilateral organizations by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-193. [H R 3354, [Vote #468](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Increasing Funding For The International Narcotics Council And Law Enforcement And Decreasing Funding For The Fulbright Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., amendment that would increase by \$30 million funding for the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement and decrease funding for the Fulbright Program by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-248. [H R 3354, [Vote #467](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting Funds Appropriated To The Department Of Homeland Security In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Use In Construction Or Expansion Of Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security for use in the construction or expansion of detention facilities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #466](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Department Of Homeland Security Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Entering Into Contracts With Privatized Immigration Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security to be used to enter into contracts with privatized immigration detention facilities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-230. [H R 3354, [Vote #465](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funding Appropriated For The Department Of Homeland Security To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce Wage Requirements. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment, as modified, that would prohibit funding made available in the bill for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-240. [H R 3354, [Vote #464](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Increasing Funding For Coast Guard Research, Development, Test And Evaluating And Decreasing Coast Guard Operating Expenses. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Hunter, R-Calif., amendment that would increase by \$5 million funding for the Coast Guard Research, Development, Test and Evaluating account (for icebreakers), and would decrease funding for the Coast Guard Operating Expenses account by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 245-168. [H R 3354, [Vote #463](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, And Improvements And Decreasing Funding For ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Correa, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by \$100 million funding to the Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements account, and would decrease funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-229. [H R 3354, [Vote #462](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing And Then Decreasing Funding To ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would increase by \$10 million, and would decrease by the same amount, funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-211. [H R 3354, [Vote #461](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, And Improvements And Decreasing Funding To ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by \$850 million funding to the Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements account (for icebreakers), and would decrease funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 170-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #460](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing And Decreasing Funding To Customs and Border Protection Operation And Support. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would increase by \$5

million, and decrease by the same amount, funding to the Customs and Border Protection Operations and Support account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 205-207. [H R 3354, [Vote #459](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving Forward The Consideration Of The FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 504) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” The resolution passed by a vote of 222-190. [H RES 504, [Vote #458](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting State And Local Governments From Receiving HUD Funding If They Prohibit Or Restrict Reporting To INS Information About The Citizenship Or Immigration Status Of Any Individual. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Smith, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit state and local government entities from receiving Housing and Urban Development Department funding if the state or local entity prohibits or restricts any government entity from reporting to Immigration and Naturalization Service with information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #455](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Reducing Housing And Urban Development Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus By Two Percent. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would reduce the bill’s funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development by two percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-280. [H R 3354, [Vote #454](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Omnibus Funds For The Departments Of Transportation And HUD From Being Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce The Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Requirement. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirement. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #453](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Project Based Rental Assistance Subsidy Contracts In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for project based rental assistance subsidy contracts by \$266 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 139-282. [H R 3354, [Vote #452](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Public And Indian Housing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease the funding for the Public and Indian Housing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program of expiring section 8 housing tenant-based annual contributions contracts by \$177 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 124-195. [H R 3354, [Vote #451](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Department Of Housing And Urban Development Offices And Increasing Funding For Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Funding. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Rosen, D-Nev., amendment that would decrease funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development administrative support offices by \$47 million, decrease HUD Office CFO funding by \$4 million, decrease HUD Office of General Counsel funding by \$8 million, decrease HUD Office of Administration funding by \$32.7 million, decrease HUD Office of the Chief Procurement Office funding by \$1.9 million, decrease HUD Office of Strategic Planning and Management funding by \$475,000 and increase the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation funding by \$35 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 200-220. [H R 3354, [Vote #450](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating Funding For Grants To Amtrak In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Brooks, R-Ala., amendment that would that would eliminate \$1.1 billion in funding for grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (operating as Amtrak).” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 128-193. [H R 3354, [Vote #449](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Decreasing Funding For State Of Good Repair Grants And Small Start Projects And Increasing Funding For Fixed Guideway Investment Grants In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Budd, R-N.C., amendment that would decrease funding for the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair grants by \$474 million, would increase funding for fixed guideway investment grants by \$1, would increase funding for new fixed guideway grants by \$400 million and would decrease funding for small start projects by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-260. [H R 3354, [Vote #448](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Decreasing Funding To The Essential Air Service Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding to the Essential Air Service program by \$150 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-280. [H R 3354, [Vote #447](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting FDA Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Finalize, Implement, Or Enforce A 2015 Draft MOU Between The FDA And States Related To Distributions Of Compound Human Drugs. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Carter, R-Ga., amendment that would prohibit funds provided by the bill from being used by the Food and Drug Administration to finalize, implement or enforce a 2015 draft standard memorandum of understanding between the FDA and states related to distributions of compounded human drugs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 141-279. [H R 3354, [Vote #446](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Department Of Agriculture From Being Used To Implement The Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Requirements. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #445](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Omnibus And Waiving The Two-Thirds Vote Requirement To Consider Legislation The Same Day It Is Reported From The House Rules Committee. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 500) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017. The rule would waive, through the legislative day of September 9, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of September 9, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-191. [H RES 500, [Vote #443](#), 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Handel Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$788 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2018 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$658.1 billion in funding for Defense programs; \$88.8 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; \$37.6 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies; and \$3.6 billion in funding fiscal 2018 for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. The bill would provide \$1.6

billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” Passed by a vote of 235-192. [H R 3219, [Vote #435](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Begin, Continue, Process, Or Approve Of A Public-Private Competition Converting Federal Employee Function To Contractor Performance. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to begin, continue, process, or approve of a public-private competition regarding converting any function performed by federal employees to contractor performance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 253-172. [H R 3219, [Vote #433](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Minibus’ Provision That Would Prohibit The Use Of Its Funding To Transfer Or Release Or Assist In The Transfer Or Release Of A Detainee Held At Guantanamo Bay. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit the use of funding made available by the bill to transfer or release, or assist in the transfer or release, to or within the U.S. of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee who is not a U.S. citizen and is held at Guantanamo Bay. The amendment would eliminate a provision that would prohibit funds from being used to construct, acquire or modify any facility in the U.S. to house a prisoner transferred from Guantanamo Bay.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 172-252. [H R 3219, [Vote #432](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For Navy And Air Force Environmental Restoration Operations And Reducing Funding For Defense Department Operations And Maintenance In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Boyle, D-Pa., amendment that would increase by \$30 million funding for Navy environmental restoration operations, would increase by \$30 million funding to Air Force environmental restoration, and would reduce by \$60 million funding to Defense Department-wide operation and maintenance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 256-169. [H R 3219, [Vote #431](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For Naval Environmental Restoration Operations And Decreasing Funding For Defense Department-Wide Operations And Maintenance In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Suoizzi, D-N.Y., amendment that would increase funding for Naval environmental restoration operations by \$34.7 million, and would decrease by an equivalent amount funding for Defense Department-wide operations and maintenance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-211. [H R 3219, [Vote #430](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus Being Used To Implement Or Enforce An Energy Department Rule About Energy Conservation. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to implement or enforce the Energy Department rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps,” published on Jan. 5, 2017.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-248. [H R 3219, [Vote #429](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Reducing All Discretionary Spending In The Energy And Water Division Of The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce by one percent all discretionary spending provided for in the Energy and Water division of the bill.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-285. [H R 3219, [Vote #428](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Minibus, Considering Amendments To The Defense Division Of The Minibus, And Funding Customs And Border Protection For Border Wall Construction. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 478) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill that would make certain appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 3219), would provide for consideration of amendments to the Defense division of the bill; and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of July 28, 2017. The rule would also automatically modify the fiscal 2018 minibus to include an amendment that would provide \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and

Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-196. [H RES 478, [Vote #427](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Reducing And Increasing Funding To The Army Corps Of Engineers Investigations Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would reduce by \$3 million, and increase by the same amount, funding to the Army Corps of Engineers Investigations account.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 234-192. [H R 3219, [Vote #425](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Prohibit Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Implement Components Of The National Ocean Policy. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Pingree, D-Maine, amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to further implement the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy developed under a 2010 executive order.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-235. [H R 3219, [Vote #424](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding To The National Nuclear Security Administration Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by \$118 million funding to the National Nuclear Security Administration defense nuclear nonproliferation account, and would decrease funding for weapons activities at National Nuclear Security Administration by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-247. [H R 3219, [Vote #423](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy And Decreasing Funding To The Fossil Energy Research Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Esty, D-Conn., amendment that would increase by \$20 million funding for facility acquisition, construction or expansion in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and would reduce by \$40 million funding to the Fossil Energy Research and Development account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-224. [H R 3219, [Vote #422](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy And Decreasing Funding To The Fossil Energy Research Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Norcross, D-N.J., amendment that would increase by \$161.7 million funding to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for facility acquisition, construction or expansion, and would reduce by \$323.5 million funding to the Energy Department Fossil Energy Research and Development account.” [H R 3219, [Vote #421](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Account And Reducing Funding To The Fossil Fuel Research And Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would increase by \$177 million funding to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account and would reduce by \$355 million funding to the Fossil Fuel Research and Development account.” [H R 3219, [Vote #420](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Implement Prevailing Wage Requirements Associated With The Davis-Bacon Act. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce prevailing wage requirements associated with the Davis-Bacon Act, which specify the basis for wages paid to employees by companies under contract with the federal government.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-249. [H R 3219, [Vote #419](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Providing Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus For Salaries And Expenses For An Office Of Technology Assessment And Reducing Funding For The Architect Of The Capital. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would provide \$2.5 million in funding for salaries and expenses

in what would become the Office of Technology Assessment, and would reduce by \$2.6 million funding to the capital construction and operations account of the Architect of the Capitol.” The amendment failed 191-236. [H R 3219, [Vote #418](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of Amendments To The Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, And Energy And Water Divisions Of The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 473) providing for consideration of the bill (HR 3219) that would make certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2018, and would provide for consideration of amendments to the Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Energy and Water divisions of the bill.” [H RES 473, [Vote #415](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An “Amendment That Would Eliminate The Budget Analysis Division Of The Congressional Budget Office”. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Griffith, R-Va., amendment that would eliminate the budget analysis division of the Congressional Budget Office and would transfer the responsibilities of the division to the CBO's office of the director.” Rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 116-309. [H R 3219, [Vote #417](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

Campaign Finance & Election Law

Handel Voted Against Amending An Interior Appropriations Bill To Increase Funding For The Election Assistance Commission By \$380 Million. In July 2018, Handel voted against “Quigley, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Election Assistance Commission by \$380 million, and would decrease funding for the ‘Fund for America's Kids and Grandkids’ by the same amount.” The motion was rejected, 182-232. [HR 6147, [Vote #364](#), 7/19/18; CQ, [7/19/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Removing A Ban On The SEC Using Funds To Issue Rules On The Disclosure Of Political Contributions. In July 2018, Handel voted against: “Capuano, D-Mass, amendment no. 81, that would remove the bill's ban on the use of funds by the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue rules on the disclosure of political contributions.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-224. [HR 6147, [Vote #358](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclosure Of All Bundlers. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader's office, “The Democratic Previous Question would help reduce the influence of big money in politics by establishing a small-donor matching system, permitting unlimited coordinated party expenditures from small donor sources, and by requiring disclosure by all bundlers of bundled contributions. Mr. Sarbanes' bill is part of House Democrats' Better Deal Agenda that will help make government more open and transparent.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 222-184. [H Res 905, [Vote #210](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/22/18](#)]

Civil Rights & Liberties

Handel Voted For The Citizens' Right to Know Act, A Bill Requiring State And Local Governments Receiving Justice Department Grants For Pretrial Services To Submit A Report To The Attorney General. In, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill would require state and local governments that receive Justice Department grants for pretrial services to submit annually a report to the attorney general that would include the names of defendants who received services, their prior convictions where applicable, and the amount of money that had been allocated for pretrial services. The bill also states that if a state or local government were to fail to submit such a report, it could lose grant funding for the following year.” The vote passed 221-197. [HR. 2152, [Vote #175](#), 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/9/18](#)]

ACLU Opposed The Bill Due To Privacy Concerns; The Bill Would Publicly Report Personally Identifiable Information Of Individuals Who Had Not Been Convicted Of A Crime. “This legislation raises privacy concerns for the ACLU given the personally identifiable data that is to be collected and publicly reported by the federal government. The bill also undermines efforts to eliminate or reduce jurisdictions’ reliance on money bail systems. [...] We also believe that the potential to harm individual reputations should be considered when arrest records are publicly shared. We are troubled that the Citizens’ Right to Know Act would collect and publicly report personally identifiable information of individuals participating in pretrial services programs – individuals who have not been convicted of a crime given their pretrial status.” [ACLU, [3/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Limiting The Ability Of People With Disabilities To Go To Court Over ADA Violations. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require individuals to verbally request the removal of an architectural barrier and provide written notice to give an establishment sufficient time to correct the infraction before filing a lawsuit under the Americans for Disabilities Act. It would also require the Justice Department to establish a program that would provide educational and training grants for professionals to provide guidance to state and local governments and property owners on the required public accommodations.” The bill passed by a vote of 225-192. [HR 620, [Vote #80](#), 2/15/18; CQ, [2/15/18](#)]

ACLU: “This Change In The Law Would Be A Boon For Businesses At The Expense Of People With Disabilities.” “The ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ upends a key provision of the ADA by preventing people with disabilities from immediately going to court to enforce their rights and to press for timely removal of the barrier that impedes access. Without this critical enforcement mechanism, compliance under the ADA will suffer and people with disabilities will be denied the access to which they are entitled to under the law. MYTH: The ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ doesn’t harm people with disabilities because it merely delays the ability to go to court. TRUTH: The so-called ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ means that people with disabilities won’t have access for weeks, months, or possibly years, and it removes any incentive for businesses to comply proactively with the ADA. This change in the law would be a boon for businesses at the expense of people with disabilities.” [ACLU, accessed [3/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Remove A 180-Day Waiting Period Before People With Disabilities Can Go To Court Over ADA Violations. In February 2018, Handel voted against: “Langevin D-R.I., amendment that would remove the bill’s requirement that a person who claims discrimination must first provide written notice that allows 60 days for an owner to acknowledge receipt of the complaint and 120 days to demonstrate substantial progress in removing the barrier before legal action may be pursued.” The amendment was rejected in the Committee of the Whole by 188-226. [HR 620, [Vote #79](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment Commissioning A Study To Determine The Role Islamic Rhetoric Played In Fomenting Violent Extremism. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Franks, R-Ariz., amendment that would require the secretary of Defense to conduct two concurrent strategic assessments of the use of violent or unorthodox Islamic religious doctrine to support extremist or terrorist messaging and justification, and would require the secretary to submit to Congress the results of the assessments.” The amendment was by a vote of 208-217. [H R 2810, [Vote #372](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#)]

POLITICO: The Franks Amendment “Called For The Pentagon To Identify Islamic Leaders Who Preach Peaceful Beliefs Versus Those Who Espouse Extremist Views.” “The House on Friday rejected a controversial GOP proposal identifying “Islamic religious doctrines, concepts or schools of thought” that could be used by terrorist groups — something opponents say is unconstitutional and will lead to the targeting of Muslims. More than 20 centrist Republicans joined with Democrats to defeated the amendment, 208 to 217. Drafted by conservative Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), the proposal called for the Pentagon to identify Islamic leaders who preach peaceful beliefs versus those who espouse extremist views.” [Politico, [7/14/17](#)]

POLITICO: The Franks Amendment Would Require The Pentagon To Conduct “Strategic Assessments” And Specifically Identify Religious Doctrines And Concepts That “Extremists Use To Recruit Potential Terrorists, Radicalize Them And Ultimately Justify Their Heinous Acts.” “The amendment would require the Defense Department to conduct ‘strategic assessments of the use of violent or unorthodox Islamic religious doctrine to support extremist or terrorist messaging and justification.’ The proposal requires the assessment to identify religious doctrines and concepts that extremists use to recruit potential terrorists, radicalize them and ultimately justify their heinous acts. It also asks Pentagon officials for ‘recommendations for identifying key thought leaders or proponents.’ The proposal also requires the Pentagon to identify Islamic schools of thought that could be used to counter jihadist views, as well as leaders who are preaching these sorts of doctrines.” [Politico, [7/14/17](#)]

Consumer Protections & Regulations

Handel Voted For Appropriating Funds For The Postal Service To Provide Additional Financial Products Or Services. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “McHenry, R-N.C, amendment no. 87, that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used by the Postal Service to provide additional financial products or services.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 201-212. [HR 6147, [Vote #362](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Unfunded Mandates Information And Transparency Act, Which Required Federal Agencies To Analyze Their Regulatory Effects On Industries And To Meet With These Stakeholders. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require independent agencies to conduct analyses of their proposed rules and the effect thereof on the private sector and on state and local governments. The bill would require that independent federal regulatory agencies, except for the Federal Reserve, conduct unfunded mandate analyses of their proposed rules and would require all agencies that conduct unfunded mandate reviews, including both independent and non-independent federal agencies, to consult with private-sector stakeholders on the potential impact of regulations being developed. The bill would also require federal agencies, if requested by a committee chairman or ranking member, to conduct retrospective unfunded mandate analyses of existing regulations. The bill would transfer authority for oversight of UMRA activities to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget.” The bill passed, 230-168. [H R 50, [Vote #328](#), 7/13/18; CQ, [7/13/18](#)]

The Bill Would Require Agencies To Alert And Solicit Feedback From Regulated Industries Before Notifying The Public; Business Could Block New Regulations Without Any Broader Public Knowledge. “The Unfunded Mandates and Information Transparency Act would require federal agencies to alert regulated industries when they are considering drafting a rule and solicit their feedback – before the public learns there may be a rule under consideration. Businesses could block even a hypothetical future rule and the public might never find out.” [Coalition For Sensible Safeguards, accessed [7/13/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Adding An Amendment That Would Have Exempted Agencies That Protect Children From Sex Offenders From The Underlying Bill. In July 2018, Handel voted against: “Beatty, D-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Governmental Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions the actions and mandates of agencies tasked with protection of children against sex offenders, protection of domestic violence victims, protection against rape and sexual assault, and those that assist in background checks for school employees.” The motion was rejected, 180-219. [H R 50, [Vote #327](#), 7/13/18; CQ, [7/13/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering HR 50, A Bill On Agencies Rules, And HR 3281, A Bill On Transfer Of Ownership Of Water Infrastructure Facilities. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 961) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 50) that would require that independent agencies conduct analyses of their proposed rules on the private sector and state and local governments, and would require all federal agencies to consult with the private sector when developing rules, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3281) that would permit the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer ownership of certain federal water

infrastructure facilities to certain nonfederal entities without the need for Congress to enact project-specific legislation.” The rule was adopted, 229-183. [H Res 985, [Vote #319](#), 7/11/18; CQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of The FAA Reauthorization Act, Which Also Modified FEMA Operations And Procedures. In April 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would that would reauthorize federal aviation programs through fiscal 2023. The measure would authorize \$10.2 billion in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to \$11.3 billion in fiscal 2023, for Federal Aviation Administration operations; \$3.4 billion annually for the Aviation Trust Fund for the Airport Improvement Program; \$2.9 billion in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to \$3.3 billion in fiscal 2023, for facilities and equipment; and \$181 million in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to \$204 million in fiscal 2023, for research and development. It would extend for six years the authorization for unmanned aircraft test ranges. It would also ban e-cigarettes and talking on a cell phone during a passenger flight. It would prohibit airlines from involuntarily removing passengers from a plane after they have checked in and taken their seats. The bill would modify the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s operations and procedures, including allowing a portion of funds appropriated for major disaster assistance to be used for hazard mitigation. It would require FEMA to give greater weight and consideration to areas suffering a severe impact from a disaster when making recommendations to the president regarding the declaration of a major disaster.” The bill passed 393-13. [H.R. 4, [Vote #165](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

FAA Reauthorization Renewed Funding For The Agency For Five Years. “The House passed a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that will renew the agency’s funding for another five years. Besides renewing funding, the legislation also includes provisions directing how disaster program funds are spent, though the measure does not allocate money for those programs. ... A total of about \$4.35 billion per year would be allocated for the FAA in the legislation. A few major FAA programs would receive funding authorizations. About \$3.35 billion per year through 2023 would go to infrastructure, and an additional \$1 billion would be authorized for an amendment proposed by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster that would create a report on the agency’s Next Generation Air Transportation System to evaluate air traffic control technology.” [CNN, [4/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Require That An Entity Hiring A Motor Carrier Verify That Certain Standards Are Met. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Duncan, R-Tenn., amendment that would require an entity hiring a motor carrier verify that certain standards are met, including that the motor carrier has a certain amount of insurance and has not been issued an unsatisfactory safety fitness determination.” The amendment was adopted 212 to 191. [HR 4, [Vote #163](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment Eliminating The Bill’s Authorization Of Funding For The Essential Air Service Program. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s authorization of funding for the essential air service program.” The amendment was rejected 113 to 293. [HR 4, [Vote #162](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Require The FAA To Work With Air Carriers To Retrofit Aircrafts With Devices That Mitigate Noise. In April 2018, Handel voted against: “Lynch, D-Mass., amendment that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to work with air carriers to identify and facilitate opportunities for air carriers to retrofit aircraft with devices that mitigate noise, including vortex generators.” The amendment was rejected 187 to 227. [HR 4, [Vote #160](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Rolling Back Guaranteed Meal And Rest Breaks For Truck Drivers Implemented To Fight Fatigue, Crashes And Vehicular Deaths. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Denham, R-Calif., amendment that would state that a local or state government may not enact a law that would prohibit motor carrier employees from working to the full extent they are allowed to work, and would prohibit the enactment of additional obligations on motor carriers.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 222-193. [H.Amdt.563 to HR 4, [Vote #159](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#); The Hill, [4/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Rule That Required Airlines To Accommodate Passengers That Were Delayed For More Than Three Hours. In April 2018, Handel voted against: “Lipinski, D-Ill., amendment that would require the Transportation Department to issue a rule that would require an air carrier, in the event of a flight cancellation, misconnection or delay exceeding three hours, to seek alternative transportation for displaced passengers, including aboard another air carrier, and would require an air carrier to accept passengers of another air carrier that have been displaced following an event within an air carriers control. It would require the department to also issue a rule that would require air carriers adopt contingency plans for lengthy terminal delays at each airport where it operates, including essential needs, meal vouchers and lodging and transportation options for displaced passengers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 92-323. [H.Amdt.562 to HR 4, [Vote #158](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#); Crain’s Chicago Business, [4/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring Airplanes To Fly At The Highest Safe Altitude Possible Within 20 Minutes Of Approaching A Coastal Airport. In April 2018, Handel voted against the “Rohrabacher, R-Calif., amendment that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that all aircraft transitioning from flight over ocean to flight over land fly at a safe altitude.” The amendment “would have required airplanes to fly at the highest safe altitude possible within 20 minutes of approaching an airport and fly farther out over the ocean after takeoff before turning inland.” The amendment was rejected, 37-375. [HR 4, [Vote #156](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#); Los Angeles Times, [4/27/18](#)]

Amendment Was An Attempt To Ease Aircraft Noise In Orange County. “The House of Representatives voted against Rep. Dana Rohrabacher’s four proposed amendments to the Federal Aviation Administration’s annual reauthorization bill that he said would have eased aircraft noise in Orange County.” [Los Angeles Times, [4/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Repealing A Prohibition On U.S. Regulation Of Air Transportation Of Lithium Batteries. In April 2018, Handel voted against the “DeFazio, D-Ore., amendment that would remove a prohibition on the Department of Transportation instituting regulations more stringent than the international standard on the transportation of lithium metal and lithium ion batteries in non-passenger-carrying aircraft.” The amendment was rejected, 192-223. [HR 4, [Vote #155](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of The FAA Reauthorization And Provide For Operations Of The Federal Columbia River Power System. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (HR 4) to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 3144) to provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time”. [H Res 839, [Vote #151](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring The IRS To Develop Protections For Taxpayers Against Cybersecurity Threats And Identity Theft. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the IRS to develop protections for taxpayer information against cybersecurity threats and identity theft. The bill would require the IRS to expand the use of the electronic filing system and information technology infrastructure so that more taxpayers can file taxes and interact with the IRS online. The bill would also create a Chief Information Officer position to lead the modernization efforts of the IRS.” The bill passed by a vote of 414-3. [HR 5445, [Vote #145](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Bill To Make Structural And Procedural Changes At The IRS And Updating The IRS’ Technology Infrastructure. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 831) provide for consideration of the bill (HR 5444) that would require a number of structural and procedural changes at the IRS, including changes to customer service priorities and enforcement rules, and would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 5445) that would update and expand the information technology infrastructure of the IRS.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 239-177. [HR 5444/HR 5445, [Vote #144](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Settlement Agreements Involving The US Government From Requiring The Non-Governmental Party To Pay Any Third Party Other Than The US Government. In October 2017, Handel

voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit settlement agreements involving the U.S. government from requiring the non-governmental party to make a payment or loan to any party other than the U.S. government. Prohibitions would not apply if the payment or loan under the settlement is for restitution to affected parties or is a direct remedy for actual harm.” The bill passed 238-183. [HR 732, [Vote #580](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

The Bill Would Prevent Settlements That Opponents Said Provide Essential Relief To Parties Who Have Suffered Collateral Damage From Defendants’ Actions. “Voting 238 for and 183 against, the House on Oct. 24 passed a GOP-sponsored bill (HR 732) that would prevent the Justice Department from entering into or enforcing settlement agreements that require corporate defendants in civil actions brought by the government to donate to third parties in addition to paying fines and making restitution to direct victims of their alleged misconduct. Backers said such donations circumvent congressional authority to direct the use of federal funds and can be politicized to direct money to favored groups. Opponents of the bill said such settlements provide essential relief to parties who have suffered collateral damage because of the defendant’s actions.” [Thomas Voting Reports, [10/28/17](#)]

Similar Agreements Were Enforced Against Bank Of America In Funding For Foreclosure-Prevention Following Its Role In The Financial Crisis, And Requiring BP To Fund Certain Parts Of Environmental Cleanup After The Deep Horizon Oil Spill. “In one settlement cited in debate, Bank of America and Citigroup agreed to fund foreclosure-prevention programs when they settled litigation based on their involvement in the 2007-2009 financial and housing crisis. In another, BP agreed to make payments to groups including the National Academy of Sciences and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in a settlement related to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.” [Thomas Voting Reports, [10/28/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Harm From Unlawful Conduct Related To Increased Lead In Drinking Water From HR 732. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlements related to indirect harm from unlawful conduct that results in an increase in the amount of lead in public drinking water.” The amendment failed 229-191. [HR 732, [Vote #579](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Predatory Or Fraudulent Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities From HR 732. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to predatory or fraudulent conduct involving residential mortgage-backed securities.” The amendment failed 231-189. [HR 732, [Vote #578](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Providing Restitution For A State From HR 732. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to providing restitution for a state.” The amendment failed 234-185. [HR 732, [Vote #577](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Harm Caused By Unlawful Conduct Relating To Vehicles’ Emissions Control Systems From HR 732. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to indirect harm caused by unlawful conduct, including the intentional bypassing, defeating or rendering inoperative a required element of a vehicle's emissions control system.” The amendment failed 235-183. [HR 732, [Vote #576](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Discrimination Based On Race, Religion, National Origin, Or Any Protected Category From HR 732. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Cohen, D-Tenn., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to discrimination based on race, religion, national origin or any other protected category.” The amendment failed 233-187. [HR 732, [Vote #575](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting Settlement Agreements Involving The US Government From Requiring The Non-Governmental Party To Pay Any Third Party Other Than The US Government. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 732) that would prohibit settlement agreements involving the U.S. government from requiring the non-governmental party to make a payment or loan to any party other than the U.S. government. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 469) that would require the federal government to provide advance public notice when it plans to enter into discussions regarding consent decrees and would codify and expand certain disclosure practices with regard to the Treasury Department's Judgment Fund payments.” The resolution was adopted 227-190. [HRes 577, [Vote #573](#), 10/24/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Subject Providers Of Broadband Internet Access To Privacy Rules Adopted By The FCC In October of 2016. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 431) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2810).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1868) to provide that providers of broadband Internet access service shall be subject to the privacy rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission on October 27, 2016.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 1868.* The motion passed, 234-183. [H Res 431, [Vote #347](#), 7/12/17; CQ, [7/12/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [7/12/17](#)]

Crime & Law Enforcement

Handel Voted For Allowing Judges More Flexibility When Handing Down Mandatory Minimum Sentences For Nonviolent Drug Offenders And Establishing Support Programs For Former Prisoners. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill that would seek to reduce numbers of federally incarcerated individuals through changes in sentencing laws. The bill would seek to do so, in part, by allowing judges more flexibility when handing down sentences below the mandatory minimum for nonviolent drug offenders. It would also establish programs to provide support for prisoners returning to society in an attempt to reduce rates of recidivation.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 358-36. [S 756, [Vote #448](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Specifying What Acts Would Be Considered “Crimes Of Violence” For The Purpose Of Determining If The Crime Was An Aggravated Felony. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would specify that any of the following acts would be defined as a ‘crime of violence’ which could be used in determining whether a crime is an aggravated felony, including: murder; voluntary manslaughter; assault; certain types of sexual abuse; abusive sexual contact; child abuse; kidnapping; robbery; carjacking; firearms use; burglary; arson; extortion; communication of threats; coercion; fleeing via a motor vehicle; interference with airline flight crews members; domestic violence; hostage taking; stalking; human trafficking; piracy; certain terrorism offenses; and unlawful possession or use of a weapon of mass destruction.” The bill passed 247-152. [HR 6691, [Vote #393](#), 9/7/18; CQ, [9/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Bill That Would Modify The Definition Of The Term “Crime Of Violence.” In September 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1051) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6691) that would modify the definition of the term ‘crime of violence,’ and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.” The resolution was adopted 225-179. [H Res 1051, [Vote #387](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass A Bill That Would Require The Justice Department To Develop A System To Determine The Risk Of Recidivism For Each Prisoner. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Justice Department to develop a system to determine the risk of recidivism for each prisoner. It would authorize \$50 million annually in fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023 to carry out the system. It would require the Justice Department to provide incentives for inmates to participate in certain recidivism reduction programs. It would also generally

prohibit the use of restraints on pregnant prisoners.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 360-59. [H.R. 5682, [Vote #215](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Create Penalties And Allow Federal Prosecution For Knowingly Causing Harm To Law Enforcement Officers. In May 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would limit the punishment of knowingly causing harm to a law enforcement officer to 10 years in imprisonment and a fine, which would increase to life imprisonment if the offence includes death, kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, or an attempt to kill. The bill would also allow for federal prosecution of the stated crime in certain situations including if the offence crosses state lines, the state verdict demonstrably does not serve the federal interest in protecting the public, or prosecution by the federal government is in the public interest.” The bill passed, 382-35. [HR 5698, [Vote #188](#), 5/16/18; CQ, [5/16/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Would Increase The Penalty For Stalking Minors By Five Years. In April 2018, Handel voted for “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would increase, by five years, the maximum penalty for individuals convicted of stalking minors.” The motion was agreed to, 409-2. [HR 4203, [Vote #131](#), 4/10/18; CQ, [4/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Would Report On Ways To Curb Money Laundering Related To Human Trafficking. In April 2018, Handel voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would add the secretary of the Treasury as a member of the president's Interagency Task Force To Monitor and Combat Trafficking and would require the task force and the Financial Institutions Examination Council to review and report on ways to curb money laundering related to human trafficking.” The motion was agreed to, 408-2. [HR 2219, [Vote #130](#), 4/10/18; CQ, [4/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill To Make Facilitating Sex Trafficking And Prostitution Online A Crime And Allowed Victims To Sue For Damages. In February 2018, Handel voted for “passage of the bill that would explicitly make the use or operation of a website to promote or facilitate prostitution a federal crime. It would allow states to prosecute such conduct under state law, regardless of the immunity provisions in the 1996 Communications Decency Act, as long as the state's laws mirror federal prohibitions, and would allow victims of such sex trafficking or prostitution to recover civil damages from the website operator.” The bill passed, 388-25. [HR 1865, [Vote #91](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Make Facilitating Sex Trafficking And Prostitution Online A Crime And Allowed Victims To Sue For Damages. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 748) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1865) that would make the use or operation of a website to promote or facilitate prostitution a federal crime. It would allow states to prosecute such conduct under state law, regardless of the immunity provisions in the 1996 Communications Decency Act, as long as the state's laws mirror federal prohibitions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 235-175. [H.Res. 748, [Vote #85](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Clarified That State Attorneys General Were Able To Bring Civil Suits Against Sex Trafficking Websites. In February 2018, Handel voted for “Walters, R-Calif., amendment that would clarify that nothing in the bill should be interpreted as limiting the civil and criminal prosecution of websites that knowingly facilitate online sex trafficking and would explicitly state that a state attorney general may bring civil prosecution against such websites for the purpose of obtaining relief for victims in the state.” The amendment was adopted, 308-107. [HR 1865, [Vote #90](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Require Adults Authorized To Interact With Minor Amateur Athletes To Report Any Suspected Incidents Of Child Abuse, Including Sexual Abuse, To The Sport's Governing Body, And Would Set Criminal Penalties For Failure To Report Such Suspected Incidents. In January 2018, Handel voted for “Poe, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require adults authorized to interact with minor amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse, including sexual abuse, to the sport's governing body, and would set criminal penalties for failure to report such suspected incidents. It would

establish the United States Center for Safe Sport as an independent organization with jurisdiction over the United States Olympic Committee and all paralympic sports organizations, in relation to safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse in sports.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 406-3. [S.534, [Vote #45](#), 1/29/18; CQ, [1/29/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Stripping Social Security Benefits From Individuals Subject To An Outstanding Felony Arrest Warrant Or In Violation Of Parole Or Probation. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of social security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation.” The bill passed by a vote of 244-171. [HR 2792, [Vote #543](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Adopting The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of Authorization For The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 533) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2824), that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, \$400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program created under the 2010 health care overhaul, and for consideration of the bill (HR 2792), that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of social security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation. The rule would also provide for the text of the Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act (HR 2792), as passed by the House, if passed by the House, to be incorporated into the text of the Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act (HR 2824) during the engrossment of HR 2824.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-190. [H RES 533, [Vote #533](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Defense

Handel Voted For Authorizing The Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Within The Department Of Homeland Security. In September 2018, Handel voted for “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would formally authorize the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program within the Department of Homeland Security. The program would direct DHS to coordinate with other federal agencies as well as foreign governments to collect and share biometric and biographical data on foreign nationals who may pose a terrorist threat or a threat to national or border security.” The motion was agreed to 272-119. [HR 6439, [Vote #381](#), 9/4/18; CQ, [9/4/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Transferring Unappropriated Money From Defense Appropriations Bill To The Departments Of Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education. In September 2018, Handel voted against “DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to instruct House conferees to agree with the Labor-HHS-Education division of the Senate amendment to the bill.” The motion was rejected 171-221. [HR 6157, [Vote #380](#), 9/4/18; CQ, [9/4/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make a total of \$674.6 billion in discretionary defense spending for fiscal 2019, which would include \$605.5 billion in discretionary spending subject to spending caps for fiscal 2019 and \$68.1 billion in uncapped Overseas Contingency Operations funding.” The bill passed, 359-49. [HR 6157, [Vote #313](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Bill Amounted To A 15,600 Troop Increase Across The Military And 2.6 Percent Pay Raise For Service Members. “The House’s budget amount includes a 15,600 troop increase across the military, and a 2.6 percent pay raise for service members beginning in January.” [The Hill, [6/28/18](#)]

Bill Included \$9.4 Billion For 93 F-35s – 16 More Than The Trump Administration Requested – And \$22.7 Billion For 12 New Navy Ships. “In addition, the bill would provide \$9.4 billion for 93 F-35 fighter jets - 16 more jets than the administration requested and four more than Senate appropriators want – as well as \$22.7 billion for 12 new Navy ships, and \$145.7 billion for equipment purchases and upgrades. House lawmakers had inserted several amendments into the bill leading up to the vote, including a provision to add

\$10 million to aid in bringing Korea War remains from North Korea to the United States, and a proposal to block the Pentagon from business with Chinese telecom companies ZTE and Huawei.” [The Hill, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending Defense Appropriations Bill To Decrease Funding For Defense Operations And Maintenance By \$25 Million, While Increasing Funding For Defense Health Programs. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Lieu, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instruction to report it back immediately with an amendment that would decrease funding for defense-wide operations and maintenance by \$25 million and would increase funding for Defense Health Programs by the same amount.” The motion failed 186-224. [HR 6157, [Vote #312](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending Defense Appropriations Bill To Provide Additional Funding For Construction Of Virginia-Class Submarines. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Courtney, D-Conn., amendment that would decrease funding for several programs and would provide funding for long lead time materials needed to construct additional Virginia-class submarines.” The amendment failed 144-267. [H.Amdt. 841, [Vote #311](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Funds For Procuring, Researching, Or Testing A Space-Based Ballistic Missile Intercept Layer. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Foster, D-Ill., amendment that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill to be used to procure, develop, research or test a space-based ballistic missile intercept layer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 160-251. [H.R. 6157, [Vote #310](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment Decreasing, Then Increasing, Funds Made Available For Defense-Wide Research And Development. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Clark, D-Mass., amendment that would reduce, and then increase, by \$14 million funds made available in the bill for defense-wide research, development, test and evaluation.” The motion was adopted by a vote of 252-157. [H.R. 6157, [Vote #309](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment Decreasing Funding For Non-Military Defense Department Activities By \$33 Million, While Increasing Funding For Air Force Missile Procurement. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Gallagher, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for non-military Defense Department activities by \$33 million and increase funding for Air Force missile procurement by the same amount.” The motion was rejected, 115-296. [H.R. 6157, [Vote #308](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Decreasing Funding For Non-Military Defense Department Activities By \$23.8 Million And Increase Funding For Naval Weapons Procurement By The Same Amount. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Gallagher, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for non-military Defense Department activities by \$23.8 million and increase funding for naval weapons procurement by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 116 – 296. [H.Amdt.824 to H.R. 6157, [Vote #307](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Decreased Funding For Payments To Nations Cooperating With The U.S. Militarily. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Poe, R-Texas, amendment that would reduce funding for payments to key cooperating nations for logistical and military support by \$200 million and would allocate the same amount to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected, 175-241. [H R 6157, [Vote #303](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Decreased Spending For Defense Operations And Maintenance, While Increasing Funding For Army And Navy Research And Development. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Langevin, D-R.I., amendment that would decrease funding for operations and maintenance, defense-wide, and research and development, defense-wide, by \$40 million, increase funding for Army scientific research and development by \$10 million and increase Naval scientific research and development by \$30 million.” The amendment was rejected, 188-228. [H R 6157, [Vote #302](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Closing Conference Meetings On The Defense Budget To The Public When Discussing National Security Information. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Thornberry, R-Texas, motion that the meetings of the conference between the House and the Senate on the bill may be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be discussed, provided that any sitting member of Congress shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the conference.” The motion was agreed to, 403-15. [HR 5515, [Vote #301](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For Atomic Energy Defense Weapons Activities At The National Nuclear Security Administration By \$97.2 Million While Increasing Funding For Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Activities. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would decrease funding for atomic energy defense weapons activities at the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$97.2 million, and would increase funding for NNSA defense nuclear nonproliferation activities by that same amount.” The amendment failed, 179-239. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #248](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For Atomic Energy Defense Weapons Activities At The National Nuclear Security Administration By \$65 Million While Increasing Funding For Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Activities. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Lee, D-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding for atomic energy defense weapons activities at the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$65 million, and would increase funding for NNSA defense nuclear nonproliferation activities by that same amount.” The amendment failed, 177-241. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #247](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate All Funding For The Energy Department’s Advanced Research Project Agency. In June 2018, Handel voted for “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would eliminate all funding for the Energy Department's Advanced Research Project Agency, and would allocate \$325 million to the spending reduction account.” The amendment failed, 123-295. [H.R.5895, [Vote #246](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Reduced The National Nuclear Security Administration’s Budget By \$198 Million. In May 2018, Handel voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would reduce the amount authorized for the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$198 million.” The amendment was rejected, 174-239. [H R 5515, [Vote #228](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Prohibited Security Assistance For The Burmese Military Until They Respected Human Rights. In May 2018, Handel voted against: “Engel, D-N.Y., amendment that would prohibit the United States from providing security assistance to the Burmese military until the secretary of State affirms that Burma has demonstrated progress in abiding by international human rights standards and would impose sanctions against current and former senior officials of the Burmese military who perpetrated humans rights offenses.” The amendment was adopted, 382-30. [H R 5515, [Vote #227](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Created A Service Medal Honoring Those Who Participated In Radiation-Risk Activities. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “McGovern, D-Mass., amendment that would require the Defense Department to produce a service medal to honor retired and former members of the armed forces who participated in radiation-risk activities.” The amendment was adopted, 408-1. [H R 5515, [Vote #224](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Sped Up The Environmental Review Process Of Mines Deemed Necessary For National Security. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Amodei, R-Nev., amendment that would expedite the environmental review process for certain domestic mine projects if the minerals in the mine are deemed necessary for strategic or national security purposes.” The amendment was adopted, 229-183. [H R 5515, [Vote #223](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Bill’s Repeal Of The Requirement That The Secretary Of Energy May Not Commence The Development Of A Low-Yield Nuclear Weapon Unless Specifically Authorized By Congress. In May 2018, Handel voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., for Blumenauer,

D-Ore., amendment that would eliminate the bill's repeal of the requirement that the secretary of Energy may not commence the development of a low-yield nuclear weapon unless specifically authorized by Congress. It would also limit funding to the W76-2 warhead modification until the Defense Department reports to Congress on the potential effects of certain low-yield nuclear warheads." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-226. [H.Amdt.638 to H.R. 5515, [Vote #222](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Annual Report On The Plan For U.S. Nuclear Weapons. In May 2018, Handel voted against: "Aguilar, D-Calif., amendment that would require the annual report on the plan for U.S. nuclear weapons to include an estimate of the projected future total lifecycle cost of each type of nuclear weapon and delivery platform." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 198-217. [H.Amdt.637 to H.R. 5515, [Vote #221](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Authorization For The Defense Department To Develop And Implement A Strategy With Foreign Partners To Counter Destabilizing Activities Undertaken By Iran. In May 2018, Handel voted against: "Gabbard, D-Hawaii, amendment that would eliminate the authorization for the Defense Department to develop and implement a strategy with foreign partners to counter destabilizing activities undertaken by Iran." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 60-355. [H.Amdt.636 to H.R. 5515, [Vote #220](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Authorization Of Appropriations For Overseas Contingency Operations. In May 2018, Handel voted against: "Nolan, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the authorization of appropriations for overseas contingency operations." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 62-351. [H.Amdt.635 to H.R. 5515, [Vote #219](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 That Authorizes \$692.1 Billion For Defense And Prohibits Closing Guantanamo Bay. In November 2017, Handel voted for: "Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018, including \$65.7 billion for overseas operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and for the general war on terror. It would authorize \$241.2 billion for operations and maintenance; \$146.2 billion for military personnel; 10.7 billion for military construction and family housing; \$15 billion for ballistic-missile defense; and \$33.9 billion for defense health care programs, including \$396 million from the overseas operations account. It would prohibit the use of funds for a new round of base closures. It would authorize \$8 billion for various cybersecurity programs, would require the president to develop a national policy for the United States related to cybersecurity and would withhold certain funds made available for White House staff until the president would submit such national policy to Congress. The bill would authorize a 2.4 percent pay raise for military personnel. It would prohibit detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from being transferred to U.S. soil, and would prohibit the closing of the main base and detention facility at Guantanamo. It would extend, through 2018, the authority for several bonus and special payments for military members." The conference report was adopted 356-70. [HR 2810, [Vote #631](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorization FY 2018 Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. In July 2017, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would authorize \$688.3 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2018. The total would include \$74.6 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funds, of which \$10 billion would be used for non-war, base defense budget needs; \$239.7 billion for operations and maintenance; \$10.2 billion for military construction; \$142.9 billion for military personnel; and \$33.9 billion for defense health care programs. It would authorize \$12.5 billion for procurement of F-35 planes, research and development, as well as modifications to existing aircraft, and would prohibit the retirement of the A-10 bomber fleet. The bill would require the Defense Department to submit to Congress a report on vulnerabilities to military installations resulting from climate change over the next 20 years, and would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a "direct threat" to U.S. national security. The bill would also require the Air Force to establish, by 2019, the Space Corps, a fighting force to improve the U.S. military's ability to address threats in space." The bill passed by a vote of 344-81. [H R 2810, [Vote #378](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prohibit Student-Athletes Graduating From Service Academies From Seeking A Deferment In Order To Pursue Professional Athletic Careers. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Rooney, R-Fla., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would prohibit student-athletes graduating from service academies from seeking a deferment of service in order to pursue professional athletic careers.” The amendment was rejected, 318-107. [HR 2810, [Vote #371](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Would Require Determination Of Prevailing Wage In The Underlying Bill To Be Conducted By The Secretary Of Labor Using Surveys That Utilize Random Statistical Sampling techniques. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would require any determination of prevailing wage under the bill to be conducted by the secretary of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, using surveys that utilize random statistical sampling techniques.” The amendment was rejected, 242-183. [HR 2810, [Vote #370](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Department Of Defense Funds From Being Used For Medical Treatment Related To Gender Transition. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Hartzler, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit the use of Defense Department funds to provide medical treatment (other than mental health treatment) related to gender transition to a person entitled to military medical care under current law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-214. [H R 2810, [Vote #369](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Purchasing Alternative Energy Unless They Can Prove It Is Equivalent In Cost And Capabilities To Conventional Energy. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by the bill from being used by the Defense Department to purchase alternative energy unless such energy is equivalent in its cost and capabilities to conventional energy. The bill would require the Defense Department to complete a cost competitiveness calculation in order to determine the cost and capabilities of such energy sources.” The amendment was rejected, 218-203. [HR 2810, [Vote #367](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Prohibition From Using Funding To Procure A New Coast Guard Icebreaker From The Underlying Bill. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would prohibit defense department funds authorized in the bill from being used to procure a new Coast Guard icebreaker.” The amendment was rejected, 220-198. [HR 2810, [Vote #366](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Prohibition On Conducting An Additional Round Of Base Realignment And Closure From The Underlying Bill. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill's prohibition on conducting an additional round of base realignment and closure.” The amendment was rejected, 248-175. [HR 2810, [Vote #365](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Limit Funding For The Long Range Standoff Weapon And The W80-4 Warhead Until The Secretary Of Defense Submits A Nuclear Posture Review To Congress. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would limit funding to \$95.6 million for development of the long range standoff weapon and \$220.3 million for the W80-4 warhead until the secretary of Defense, in consultation with other federal agencies, submits to Congress a nuclear posture review including a detailed assessment of the long range standoff weapon's capabilities.” The amendment was rejected, 254-169. [HR 2810, [Vote #364](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Extend The Reporting Period From 10 To 25 Years For Federally Mandated Reporting On Nuclear Weapons And To Require A Detailed Plan To Sustain And Modernize Nuclear Weapons. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would require that the federally mandated annual report regarding the nuclear weapons stockpile, complex, delivery systems and the nuclear weapons command and control system to include a detailed plan to sustain, life-extend, modernize or replace the nuclear weapons and bombs in the nuclear weapons stockpile, and would extend the scope of the report

from covering a 10-year period to covering a 25-year period.” The amendment was rejected, 232-192. [HR 2810, [Vote #363](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Allow The Secretary Of Defense To Include Information On The Costs Of US Nuclear Weapons And Nuclear Weapons Delivery Systems Past A 10-Year Period. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Rogers, R-Ky., amendment that would allow the secretary of Defense to include information in the annual report on the plan for US nuclear systems on the cost of fielding, maintaining, modernizing and replacing nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons delivery systems past a 10 year period.” The amendment was adopted, 253-172. [HR 2810, [Vote #362](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Extend The CBO’s Cost Estimate Review Of Nuclear Weapons From A 10-Year Period To A 30-Year Period. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Aguilar, D-Calif., amendment that would extend a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate review on the fielding, maintaining, modernization, replacement and life extension of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons delivery systems from covering a 10-year period to covering a 30-year period.” The amendment was rejected, 235-188. [HR 2810, [Vote #361](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent The Department Of Defense From Developing Intermediate Range Ground-Launched Missile Systems Until They Prove It Is Both Preferred For Ensuring That The NATO Defense And Deterrence Posture Remains Credible And Necessary For Returning Russia To Full Compliance With The INF Treaty. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would prohibit the Department of Defense from developing and funding an intermediate range ground-launched missile system until the secretary of Defense has certified to Congress that such missile system is preferred for ensuring that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s deterrence and defense posture remains credible in the face of a Russian intermediate ground-launched missile system, and the secretary of State has certified to Congress that such missile system is necessary to the secretary’s efforts to return Russia to full compliance with the INF treaty.” The amendment was rejected, 249-173. [HR 2810, [Vote #360](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment Removing The Underlying Bill’s Prohibition On Using Funds To Relocate Individuals Detained At Guantanamo Bay To The United States. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would remove the bill’s prohibition on the use of funds for the transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay to the United States.” The amendment was rejected, 257-167. [HR 2810, [Vote #359](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment Expressing the Sense Of Congress That The Increase Of Defense Spending Should Be Matched By A Dollar-For-Dollar Increase Of Non-Defense Spending. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., for Pocan, D-Wis., amendment that would express the sense of Congress that any increase of the combined amount authorized for National Defense Budget and Overseas Contingency Operations should be matched by a dollar-for-dollar increase of the annual amounts authorized for the federal non-defense discretionary budget.” The amendment was rejected, 245-179. [HR 2810, [Vote #358](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Instruct The President To Reduce The Funds Authorized By The NDAA By 1%. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would direct the president to make reductions in amounts authorized by the bill as the president considers appropriate to reach a total reduction of one percent of the funds authorized by the bill. Military, reserve and National Guard personnel accounts and the Defense Health Program account would not be eligible for such reductions.” The amendment was rejected, 351-73. [HR 2810, [Vote #357](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Prevent The Defense Department From Entering Into Or Acting Upon Existing Contracts With Biorefineries. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Conaway, R-Texas, amendment that would prohibit the Defense Department from entering into any new contracts, making any awards, or

expending any funds with respect to drop-in biofuels or biorefineries.” The amendment was rejected, 225-198. [HR 2810, [Vote #356](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Provide \$659 Billion To The Defense Department And Would Prohibit The Money From Being Used To House Guantanamo Detainees In The United States. In January 2018, Handel voted for “Granger, R-Texas, motion to concur in Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide \$659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2018. The total would include \$584 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps. It also would include \$75.1 billion in overseas contingency operations funding, \$1.2 billion of which would be for additional U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The bill would provide approximately \$191.7 billion for operations and maintenance and \$138.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.4 percent pay raise. It also would provide \$34.3 billion for defense health programs. The measure would prohibit use of funds to construct or modify potential facilities in the United States to house Guantanamo Bay detainees. It would also make permanent a pilot program that allows volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks on prospective employees through a fingerprint check using state and federal records, which are the original provisions of the bill.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 250-166. [H.R. 695, [Vote #49](#), 1/30/18; CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Measure That Would Provide \$659.2 Billion In Discretionary Funding For The Defense Department In Fiscal 2018. In January 2018, Handel voted for “adoption of the rule (H Res 714) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 695) that is the expected legislative vehicle for a measure that would provide \$659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2018.” Adopted by a vote of 236-183. [H.R. 695, [Vote #48](#), 1/30/18; CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Economy & Jobs

Handel Voted For Raising The Maximum Threshold For Contracts That Are Awarded To Small Business Owners Who Are Women Or Service-Disabled Veterans. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would raise the maximum threshold for sole source contracts that may be awarded to small business that are owned by women or service-disabled veterans, or operate in underutilized business zones. Contracts would not be allowed to exceed \$7 million for industrial manufacturing or \$4 million for any other contract. It would also modify the eligibility determination process for such contracts.” The motion was agreed to 392-5. [HR 6369, [Vote #401](#), 9/25/18; CQ, [9/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring The Small Business Administration To Increase Past Performance Ratings of Small Business Contractors That Serve As Mentors To Other Small Businesses Within Certain Federal Programs. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Small Business Administration to increase past performance ratings of small business contractors that serve as mentors to other small businesses within certain federal research and technology programs for small businesses.” The motion was agreed to 389-6. [HR 6368, [Vote #400](#), 9/25/18; CQ, [9/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Required The Defense Department To Domestically Source Their Flatware. In May 2018, Handel voted against: “Tenney, R-N.Y., amendment that would establish a domestic sourcing requirement at the Department of Defense for stainless steel flatware and would provide for a one-year phase-in period.” The amendment was rejected, 174-239. [H R 5515, [Vote #226](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Required The Defense Department To Domestically Source Their Dinner Ware. In May 2018, Handel voted against: “McKinley, R-W.Va., amendment that would establish a domestic sourcing requirement at the Department of Defense for dinner ware and would provide for a one-year phase-in period.” The amendment was rejected, 160-252. [H R 5515, [Vote #225](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act, A Bill To Reconcile Differences In Anti-Trust Injunction Standards Between The Federal Trade Commission And The Justice Department. In, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would reconcile differences in anti-trust injunction standards between the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department. It would also require FTC cases related to unfair methods of competition to be processed through federal courts as opposed to the commission's administrative process. The bill would allow the FTC to issue judicial actions when resolving a case and would require the commission to notify state attorneys general in instances in which the state would be entitled to bring an action.” The vote passed 230-185. [H.R. 5645, [Vote #177](#), 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/9/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With An Amendment Prohibiting Provisions In The Bill From Applying To Mergers That Would Unreasonably Increase The Cost Of Drugs. In, Handel voted against “Doggett, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit provisions in the bill from applying to mergers that would unreasonably increase the costs of pharmaceutical drugs.” The vote failed 193-220. [H.R. 5645, [Vote #176](#), 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/9/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Invest In Apprenticeship Programs. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would invest in registered apprenticeship programs that give hard-working Americans the skills and tools they need to compete for good jobs. Additionally, H.R. 2933 improves coordination between these apprenticeship-trained workers and employers who are looking to hire them. Promoting apprenticeships is part of offering a better deal to hard-working Americans to ensure that they can make it in America with better jobs, better wages, and a better future.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 226-177. [H Res 872, [Vote #169](#), 5/8/18; CQ, [5/8/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Innovators To Entrepreneurs Act. In April 2018, Handel voted for a bill that: “Expands the pool of eligible participants for I-Corps courses by allowing a portion of Small Business Innovation Research grants and Small Business Technology Transfer grants to be used to fund I-Corps training expenses and by allowing private citizens to apply to participate and pay out-of-pocket. Authorizes a new I-Corps course for commercial-ready research ventures that teaches skills involving company organization, attracting investors, and hiring.” [HR 5086, [Vote #149](#), 4/24/18; House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, [4/24/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Bring Jobs Home Act. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 685, the bring jobs home act, which closes a tax loophole that actually rewards companies for moving jobs overseas while providing a tax credit to companies that move jobs back home to the U.S. *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the Bring Jobs Home Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 236-192. [H RES 454, [Vote #393](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Promote Effective Apprenticeships. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 440).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 2933) to promote effective registered apprenticeships, for skills, credentials, and employment, and for other purposes.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the bill.* The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 440, [Vote #354](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986 That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing. In June 2017, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 415).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 685) to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage domestic insourcing and discourage foreign outsourcing.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 685. The previous question carried, 235-190. [H Res 415, [Vote #339](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/29/17](#)]

Education

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Focused On Increasing Access To Early Learning And Care. In September 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, families need access to a system that provides high quality, affordable early learning and care that will prepare children for success without breaking the bank. That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Education and the Workforce Committee Ranking Member Scott’s bill, H.R. 3773, the Child Care for Working Families Act.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill to increase access to early learning and care. The motion was agreed to 224-181. [HR 6691, [Vote #386](#), 9/06/18; CQ, [9/06/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/06/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring Higher Education Institutions To Ensure That Federal Student Loan Recipients Receive Annual Financial Counseling. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would require institutions of higher education to ensure that students and parents who receive federal student loans or Pell grants receive annual financial counseling. It would require that exit counseling be tailored to a borrower’s loans and potential income. It would authorize \$2 million for the Department of Education to develop an online student loan counseling tool for institutions of higher education to use to meet the bill’s annual requirements.” The bill passed 406-4. [HR 1635, [Vote #385](#), 9/5/18; CQ, [9/5/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring The Study On Effectiveness Of Student Loans To Include Information On The Veteran Status Of Borrowers. In September 2018, Handel voted against “Lamb, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require that the bill’s study on the effectiveness of student loan counseling include information on the veteran status of borrowers.” The motion was rejected 187-224. [HR 1635, [Vote #384](#), 9/5/18; CQ, [9/5/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Bill That Would Modify Counseling Requirements For Federal Student Loan Recipients. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1049) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1635) that would modify counseling requirements for federal student loan recipients, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4606) that would allow certain small-scale imports and exports of natural gas to be automatically approved.” The resolution was adopted 224-180. [H Res 1049, [Vote #383](#), 9/5/18; CQ, [9/5/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Make Higher Education More Affordable. In September 2018, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 6543, the Aim Higher Act. This thoughtful proposal invests in our students, making higher education more affordable while also addressing the rising costs of college.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill to make higher education more affordable. The motion was agreed to 221-186. [HR 1635/4606, [Vote #382](#), 9/05/18; CQ, [9/06/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/06/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The Rebuild America’s Schools Act That Would Invest \$100 Billion In Physical And Digital Infrastructure. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would Rebuild America’s Schools Act of 2017. H.R. 2475 would invest \$100 billion to improve important physical and digital infrastructure in our nation’s schools. It’s crucial for Congress to invest in infrastructure for our schools to ensure our children receive the education they deserve.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 222-189. [H Res 908, [Vote #217](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/23/18](#)]

Energy

Handel Voted For Modifying Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licensing And Fee Processes. In December 2018, Handel voted for “Kinzinger, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would modify Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing and fee processes, including several provisions related to the development of advanced nuclear reactor designs. It would also require the Commission to report on uranium recovery licensing.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 361 – 10. [S. 512, [Vote #493](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Allowing Applications For Small-Scale Imports And Exports Of Natural Gas To Be Automatically Approved If They Would Not Exceed .14 Billion Cubic Feet Per Day. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would allow applications for small-scale imports and exports of natural gas to be automatically approved if they would not exceed 0.14 billion cubic feet per day and would not require an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment.” The bill passed 260-146. [HR 4606, [Vote #392](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending A Bill To Prohibit Any Imports Or Exports From Being Automatically Approved If The Pipeline Involved Was Acquired Through Eminent Domain. In September 2018, Handel voted against “Watson Coleman, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit any imports or exports from being automatically approved under the bill's provisions if any pipeline involved in the importing or exporting process used land acquired through eminent domain.” The motion was rejected 178-231. [HR 4606, [Vote #391](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring Natural Gas Exports To Include Information Demonstrating That The Natural Gas Was Produced Using Techniques To Minimize Methane Emissions. In September 2018, Handel Voted Against “DeGette, D-Colo., amendment that would require natural gas export applications covered under the bill to include information to demonstrate that the natural gas was produced using techniques and systems designed to minimize methane emissions from leaks or venting.” The amendment was rejected 195-210. [HR 4606, [Vote #390](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Let Hearings And Public Input Before A Relevant Application Could Be Deemed Consistent With The Public Interest. In September 2018, Handel voted against “Pallone, D-N.J., amendment that would require an opportunity for hearings and public input before a relevant application could be deemed consistent with the public interest.” The amendment was rejected 176-227. [HR 4606, [Vote #389](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Appropriating Funds For Any Regulation Based On Documents From The Interagency Working Group On The Social Cost Of Carbon. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment no. 44, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to prepare, propose or promulgate any regulation or guidance which would rely on the analyses found in various documents published by the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 215-199. [H R 6147, [Vote #347](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Appropriating Funds To Enforce An EPA Rule On Oil And Gas Emissions Standards. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment no. 43, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to enforce the EPA's ‘Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources’ rule.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 215-194. [H R 6147, [Vote #346](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Concurrent Resolution Expressing The Sense Of Congress That A Carbon Tax Would Be Detrimental To The Economy. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of rule (H Res 1001) that would provide for House floor consideration of the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 119) expressing the sense

of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy.” The amendment was adopted, 229-183. [H Res 1001, [Vote #340](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation; \$98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and \$3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. It would provide \$11.2 billion for programs that maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons in the United States' stockpile. As amended, it would provide \$1.1 billion in funding for the Veterans Community Care Program.” The bill passed by a vote of 235-179. [HR 5895, [Vote #257](#), 6/8/18; CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Bill Included Cuts To Renewable Energy Research, Funding For Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, And Rider To Repeal “Waters Of The United States” Rule. “House lawmakers want more money for nuclear weapon modernization efforts while introducing cuts to renewable energy research. It also would set aside funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada and continue funding for the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility in South Carolina. The House bill includes controversial policy riders meant to ease the repeal of the EPA-Army Corps joint ‘Waters of the United States’ regulation. Democrats have called the measure a “poison pill” unlikely to survive Senate scrutiny.” [CQ, [6/8/18](#)]

Rep. Lowey: Republicans Attached Veterans Affairs Appropriations To Energy Appropriations To Force Through Cuts To Clean Energy Initiatives And Roll Back Clean Water Protections. “This broken process has a simple aim: Republicans are using America’s veterans as pawns to force through cuts to clean energy research and harmful policy provisions that weaken environmental safeguards. [...] With gas prices approaching \$3 a gallon, the bill cuts energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. It cuts transformational science efforts, such as the successful and popular ARPA-E program. Just as bad, it contains many harmful riders, including rolling back clean water protections, blocking the National Oceans Policy, further endangering salmon on the Columbia River, and weakening gun safety rules on public lands.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, [6/7/18](#)]

Appropriations Bill Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts. “While I support many of the increases within the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill, Republicans have created a dilemma by transitioning the VA Choice program from mandatory to discretionary funding in the middle of fiscal year 2019. Even worse, Republicans have blocked consideration of my amendment to solve this problem. That will mean a further squeeze, and perhaps even cuts, to programs that benefit the middle class.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriating Funds For The Creation Of Regulations Or Guidance’s That Rely on Analysis From “Interagency Working Group On The Social Cost Of Carbon.” In June 2018, Handel voted for “Gohmert, R-Texas, amendment that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to prepare, propose or promulgate any regulation or guidance which would rely on the analyses found in various documents published by the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon.” The vote was adopted 212-201. [HR 5895, [Vote #253](#), 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Would Reduce Appropriations For The Energy Water Division By \$1.5 Billion. In June 2018, Handel voted for “Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce the total amount of appropriations for the Energy-Water division of the bill by \$1.5 billion.” The vote failed 128-289. [HR 5895, [Vote #252](#), 6/7/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Would Reduce All Funds Appropriated In Energy-Water Division Of The Bill By One Percent. In June 2018, Handel voted for “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce

all funds appropriated in Energy-Water division of the bill by one percent.” The amendment failed, 155-262. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #251](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Administrator Of The Western Area Power Administration To \$1. In June 2018, Handel voted for “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would reduce the salary of the administrator of the Western Area Power Administration, Mark Gabriel, to \$1.” The amendment failed, 139-276. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #249](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Require The Nuclear Regulatory Commission To Decide Whether To Construct A Waste Repository At Yucca Mountain. In May 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would require a decision within 30 months of enactment by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the licensing process and construction relating to the nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain. It would also authorize the establishment of interim storage facilities to be operated by the Energy Department until the repository is finished, and would additionally authorize a rail line to connect Yucca Mountain with the national rail system. The bill would also increase from 70,000 metric tons to 110,000, the allowable storage for the repository and provide additional financing mechanisms for the Yucca Mountain project as well as the compensation to Nevada for hosting the national nuclear waste repository.” The bill passed, 340-72. [HR 3053, [Vote #179](#), 5/10/18; CQ, [5/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Consent From State, Local, And Tribal Governments Before Transporting Nuclear Fuel And Nuclear Waste. In, Handel voted against “Titus, D-Nev., amendment that would strike all provisions in the bill and would require consent from state, local, and tribal governments before spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste could be transported through the entity's jurisdiction.” The vote failed 80-332. [H.R. 3053, [Vote #178](#), 5/10/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Modifying Non-Federal Hydropower Project Regulations To Extend Preliminary Permits To Five Years. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would specify a variety of timeframes and procedures for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to follow in carrying out required permitting and licensing activities for non-federal hydropower projects and would make FERC the lead agency for coordinating all applicable federal authorizations. It would extend, from three years to four, the duration of a preliminary permit for proposed non-federal hydropower projects and would allow project sponsors to initiate construction up to 10 years after a proposed project receives a license from FERC.” The bill passed 257-166. [HR 3043, [Vote #620](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring That Federal Agencies Work With Stakeholders To Create New Hydropower Licensing Rules. In November 2017, Handel voted against: “Rush, D-Ill., amendment that would replace the entirety of the bill's provisions with a requirement that a number of federal agencies work alongside other stakeholders, including tribal organizations, to develop a rule that would provide a new process for coordinated federal hydropower project licensing.” The amendment failed 234-185. [HR 3043, [Vote #619](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Streamlining The Pipeline Approval Process. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the sole lead agency for the permitting of proposals to build or expand natural gas pipelines. The bill would require the commission to set deadlines by which federal agencies would need to take certain actions as part of the pipeline project proposal review process and would, in the event an agency fails to meet a deadline set by the commission, require the head of the agency to notify Congress and set forth a recommended implementation plan for the completion of the action.” Passed by a vote of 248-179. [H R 2910, [Vote #402](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Curbing The Eminent Domain Authority of Pipeline Projects. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Watson Coleman, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit approval of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity under the Natural Gas Act unless the applicant agrees not to exercise its eminent domain authority under such law.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office,

“Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that project applicants agree not to exercise eminent domain authority.” Motion rejected by a vote of 189-239/ [H R 2910, [Vote #401](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, To Prepare A Supplement To Its Environmental Impact Statement. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Beyer, D-Va., amendment that would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, when conducting a project-related review under the National Environmental Policy Act, to prepare a supplement to its environmental impact statement in certain cases, such as if the commission makes a substantial change to the proposed action related to environmental concerns, or if there were to be “significant new circumstances or information” related to environmental concerns with bearing on the application.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-222. [H R 2910, [Vote #400](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission From Allowing An Oil Or Natural Gas Pipeline Project On Lands Managed For Natural Resource Conservation Or Recreation. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would that would prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity to an oil or natural gas pipeline project if any part of such facility would be located on lands required, by federal, state, or local law, to be managed for natural resource conservation or recreation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-249. [H R 2910, [Vote #399](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Establishing A New System For The Approval And Permitting Of Border-Crossing Oil And Gas Pipelines And Electrical Transmission Lines. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish a new system for the approval and permitting of border-crossing oil and gas pipelines and electrical transmission lines. The bill would require sponsors of border-crossing oil pipelines and electricity transmission facilities that cross the U.S. borders into Canada and Mexico to receive a “certificate of crossing” from the relevant federal agency in order to build or modify their projects, thereby eliminating the need for a presidential permit. The bill would eliminate the requirement under current law that the Energy Department approve the transmission of electricity from the U.S. to another country.” The bill passed by a vote of 254-175. [H R 2883, [Vote #398](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion Requiring Iron And Steel Products Used In The Border-Crossing Facility To Be Produced in the United States. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require, as a condition of issuing a certificate of crossing, that all iron and steel products used in the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a border-crossing facility would be produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, [Vote #397](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission From Allowing An Oil Or Natural Gas Pipeline Project On Lands Managed For Natural Resource Conservation Or Recreation. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing a certificate of crossing for an oil or natural gas pipeline project if any part of such facility would be located on lands required, by federal, state, or local law, to be managed for natural resource conservation or recreation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 179-247. [H R 2883, [Vote #396](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Establishing The State Department As Having The Agency Of Jurisdiction Regarding Permitting Cross-Border Oil Pipelines. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Engel, D-N.Y., amendment that would establish the State Department as the agency of jurisdiction with respect to permitting authority for cross-

border oil pipelines.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-246. [H R 2883, [Vote #395](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#)]

Environment

Handel Voted For Requiring The Environmental Protection Agency Administrator To Revise Clean Air Standards With Respect To The Manufacture And Use Of Certain Compression-Ignition Engines Used To Provide Power In Remote Areas Of Alaska. In December 2018, Handel voted for “Shimkus, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Environmental Protection Agency administrator to revise clean air standards with respect to the manufacture and use of certain compression-ignition engines used to provide power in remote areas of Alaska.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202 – 171. [S. 1934, [Vote #494](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Reauthorizing The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration’s National Drought Information System. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Smith, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize through fiscal 2023 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's national drought information system. It would authorize \$13.5 million for the program in fiscal 2019, with the amount increasing by \$250,000 annually through fiscal 2023.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 379-9. [S 2200, [Vote #461](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring Several Studies On The Management And Operations Of Fisheries. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Graves, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require several federal studies by the comptroller general, Commerce secretary, and National Academies on the management and operation of fisheries. It would also direct the Commerce Department collect and report data on recreational fisheries and create grants to assist states in complying with data collection.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 350-11. [S 1520, [Vote #444](#), 12/19/18; CQ, [12/19/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorizing The National Park Service To Acquire 89 Acres Of Land In New York. In September 2018, Handel voted for “McClintock, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the National Park Service to acquire 89 acres of land adjacent to the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and incorporate such land into the site.” The motion was agreed to 394-15. [HR 5420, [Vote #404](#), 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorizing Landowners In Northport Irrigation District Of Nebraska To Repay Obligations To The Bureau Of Reclamation. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the early repayment of obligations by landowners within the Northport Irrigation District of Nebraska to the Bureau of Reclamation for construction costs of the North Platte Project in Nebraska.” The motion was agreed to 378-1. [HR 4689, [Vote #396](#), 9/12/18; CQ, [9/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Direct Several Federal Agencies Across Four Departments To Establish The Every Kid Outdoors Program. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct several federal agencies across four departments to jointly establish the Every Kid Outdoors program to issue all fourth grade students with a pass that would provide free access to publicly accessible federal lands and waters. The passes would be issued as requested by each student.” The motion was agreed to 383-2. [HR 3186, [Vote #395](#), 9/12/18; CQ, [9/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring The U.S. Forest Service To Exchange Land Within The Ouachita National Forest For Land Owned By Walnut Grove Community Church. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the U.S. Forest Service to exchange four acres of land within the Ouachita National Forest for six acres of land owned by the Walnut Grove Community Church of Jessieville, Ark.” The motion was agreed to 379-3. [HR 5923, [Vote #394](#), 9/12/18; CQ, [9/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Removing The Gray Wolf From The List Of Endangered Species And Therefore Removing Federal Protections For The Species. In November 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of a bill that would direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a rule removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife, thus removing federal protections for the species, in the 48 contiguous United States. It would also direct the Interior Department to reissue a 2011 rule delisting gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes region of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and would exempt both rules, and another rule delisting the species in Wyoming, from judicial review.” The bill passed 196-180. [HR 6784, [Vote #420](#), 11/16/18; CQ, [11/16/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of A Bill Making Appropriations For The Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies For FY 2019. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would make available \$58.7 billion through fiscal 2019, with \$35.3 billion for the Department of Interior and environmental programs, and \$23.4 billion for financial services matters and related agencies. Specifically, it would provide \$8 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, \$3.1 billion for the U.S. Forest Service, non-wildfire, core functions, \$13 billion for the Interior Department, and \$11.6 billion for the Internal Revenue Service. It would also place \$585 million into a "savings account" that could not be used until the federal budget is balanced. As amended, it would also restrict greenhouse gas emissions regulations and would limit funding for enforcement of endangered species-protections for certain animals. Other amendments would also prohibit the District of Columbia from enforcing certain health care-related provisions.” The bill passed 217-199. [HR 6147, [Vote #365](#), 7/24/18; CQ, [7/24/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Resolution Decrying A Carbon Tax. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would express the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to American families and businesses, and is not in the best interest of the United States.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 229-180. [H Con Res 119, [Vote #363](#), 7/19/18; CQ, [7/19/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds From Being Used To Pay Lawyers’ Fees In Settlements Related To The Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Or The Endangered Species Act. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Smith, R-Mo., amendment no. 70, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to pay attorney’s fees in a settlement related to the Clean Air Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or the Endangered Species Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-199. [HR 6147, [Vote #357](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used For The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Hice, R-Ga., amendment no. 69, to that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used for Environmental Justice Small Grants Program.” The amendment failed, 174-240. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #356](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Establish The Ironwood Forest National Monument. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment no. 63, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to carry out the establishment of the Ironwood Forest National Monument.” The amendment failed, 193-220. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #355](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used On Rulemaking Regarding The Lesser Prairie Chicken. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Pearce, R-N.M., amendment no. 62, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to propose, implement or enforce any rulemaking on the lesser prairie chicken.” The amendment was agreed to, 216-199. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #354](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Treat The New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse As An Endangered Species. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Pearce, R-N.M., amendment no. 60, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to treat the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse as an endangered species.” The amendment failed, 206-209. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #353](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From Being Used By The EPA For Any Actions Described As A “Backstop” In A December 2009 Letter From The EPA’s Regional Administrator To The States In The DC-Area Watershed. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment no. 50, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used by the EPA to take any actions described as a ‘backstop’ in a December 2009 letter from the EPA’s regional administrator to the states in the watershed and the District of Columbia.” The amendment was agreed to, 213-202. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #351](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Would Prohibit Funds From Being Used To Implement The Threatened Or Endangered Species Listing Of Any Plant Or Wildlife That Has Not Undergone A Review Mandated By The Endangered Species Act. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Lamborn, R-Colo., amendment no. 49, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement or enforce the threatened species or endangered species listing of any plant or wildlife that has not undergone a review as required by the Endangered Species Act.” The amendment was agreed to, 213-201. [H.R. 6147, [Vote #350](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment Against Appropriating Funds To Saving The Meadow Jumping Mouse. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Lamborn, R-Colo., amendment no. 48, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the Preble’s meadow jumping mouse under the Endangered Species Act.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 213-202. [H R 6147, [Vote #349](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment Against Appropriating Funds To Washington State’s Water Quality Initiatives. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., amendment no. 46, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement Washington state’s revised water quality standard.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 227-185. [H R 6147, [Vote #348](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Emphasizing A Need For More Funding For The Environmental Justice Program. In July 2018, Handel voted against: “Adams, D-N.C., amendment no. 29 that would decrease, then increase, funding for Environmental Protection Agency environmental programs and management by \$742,000.” Congress.gov said, “this increase is to emphasize the need for greater funding for the Environmental Justice program area within the account.” The resolution failed by a vote of 194-218. [H R 6147, [Vote #344](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#); Congress.gov, accessed [8/2/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Increased The Interior Department’s Inspector General’s Office Budget, While Reducing The Secretary’s. In July 2018, Handel voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment no. 25, that would increase funding for the Interior Department Inspector General’s Office by \$2.5 million, and would decrease funding for the Office of the Interior Secretary by an equal amount.” The amendment was rejected, 190-223. [H R 6147, [Vote #342](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Increased The National Park Service’s Operations Budget, While Reducing Their Land Acquisition Budget. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 1, that would increase funding for the operations and maintenance of the National Park Service by \$2.4 million and would decrease funding for land acquisition activities by an equal amount.” The amendment was rejected, 172-237. [H R 6147, [Vote #341](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering FY 2019 Appropriations For Interior, Environment, Financial Services, Agriculture, FDA, Transportation, And HUD. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 996) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6147) that would make available \$58.7 billion through fiscal 2019, with \$35.3 billion for the Department of Interior, environment portion, and \$23.4 billion for the Financial Services and related agencies portion.” The rule was adopted 229-184. [H Res 996, [Vote #332](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of The Endangered Salmon And Fisheries Predation Prevention Act. In June 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration to issue permits for certain state governments to hunt for sea lions. The states that would be eligible for the permits would be Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and American Indian Tribes with lands surrounding the Columbia River and its tributaries, and each permit would authorize the taking of up to 100 sea lions.” The bill passed, 288-116. [H.R. 2083, [Vote #294](#), 6/26/18; CQ, [6/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Remove A Ban On The Use Of Funds Appropriated By The Bill To Further Implement Certain Coastal And Marine Spatial Planning And Ecosystem-Based Management Projects. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Lowenthal, D-Calif., for Beyer, D-Va., amendment that would remove a ban on the use of funds appropriated by the bill to further implement certain coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management projects.” The amendment failed, 195-223. [H.R. 5895, [Vote #250](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Repeal Clean Water Rule That Extended Federal Protections To More Bodies Of Water And Would Protect Against Pollution in 60 Percent Of The Nation’s Bodies Of The Water. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Banks, R-Ind., amendment that would repeal the EPA's rule regarding the definition of the "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.” According to the New York Times, the “Waters of the United States rule, designed to limit pollution in about 60 percent of the nation’s bodies of water, was put forth by the E.P.A. and the Army Corps of Engineers in 2015. It had extended existing federal protections of large bodies of water, such as the Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound, to smaller bodies that flow into them, such as rivers, small waterways and wetlands. Issued under the authority of the 1972 Clean Water Act, the rule has been hailed by environmentalists. But farmers, ranchers and real estate developers oppose it as an infringement on their property rights.” The amendment adopted 238 to 173. [HR 2, [Vote #203](#), 5/18/18; CQ, [5/18/18](#); New York Times, [1/31/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Exempt Alaska From A Rule That Prohibits Road Construction On Roadless Forest Service Lands. In May 2018, Handel voted for “Young R-Alaska, amendment that would exempt Alaska from a 2001 Forest Service rule that prohibits road construction and timber harvesting on approximately 58.5 million acres of roadless Forest Service lands.” The amendment was adopted, 208-207. [HR 1865, [Vote #199](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment To Limit The Scope Of Certain Forest Management Related Environmental Impact Statements. In May 2018, Handel voted for “Westerman, R-Ark., amendment that would require environmental impact statements for certain forest management activities to only study and describe the forest management activity in question and the alternative of not taking any action.” The amendment was adopted, 224-191. [HR 1865, [Vote #198](#), 5/17/18; CQ, [5/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring The Columbia River Power System To Be Operated With Lower Water Flow. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Federal Columbia River Power System to be operated under specifications that allow for lower water flow until Sept. 30, 2022, or until the power system is issued a final environmental impact statement. The power system would be allowed to operate under different specifications if it would be necessary for public safety or grid reliability.” The bill passed, 225-189. [HR 3144, [Vote #153](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#)]

Bill Would Block Additional Water Spill Over Lower Snake River Dams, And Was Opposed By Environmental Groups And Fishing Interests As Effort To Thwart Salmon Recovery Efforts. “Breaching the four Lower Snake River Dams would require an act of Congress under legislation that passed the U.S. House of Representatives today. The bill, sponsored by Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Dan Newhouse, R-Wash., would block spilling of additional water over the dams, which was recently ordered by the court to help young salmon and steelhead migrate to the ocean. Any modifications to the dams’ operations would be halted for about five years, unless Congress specifically authorized changes to power production or Snake River navigation [...] Environmental groups, outfitters and commercial and sport fishing interests criticized the bill, calling it an effort to thwart salmon recovery efforts by replacing science with a political process. The legislation would overturn multiple court rulings on salmon, they said.” [Spokesman-Review, [4/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Blocking An Amendment Ensuring Lowest Possible Rate Of Power From Columbia River Power System. In April 2018, Handel voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit any of the bill's provisions from preventing the sale of power generated by the Federal Columbia River Power System at the lowest possible rate.” [HR 3144, [Vote #152](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring Congressional Approval Of Mineral Withdrawal Or Monument Designation In Minnesota. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the designation of national monuments and the withdrawal of lands in the National Forest System in the state of Minnesota from mineral and geothermal leases without the approval of Congress. It would designate any mineral leases issued within the boundaries of the National Forest System lands in Minnesota as indeterminate preference right leases.” The bill passed 216 to 204. [HR 3905, [Vote #643](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amendment Setting The Royalty Rate For Mineral Leases In The Superior National Forest To 16.66%. In November 2017, Handel voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would set a royalty rate for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest at no less than 16.66 percent.” The amendment failed 182 to 237. [HR 3905, [Vote #642](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Reauthorizing The EPA’s Brownfields Program And Requiring Congressional Approval Of Mineral Withdrawal Or Monument Designation In Minnesota. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 631) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3017) that would reauthorize the EPA's brownfields program through fiscal year 2022. It would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3905) that would require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or national monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the state of Minnesota.” The rule was adopted 228 to 186. [H Res 631, [Vote #641](#), 11/29/17; CQ, [11/29/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring Forest Management Plans To Include Climate Change Mitigation And Reauthorizing Counties To Receive Timber Payments From The National Forest Service. In November 2017, Handel voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would reauthorize, through 2020, the program that allows counties adjacent to National Forest Service lands to receive a percentage of the agency's timber sales revenues equal to their average payment in previous years, and would also require any forest management plan to include strategies for climate change mitigation.” The motion was rejected 230-189. [HR 2936, [Vote #597](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The Forest Management Dispute Arbitration Program. In November 2017, Handel voted against: “Khanna, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the forest management dispute arbitration pilot program that would be established under the bill.” The amendment was rejected 232-189. [HR 2936, [Vote #594](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

NCPA: The Underlying Bill Would Block The Public From Going To Court To Enforce Environmental Laws. “H.R. 2936 prevents the public from going to court to enforce environmental laws and hold the government accountable when it violates the law.” [NCPA, [10/31/17](#)]

YYY Voted For Requiring The Federal Government To Provide Advance Notice To The Public Before Entering Into Consent Decrees, Placing Onerous Restrictions On How The Government Settles Lawsuits When It Has Been Accused Of Violating The Law. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the federal government to provide advance public notice when it plans to enter into discussions regarding consent decrees and would codify and expand certain disclosure practices with regard to the Treasury Department's Judgment Fund payments. It would also allow counsel for the House of Representatives to intervene or appear as amicus curiae in any federal, state or local court. It would establish a new reporting deadline for the attorney general to inform Congress whether the Justice Department will contest, or refrain from defending,

the constitutionality of a provision of federal law in court.” The bill passed 234-187. [HR 469, [Vote #588](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Settlements Entered Into By Assistant Attorneys General From The Bill’s Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements entered into by the assistant attorney generals under the process, known as the Meese Policy, for assistant attorney generals to accept, recommend acceptance, or reject settlement offers.” The amendment failed 232-186. [HR 469, [Vote #587](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Settlement Agreements Related To Improving Air And Water Quality From The Bill’s Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “McEachin, D-Va., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements related to improvement or maintenance of air or water quality.” The amendment was rejected 226-187. [HR 469, [Vote #586](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Settlement Agreements Regarding Improving Access To Affordable High-Speed Broadband From The Bill’s Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements pertaining to deadlines set by Congress related to improving access to affordable high-speed broadband in under-served markets.” The amendment was rejected 231-185. [HR 469, [Vote #585](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring The Interior Department Convey Federal Land Within A National Wildlife Refuge To The State Of Alaska For A Road Between Two Towns. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Interior Department to convey to the state of Alaska, if requested, 206 acres of federal land within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and Izembek Wilderness for the purpose of constructing a single-lane gravel road between the towns of King Cove and Cold Bay, Alaska.” The bill passed by a vote of 248-179. [H R 218, [Vote #406](#), 7/20/17; CQ, [7/20/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting Implementation Of The King Cove Land Exchange Bill Until The State Of Alaska Repaid Federal Loans. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would prohibit implementation of the bill’s provisions until the state of Alaska has repaid \$20 million to the federal government in funds appropriated and loaned to the state of Alaska under the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999, for the purpose of construction of an unpaved road, a dock, and marine facilities and equipment on King Cove Corporation lands in King Cove, Alaska.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 167-260. [H R 218, [Vote #405](#), 7/20/17; CQ, [7/20/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amendment To Include A Provision In The King Cove Land Exchange Bill That Would Require The Implementation Of Federal Mitigation Requirements. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would include in the bill’s road requirements a provision that would require the implementation of previous federal mitigation requirements established by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, related to the movement of wildlife and tidal flows, for the purpose of constructing a single-lane gravel road between King Cove, Alaska, and Cold Bay, Alaska.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-234. [H R 218, [Vote #404](#), 7/20/17; CQ, [7/20/17](#)]

Handel Voted For “Extend[ing] For Eight Years The Deadline For The EPA To Implement New National Ambient Air Quality Standards For Ground-Level Ozone.” In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend for eight years the deadline for the EPA to implement new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone (the EPA issued such deadlines on Oct. 26, 2015). The bill would require the EPA to review the national ambient air quality standards for each pollutant every ten years, instead of every five, and would require the agency to evaluate possible adverse effects of standard changes, including effects related to

public health, welfare and economics, prior to establishing or revising a national ambient air quality standard.” The bill passed by a vote of 229-199. [H R 806, [Vote #391](#), 7/18/17; CQ, [7/18/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Implementation Of New Air Quality Standards If Those Standards Could Pose Health Risks To Those Without Access To “Affordable, Comprehensive” Health Care. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit implementation of the bill's provisions if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Congressional Budget Office, finds such implementation could increase various health risks for individuals without access to "affordable, comprehensive" health insurance.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit implementation of the underlying bill if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee finds that application of the underlying bill could increase health risks to vulnerable populations including children, seniors, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and minority and low-income communities.” Motion rejected by a vote of 191-235. [H R 806, [Vote #390](#), 7/18/17; CQ, [7/18/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, [7/18/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Striking A Provision From The NDAA Stating Climate Change Poses A Threat To National Security. . In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a direct threat to national security, and would eliminate the provision that would require the secretary of Defense to report to Congress on vulnerabilities to military installations and combatant commands resulting from climate change-related effects.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 185-234. [H R 2810, [Vote #368](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Have Stopped The EPA’s Rules Regulating Kiln Air Pollutants And Delayed Implementation Of Wood Heater Regulations. In March 2018, Handel voted for “passage of the bill that would suspend the Environmental Protection Agency's rules issued Oct. 26, 2015 and Dec. 4, 2015 regarding emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants from kilns and other facilities that manufacture brick and structural clay products or clay ceramics until all judicial reviews of such rules are completed. It would also delay implementation of an agency rule setting performance standards for new residential wood heaters until May 15, 2023.” The bill passed, 234-180. [HR 1917, [Vote #99](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#)]

Ethics & Government Reform

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller. In September 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1084) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill related to new-business tax deductions (HR 6756), a bill related to tax-favored retirement accounts (HR 6757), and a bill that would make many temporary aspects of the individual tax code permanent (HR 6760).” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler's bill, the Special Counsel Independence Act. [...] Mr. Speaker, I am here to urge this House to defeat the previous question so that we can hear H.R. 5476, a bipartisan bill to protect the Special Counsel, Mr. Mueller.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill protecting Special Counsel Robert Mueller. The motion was agreed to 227-189. [HR 6756/6757/6760, [Vote #409](#), 9/27/18; CQ, [9/27/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring Each Federal Agency To Develop And Make Public A Comprehensive Inventory Of Its Data Assets, And Would Direct The Government Accountability Office To Establish A Public Online Catalogue Of This Data. In December 2018, Handel voted for “Walker, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would require each federal agency to develop and make public a comprehensive inventory of its data assets, and would direct the Government Accountability Office to establish a public online catalogue of this data. It would require each agency to submit an annual policy plan to the Office of Management and Budget, including the agency’s plans to develop evidence supporting its policymaking, and would create an interagency advisory committee on agency data use for evidence-building.” The

motion was agreed to by a vote of 356 – 17. [H.R. 4174, [Vote #484](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the resolution that would that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 226 – 183. [H. Res. 970, [Vote #306](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

The Resolution Was Spearheaded By Freedom Caucus Leaders To Pressure The Deputy Attorney General To Comply With Congressional Demands Related To FBI Investigations Of Hillary Clinton And Russian Election Interference. “The resolution, which was spearheaded by House Freedom Caucus leaders Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan, is the latest step by conservatives who have been ratcheting up the pressure on Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to comply with congressional demands related to the FBI’s Hillary Clinton and Russia investigations. The measure itself is effectively symbolic, but Republicans intend to send a message to the Justice Department that the full Congress is demanding compliance with their document requests -- or else.” [CNN, [6/26/18](#)]

Democratic Critics Said The Resolution Was An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation, And Give Trump An Excuse To Fire Rosenstein. “But Democratic critics say this is all a plot to discredit the Mueller investigation. They think Trump’s allies are trying to hit the Justice Department with impossible demands, so they’ll either have to turn over extremely sensitive information about an ongoing message, or look bad by withholding it. Some even think this is mainly about giving Trump an excuse to fire Rosenstein, who, again, is Mueller’s boss.” [Vox, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering Resolution Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 971) that would provide for consideration of the resolution (H Res 970) that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 224 – 184. [H. Res. 971, [Vote #305](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Ms. Eshoo’s bill H.R. 305. H.R. 305 would amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, as well as any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President, to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years. This bill would ensure more transparency in the political process and provide the American people with additional information about potential conflicts of interest of the President or a candidate for the office of the President.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 223-189. [H Res 879, [Vote #173](#), 5/9/18; CQ, [5/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/9/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule...” According to Rep. Torres, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Lieu’s H.R. 3876, the SWAMP FLYERS Act. This legislation will ensure that senior political appointees are not using Federal funds for official travel on private aircraft.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-190. [H Res 839, [Vote #150](#), 4/25/18; CQ, [4/25/18](#); Congressional Record, H3518, [4/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President's Tax Returns. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule...” According to Rep. Polis, defeating the previous question would “amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the disclosure of certain tax returns by Presidents and certain candidates for the office of the President, and for other purposes.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 226-189. [H Res 831, [Vote #143](#), 4/18/18; CQ, [4/18/18](#); Congressional Record, H 3409, [4/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Handel voted against: “Connolly D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent changes in financial regulations in the bill from being made at the request of, or for the personal gain of, the president, a member of his family, or other senior Executive Branch official.” The motion to recommit failed 182-232. [HR 1116, [Vote #107](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Noted That The Bill Did Not Authorize Special Flight Accommodations For The EPA Administrator. In March 2018, Handel voted against “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would clarify that nothing in the bill would authorize the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to charter a flight, or travel by any air accommodation above coach class, in order to make certain changes to rules and guidance documents for the purpose of implementing the bill's provision regarding standards for residential wood heaters.” The motion was rejected, 186-227. [HR 1917, [Vote #98](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Handel voted against “Clark, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a federal financial regulator from including certain rules in its review under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 if such rules were issued or made at the ‘request of and for the personal gain of’ the president, the president's family members, or senior executive branch officials who are required to file annual financial disclosure forms.” According to Rep. Clark, the “amendment simply states that before taking any action to eliminate or change a regulation, regulators must disclose any communications from the White House or the President's family advocating for the action and whether the President, his family, or any senior administration officials would benefit financially from such action.” The motion was rejected, 182-228. [HR 4607, [Vote #94](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “O'Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill would extend the whistleblower protections in the underlying bill pertaining to employees who disclose information about the improper use of aircraft by government officials.” The motion was rejected 232-190. [S 585, [Vote #567](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#), DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump Officials Caught Splurging On Luxury Travel.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Price Spent \$400,000 In Charter Flights, Over \$1 Million In Travel Cost Alone Before Resigning. “Tom Price, Health and Human Services Secretary The flights: \$500,000 in military flights to Africa, Asia and Europe (which were approved by the White House) and more than \$400,000 in charter flights. Total cost: His travel has exceeded \$1 million, Politico reports, when accounting for both his overseas trips and the more than two dozen domestic trips he's taken on private planes since May.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Pruitt Took \$58,000 In Private Taxpayer-Funded Flights. “Scott Pruitt, Environmental Protection Agency administrator The flights: A June 7 military flight to Ohio then New York (\$36,068); a July 27 charter flight from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Guymon, Oklahoma (\$14,434); an August 4 charter flight from Denver, Colorado, to Durango, ColoradoA (\$5,719); an August 9 flight on the North Dakota governor's plane (\$2,144). Total cost: Pruitt took ‘non-commercial’ flights costing taxpayers more than \$58,000, according to CBS News.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Mnuchin Used Government Jets To Travel On His Honeymoon, And To View The Solar Eclipse. “Steve Mnuchin, Treasury Secretary The flights: Mnuchin requested a government jet earlier this year for his honeymoon, according to ABC News. He and his wife also used a government jet when traveling to Louisville and Fort Knox, Kentucky, which coincided with the eclipse. Total cost: An Air Force spokesman told ABC News that a government jet typically costs roughly \$25,000 per hour to operate.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Zinke And Aides Took “Several Flights” Including A \$12,000 Charter Flight, but Had Not Released The Total Number Or Cost Of Flights. “Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior The flights: Zinke and his aides have reportedly taken several flights on private or military aircraft, including a \$12,000 charter flight — which belongs to Nielson & Associates, a Wyoming-based oil-and-gas exploration firm — from Las Vegas to his hometown in Montana, and private flights between St. Croix and St. Thomas in U.S. Virgin Islands, per the Washington Post. Total cost: Unclear, as the total number of charter or military flights is unknown.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Sec. Shulkin Used Government Funds To Fly Himself And His Wife To Europe Where He Attended A Wimbledon Championship Tennis Match, Toured Westminster Abbey, And Cruised The Thames Amid Conducting Official Business. “David Shulkin, Secretary of Veterans Affairs The flights/luxury purchases: Although Shulkin flew commercial to Europe for meetings with Danish and British officials about veterans' health issues in July, he did use government funds to fly his wife out, stating that she was traveling on ‘approved invitational orders,’ per the Washington Post. The government also provided a stipend for her meals. They also attended a Wimbledon championship tennis match, toured Westminster Abbey, and took a cruise on the Thames. The VA's defense: All of Shulkin's activities on the trip, including Wimbledon visit, ‘were reviewed and approved by ethics counsel,’ VA press secretary Curt Cashour said in a statement.” [Axios, [9/29/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In July 2017, Handel voted for “motion to table (kill) the Cicilline, D-R.I., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Cicilline resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 235-190. [Motion, [Vote #392](#), 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]

Handel Voted For A Motion To Table A Resolution Condemning Representative Paul Gosar For Certain Actions Regarding Attendance At The State Of The Union Address. In February 2018, Handel voted for a “motion to table (kill) a resolution related to comments made by Rep. Gosar, R-Ariz., on Jan. 30, 2018, and their compliance with the Code of Official Conduct for the House.” The motion was adopted, 231-187. [H.Res.726, [Vote #53](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#)]

FEMA & Disaster Relief

Handel Voted For Extending The National Flood Insurance Program Through May 31, 2019. In December 2018, Handel voted for “MacArthur, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program through May 31, 2019. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 315 – 48. [S. 3628, [Vote #500](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Correcting The Enrollment Of The National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act In The Senate Bill. In December 2018, Handel voted for “MacArthur, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 148), that would make a correction in the enrollment of the National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 344 - 25. [H. Con. Res. 148, [Vote #499](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Extending The Authorization Of The National Flood Insurance Program Through May 31, 2019 And Stating That FEMA May Not Restrict Organizations From Selling Private Flood Insurance. In December 2018, Handel voted for “Walker, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program through through May 31, 2019. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards. It would also state that FEMA may not restrict organizations from selling private flood insurance as a condition of participating in program activities.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 148 – 226. [H. R. 7388, [Vote #497](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Phasing Out A Biodiesel Tax Credit And Providing Temporary Tax Relief For Victims Of Hurricanes And Wildfires. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1180) that would provide consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 88) that is the expected legislative vehicle for a package of tax-related bills. HR 88 would extend and gradually phase out through 2024 a biodiesel tax credit, make permanent a railroad track maintenance credit at a reduced rate, and provide temporary tax relief for victims of hurricanes and wildfires. The rule would also provide for floor proceedings during the period between Dec. 24, 2018 and Jan. 3, 2019.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 207-170. [HR 88, [Vote #446](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Extending The Authorization Of The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2018, Handel voted for “Hensarling, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program for one week, through Dec. 7, 2018. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards.” The motion was agreed to 350-46. [HR 7187, [Vote #424](#), 11/29/18; CQ, [11/29/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Blocking An Amendment To Require Direct Federal Assistance Cover 100 Percent Of Eligible Costs In Any State Or Territory Impacted By 2017 Extreme Weather Events. In April 2018, Handel voted against: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require that direct federal assistance cover 100 percent of eligible costs in any state or U.S. territory impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, or the wildfires in California.” The motion was rejected 182 to 223. [HR 4, [Vote #164](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For \$81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make further supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and wildfires that occurred in calendar year 2017. The bill would authorize \$81 billion in aid for ongoing response and recovery from 2017 hurricanes and wildfires, and would authorize Puerto Rico to use surplus toll credits to cover the local share of federal highway emergency relief. The bill would remove a cap on federal highway assistance to U.S. territories for fiscal 2018 and 2019.” The bill passed 251 to 169. [HR 4667, [Vote #709](#), 12/21/17; CQ, [12/21/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would make modifications to the program, including: raise annual surcharges and reserve fund assessments on federal flood insurance policyholders, raise rates on properties that incur multiple losses, establish an annual deductible for severe and extreme repetitive

loss properties and end the requirement that flood insurance be purchased for commercial and multifamily properties located in flood risk zones. It would also require that flood insurance provided by private sector carriers be accepted by Federal Emergency Management Agency and considered as meeting the National Flood Insurance Program's mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, and would allow private insurers and any other interested party to review FEMA information regarding its assessments of flood risk." The bill passed 237-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #630](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "U.S. House Of Representatives Misses Mark In Reducing Nation's Flood Risk.

"Unfortunately, this bill falls short of significant improvements needed to bolster risk reduction and flood-risk mapping efforts under the National Flood Insurance Program," Murdock said. "The program has failed to achieve its intended goal of lessening our nation's flood risk. Congress needs to place more emphasis on reforms that mitigate risk and promote using the best-available science and technology in mapping processes. It is particularly important that reforms enable the restoration of functioning floodplains and disincentivize development in areas of high flood risk." [Nature Conservancy, [11/15/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring FEMA To Certify That Claims From Hurricane Sandy Were Resolved Before The National Flood Insurance Program Is Reauthorized. In November 2017, Handel voted against: "Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill's provisions from taking effect unless the Federal Emergency Management Agency certifies the resolution of all claims for losses resulting from Hurricane Sandy of 2012 that were covered under the National Flood Insurance Program." The motion was rejected 236-190. [HR 2874, [Vote #629](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 And Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2017, Handel voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 616) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 2810) that would authorize \$692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 2874) that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would modify several aspects of the program. The rule would require the House clerk to not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has adopted the conference report to accompany the Fiscal 2018 Defense Authorization (HR 2810) until the House receives a message from the Senate that the Senate has passed a bill (HR 4374), without amendment, that would authorize the Food and Drug Administration to expedite consideration of certain medical products at the Pentagon's request." The rule was adopted 233-187. [HRes 616, [Vote #627](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017, Allowing President To Declare Wildfire Disasters And Fund FEMA Relief As Well As Expedite Timber Salvage After Fires. In November 2017, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also exempt various forest management activities from filing environmental impact statements and would provide for expedited timber salvage operations and reforestation activities after catastrophic events. It would prohibit any court from issuing restraining orders or injunctions against salvage operations or reforestation activities undertaken in response to a large-scale catastrophic event." The bill passed 257-166. [HR 2936, [Vote #598](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

National Parks Conservation Association: The Resilient Federal Forests Act Was "Extreme And... Puts Our Forests, Communities And Wildlife At Risk." "NPCA, along with partners, submitted the following position to the House of Representatives ahead of an expected floor vote the week of October 30, 2017. On behalf of our millions of our members and supporters, we urge you to OPPOSE the Resilient Federal Forest Act of 2017 (H.R. 2936). This bill is extreme and unfortunately, instead of protecting and restoring our public forests, H.R. 2936 puts our forests, communities and wildlife at risk." [NPCA, [10/31/17](#)]

NCPA: Wildfire Suppression Funding In The RFFA Was “Completely Inadequate, Leaving Unaddressed The Largest Part Of The Problem: The Growing Impact Of Wildfire Suppression On The Forest Service’s Annual Budget.” “The provisions offered in response to the wildfire funding crisis, even in this most recent version of the bill, are completely inadequate, leaving unaddressed the largest part of the problem: the growing impact of wildfire suppression on the Forest Service’s annual budget.” [NCPA, [10/31/17](#)]

Handel Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 595) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2936) that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also include various categorical exclusions from certain environmental reviews.” The resolution was adopted 232-184. [HRes 595, [Vote #593](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Making \$36.5 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding For Fiscal 2018 To Partially Cover Costs Of Natural Disasters. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H Res 569) that would provide that upon agreeing to the resolution, the House will have been considered to have concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2266) with a House amendment that would make available \$36.5 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2018 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including hurricanes and wildfires. The measure would include \$18.7 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund - \$4.9 billion of which would be used for disaster relief loans to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would also cancel \$16 billion of the Treasury debt incurred by FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program, would release \$1.2 billion in contingency reserves from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for use in Puerto Rico would provide \$577 million in funding to fight wildfires.” The motion was agreed to 353-69. [HRes 569, [Vote #566](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt The National Interagency Fire Center From Any Provisions Of The Underlying Bill That Would Prevent Them From Having The Water Supply They Need To Fight Wildfires. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt the National Interagency Fire Center from any of the bill’s provisions that would impair the center’s ability to ensure that there is an adequate supply of water to fight wildfires.” The motion was rejected, 230-189. [HR 23, [Vote #351](#), 7/12/17; CQ, [7/12/17](#)]

Handel Voted For A Six Month Extension Of FAA Taxes Tied To Hurricane Relief And Flood Insurance Programs. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs and would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market. It would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and would allow the federal government to reimburse the governments of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for any disaster tax relief that those islands provide their citizens.” The bill passed by a vote of 264-155. [HR 3823, [Vote #542](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

The House Passed A Six-Month Extension To Fund The FAA – That Also Included Hurricane Relief Provisions That Were Later Stripped By The Senate – While Postponing Debate Over More Contentious FAA Reforms. “Congress approved a six-month extension Thursday of Federal Aviation Administration taxes to give lawmakers more time to debate contentious, long-term airline policies. The House voted 264-155 to extend taxes through March 31. The time will allow more debate on contentious FAA measures dealing with air-traffic control and pilot training in legislation expected to last four or more years. The Senate made a change before approving the legislation by unanimous consent, which removed a provision dealing with flood insurance from the legislation. The House then agreed by unanimous consent to accept the change. Approval of the legislation was crucial before Saturday for the FAA because the government would have been unable to

collect about \$40 million per day in aviation taxes. Airport construction projects that depend on federal grants would have halted and thousands of FAA workers would have been laid off.” [USA Today, [9/28/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring The Government Pay The U.S. Virgin Islands And Puerto Rico Amounts Equal To 400 Percent Of The Loss In Revenues From Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the secretary of the Treasury to pay to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico amounts equal to 400 percent of the loss in revenues from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria for the repair of infrastructure and the payment of health care costs on the islands. It would also modify corporate taxes and charitable contribution limitations in relation to disaster relief.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-277. [H R 3823, [Vote #541](#), 9/28/17; CQ, [9/28/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of Extending Expiring FAA Authorities, Establishing Development Of A Private Flood Insurance Market, And Modifying Tax Provisions For People Impacted By Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 538) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3823) that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of September 28, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 223-190. [H RES 538, [Vote #539](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Passing FAA Authorities Tied To Private Flood Insurance Authorization And Hurricane Relief. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Curbelo, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. It would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 245-171. [H R 3823, [Vote #530](#), 9/25/17; CQ, [9/25/17](#)]

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Handel Voted For The Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act. In June 2018, Handel voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand the types of transactions covered by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. to include critical infrastructure projects and land deals near sensitive government properties and facilities. The bill would authorize the Commerce Department to request disclosures of data about foreign persons or companies with a stake in companies that partner with U.S. firms in overseas joint ventures that apply for export licenses to allow for the transfer of sensitive technology. The bill would also authorize \$20 million annually for fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023 for operations of the committee.” The motion was agreed to, 400-2. [H.R. 5841, [Vote #295](#), 6/26/18; CQ, [6/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Establishing Penalties For “Unauthorized Disclosure Of Proprietary Information” Related To A Financial Institution By A Federal Banking Regulator Employee. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Hill, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of proprietary information related to a financial institution by an employee of a federal banking regulator.” The motion was agreed to, 392-2. [HR 4294, [Vote #293](#), 6/26/18; CQ, [6/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Providing “Legal Protection For A Bank” That Keeps A Customers Account Open At The “Written Request” Of A Law Enforcement Agency. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Hill, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide legal protection for a bank or financial institution that keeps open a customer account at the written request of a local, state or federal law enforcement agency..” The motion was agreed to, 379-4. [HR 5783, [Vote #290](#), 6/25/18; CQ, [6/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Apply The More Stringent Bank Regulation Provisions Of The 2010 Financial Overhaul To Banks With \$250 Billion In Assets. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would apply the more stringent bank regulation provisions of the 2010 financial overhaul to banks with \$250 billion in assets, instead of those with at least \$50 billion in assets. It would also allow banks with less than \$10 billion in assets to trade with depositors' money. The bill would lift the threshold for disclosure requirements to \$10 million for employee-owned securities and would allow venture capital funds to have up to 250 investors and be exempt from certain registering requirements. It would provide consumers with the right to request a ‘security freeze’ on their credit reports, which would prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information from the consumer's credit report without express authorization. It would define a ‘qualified mortgage’ as any residential mortgage loan held by a bank, removing the requirement that for a ‘qualified mortgage,’ a bank must determine that a mortgage recipient has the ability to repay.” The bill was passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 258-159. [S. 2155, [Vote #216](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Critics Said The Bill Created Loopholes That Larger Banks Would Exploit. “Rothfus made his claim after voting in favor of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 2155, which supporters said will lessen the Dodd-Frank burden on community banking institutions — defined as those with less than \$10 billion in assets — and which critics argue creates wiggle room and loopholes that larger banks will exploit. The rollback was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 24.” [PolitiFact, [5/31/18](#)]

The Bill Contained Policies Which Would Roll Back Or Eliminate Key Parts From The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act. “Late last year the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which was sponsored by Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, with nearly 20 co-sponsors on both sides of the aisle, was introduced in the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs [...] The bill contains policies which would roll back or eliminate key parts from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.” [Housing Wire, [3/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Joint Resolution Nullifying A Consumer Financial Protection Bureau To Protect Borrowers From Discrimination In Auto Lending. In, Handel voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that provides guidance to third parties that offer indirect financing for automobile loans. The rule states that such third party lenders are treated as creditors under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the lenders may not mark up the rate of an indirect loan in relation to a borrower's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age or receipt of income from any public assistance program.” The vote passed 234-175. [S.J. Res. 57, [Vote #171](#), 5/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Granting The Federal Reserve Sole Rulemaking Authority Over The Volcker Rule. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would grant the Federal Reserve sole rulemaking authority with respect to Section 619 of the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul, the so-called "Volcker Rule." The rule restricts financial institutions that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation from using their own funds for proprietary trading. The bill would also exempt community banks from the rule, provided that the banks have less than \$10 billion in total consolidated assets and have trading and liability assets totaling less than five percent of total consolidated assets.” The bill passed by a vote of 300-104. [HR 4790, [Vote #139](#), 4/13/18; CQ, [4/13/18](#)]

Bill Streamlined Rule Restricting Speculative Transactions By Investors, Which Was Being Enforced By Five Separate Regulators. “The bill, which was approved by a vote of 300-104, would streamline the rule which is currently enforced by five separate regulators. The degree of bipartisan support for the measure suggests House lawmakers may try to include it in a broader bill easing bank rules that has already passed the Senate. [...] The Volcker rule, finalized three years after the Dodd-Frank financial reform law passed in the wake of the 2007-2009 financial crisis, restricts U.S. banks from making certain kinds of speculative transactions on their own account and from investing in hedge funds.” [Reuters, [4/13/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Reducing The Frequency Of The Federal Reserve’s Stress Testing Of Financial Institutions. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reduce certain conditions and the

frequency of the Federal Reserve's stress testing of financial institutions. It would also prohibit the Fed from objecting to a company's capital plan on the basis of qualitative deficiencies in the company's capital planning process when conducting a Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review test." The bill passed 245-174. [H R 4293, [Vote #137](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring The Financial Stability Oversight Council To Meet With Financial Institutions Under Their Review. In April 2018, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would change the process that the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) would use to designate a nonbank financial institution as systemically important. It would require the FSOC to consider if other means of regulation would be sufficient before making its designation, and would require that the council be available to meet with the financial institution under review throughout the process." The bill passed 297-121. [H R 4061, [Vote #135](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Stringent Federal Reserve Oversight Of Banks With Histories Of Unsafe Banking Practices. In April 2018, Handel voted against: "Waters, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require global systemically important banks that have engaged in a pattern of unsafe banking practices to adhere to more stringent and frequent oversight by the Federal Reserve." The motion was rejected by a vote of 188-231. [H R 4293, [Vote #136](#), 4/11/18; CQ, [4/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Alleviating Stress Test Burdens To Help Investors Act, Which Would Exempt Nonbank Financial Institutions That Have Been Designated As Systemically Important From Requirements That They Conduct Annual Financial Stress Tests. In March 2018, Handel voted for passage of the bill that would exempt nonbank financial institutions that have not been designated as systemically important from requirements that they conduct annual financial stress tests. It would also allow the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to issue regulations for financial companies that have assets totaling more than \$10 billion. The bill passed, 395 to 19. [H.R. 4566, [Vote #119](#), 3/20/18; CQ, [3/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Creating An Office Of Independent Examination Review Within The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council. In March 2018, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would create an Office of Independent Examination Review within the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, which would hear appeals by financial institutions regarding reports by banking regulatory agencies. The bill would prohibit federal banking regulators from retaliating against a financial institution for exercising its appellate rights. It would also include nondepository institutions subject to supervision by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau under the law's definition of financial institutions, and would require the CFPB to establish its own independent intra-agency appellate process to consider appeals of its actions." The bill passed by a vote of 283-133. [HR 4545, [Vote #112](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#)]

CBO: The Office Would Investigate Complaints From Financial Institutions About Examinations And Regularly Review The Quality Of Examinations. "H.R. 4545 would establish the Office of Independent Examination Review within the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC). The new office would investigate complaints from financial institutions about examinations, regularly review the quality of examinations, and adjudicate appeals of determinations made within examinations." [CBO, [2/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Limiting The Appeals Process In The Bill To Banks And Credit Unions With Less Than \$10 Billion In Assets. In March 2018, Handel voted against: "Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would limit the appeals process specified in the bill such that it would only apply to banks and credit unions with less than \$10 billion in assets." The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-233. [HR 4545, [Vote #111](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Increasing The Maximum Amount Of Securities A Company Could Offer Before Registering With The SEC Or State Regulatory Agencies. In March 2018, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would immediately increase, from \$50 million to \$75 million, the maximum amount of securities certain companies could offer in a 12-month period without full Securities and Exchange Commission registration or

without having to meet state registration and qualification requirements. The bill would also require that the maximum threshold be adjusted for inflation every two years, rounded to the nearest \$10,000.” The bill passed by a vote of 246-170. [HR 4263, [Vote #110](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating The Increase In The Maximum Amount Of Securities A Company Could Offer Before Registering With The SEC Or State Regulatory Agencies. In March 2018, Handel voted against: “Beatty D-Ohio motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the increase in the maximum amount of securities that a company that could offer in a 12-month period without registering with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The amendment would also require the SEC to review and revise regulations.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 182-235. [HR 4263, [Vote #109](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The TAILOR Act, Which Required Financial Regulators To Consider Business Models Of Financial Institutions When Writing Rules. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require federal financial regulators to tailor their rules and regulations on covered institutions in a manner that would take into account the risk profile and business models of the different types and classes of financial institutions. It would also require a review of all regulations adopted during the seven years prior to the introduction date of this bill and would revise as appropriate any that do not meet the bill's requirements.” The bill passed by a vote of 247-169. [HR 1116, [Vote #108](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed Bill, Stating It “Would Force Regulators To Prioritize The Costs Of Regulations To Financial Institutions Over The Offsetting Benefits To Consumers And The General Public.” “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 1116, which is being considered on the House floor this week. This unnecessary and dangerous legislation would significantly reduce the capacity of Federal financial regulatory agencies, including the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, to effectively protect consumers and financial stability. [...] This sweeping mandate would force regulators to prioritize the costs of regulations to financial institutions over the offsetting benefits to consumers and the general public. The mandate implies that regulators would be unable to act to protect the public if such action led to any significant costs to Wall Street banks.” [Americans for Financial Reform, [3/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act To Require Federal Agencies To More Frequently Review The Impact Of Financial Regulations. In March 2018, Handel voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the cycle for federal financial regulators to review rules under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 from once every 10 years to once every seven years. It would require agencies conducting such reviews to seek to tailor existing regulations to limit regulatory compliance impacts, costs, liability risks and other burdens, and would expand the agencies' scope of rules under review to include those that impose requirements on individuals or companies that offer consumer financial products or services.” The bill passed, 264-143. [HR 4607, [Vote #95](#), 3/6/18; CQ, [3/6/18](#)]

Under The Legislation, Agencies Would Be Required To Reduce The Cost Of Compliance For Regulated Entities. “The legislation amends the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act to require the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council and each federal financial agency to conduct a regulatory review every seven years. The 1996 law only requires financial agencies to conduct regulatory reviews every 10 years and exempts agencies such as the independent Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and National Credit Union Administration from the required reviews. Under the new legislation, agencies would be required to tailor regulations in an effort to reduce burdens on covered entities, including the cost of regulatory compliance and liability risk.” [The Hill, [3/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill To Ease Operational Risk Capital Requirements Imposed On Certain Financial Institutions. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require federal banking regulators to base operational risk capital requirements imposed on certain financial institutions on the bank's current activities and businesses, as opposed to past experiences and losses. It would also allow for regulators to adjust capital risk

requirements based on other operational risk mitigation factors.” The bill passed by a vote of 245-169. [HR 4296, [Vote #89](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#)]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed The Bill, Calling It “A Transparent Attempt To Pressure Regulators To Reduce Capital Protections At The Nation’s Largest Banks.” “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 4296, which is being considered on the House floor today. This bill is a transparent effort to boost big bank profits by pressuring regulators to weaken public protections. If it were passed, major Wall Street banks could increase their borrowing and reduce the private capital they hold to protect the financial system and the public against the effects of a megabank failure. [...] H.R. 4296 is a transparent attempt to pressure regulators to reduce capital protections at the nation’s largest banks, and it should be rejected.” [Americans for Financial Reform, [2/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring Systemically Banks That Had Previously Engaged In Unsafe Banking Practices To Continue To Be Subjected To Requirements. In February 2018, Handel voted against: “Waters, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt any global systemically important bank holding company or any subsidiary that has ‘engaged in a pattern or practice of unsafe or unsound banking practices’ from the bill’s provisions.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 185-228. [HR 4296, [Vote #88](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Lenders From Increasing The Maximum Rate Of Interest After The Loan Is Sold Or Reassigned. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would amend the Home Owners’ Loan Act, the Federal Credit Union Act, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to codify the ‘valid-when-made’ doctrine, which requires that the rate of interest of certain loans remain unchanged after sale, assignment or transfer of the loans.” The bill passed by a vote of 245-171. [HR 3299, [Vote #78](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill To Modify Financial Services Regulations, Including Exempting State Regulations When Securities Qualified For Trading In A Registered National Market System. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify regulations related to financial services, including exempting from state regulations all securities that qualify for trading in any registered national market system, the listing standards of which have been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would also prohibit the SEC, unless it has issued a subpoena, from compelling a person to produce or furnish source code for automated trading to the agency, including algorithmic trading source code. It would exempt, for an additional five years, emerging growth companies from the requirement that an independent auditor attest to management’s assessment of the company’s internal controls over financial reporting. It would require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to consider the appropriateness of imposing heightened prudential standards as opposed to other forms of regulation to mitigate identified risks to the U.S. financial stability when determining whether to subject a U.S. or a foreign nonbank financial company to supervision by the Federal Reserve. In addition, the bill would modify the mortgage disclosure requirements that must be provided by a lender to borrowers by allowing the disclosure to include a discounted rate that a title insurance company may provide to borrowers if they were to simultaneously purchase both a lenders and owners title insurance policy.” The bill passed by a vote of 271-145. [HR 3978, [Vote #77](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#)]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed The Bill, Calling It A “Grab Bag Of Bad Legislative Ideas,” Including A Provision Limiting The SEC’s Ability To Investigate High Frequency Trading Strategies. “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 3978, which is being considered on the House floor today. This legislation is a grab bag of bad legislative ideas that should never have advanced through the House Financial Services Committee. Especially notable given the recent wild swings in stock prices, Title II of this bill would sharply limit the ability of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to investigate high-frequency automated trading strategies that can disrupt markets. But that is hardly the only harmful bill in this package. There are several other provisions that would weaken consumer and investor protections. [...] The sections of H.R. 3978 discussed above are, individually, bad bills for consumers and investors rights and protections. Packaging them together only worsens the harm. We urge you to reject H.R. 3978.” [Americans for Financial Reform, [2/13/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending A Financial Services Bill To Allow Executive Compensation To Be Clawed Back If A Company Was Not Compliant With Reporting Requirements. In February 2018, Handel voted against: “Capuano D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would extend the current policy requiring executive officer incentive-based compensation be clawed-back in a case where the issuer is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to noncompliance with any reporting requirements under securities laws.” The motion failed by a vote of 189-228. [HR 3978, [Vote #76](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#); Congressional Budget Office, [1/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of A Bill To Increase The Minimum Asset Threshold At Which Banks Were Subject To Risk-Based Capital Requirements. In February 2018, Handel voted for passage of the Small Bank Holding Company Relief Act of 2012, a bill that “would require the Federal Reserve Board to increase, from \$1 billion to \$3 billion, the asset limit for banks and holding companies exempt from certain leverage and risk-based capital requirements and therefore allowed to have higher debt levels than larger institutions.” The bill was passed, 280-139. [H.R. 4771, [Vote #66](#), 2/8/18; CQ, [2/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages. In February 2018, Handel voted for “passage of the bill that would exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent cap on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by modifying the definition of ‘points and fees.’” According to the Center for Responsible Lending, “the Mortgage Choice Act would allow many more risky, high-cost loans to qualify as Qualified Mortgage (QM) loans by creating exceptions to the points and fees threshold.” The bill passed, 280-131. [H.R. 1153, [Vote #64](#), 2/8/18; CQ, [2/8/18](#); Center for Responsible Lending, [11/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Exempting Certain Banks From Reporting And Record-Keeping Requirements If They Issued Below A Certain Number Of Mortgages Or Lines Of Credit. In January 2018, Handel voted for formation on loans if a depository institution originated a limited number of closed-end mortgage loans or open-end lines of credit in in each of the two preceding calendar years.” The bill passed 243-184. [H.R. 2954, [Vote #32](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring Mortgage Lenders To Attest That They Are In Compliance With Fair Lending Laws And That Employees Have Taken Anti-Discrimination Training. In January 2018, Handel voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require a depository institution utilizing the bill's exemptions to annually attest that the institution is in compliance with all relevant federal fair lending laws and attest that its employees have completed anti-discrimination training.” The motion failed 191 to 236. [H.R. 2954, [Vote #31](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering Legislation To Exempt Some Depository Institutions From Certain Mortgage Records Disclosure Requirements And Authorize \$3.29 Billion For The United States' Contribution To The World Bank's International Development Association. In January 2018, Handel voted for depository institutions from certain mortgage records disclosure requirements. It would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3326) that would authorize \$3.29 billion for the United States' contribution to the World Bank's International Development Association for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2020, but would, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, withhold up to 30 percent of authorized funding to the bank until the Treasury secretary reports to Congress that the World Bank is undertaking certain changes.” The rule was adopted 228-188. [H Res 693, [Vote #21](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring Proxy Financial Advisory Firms To Register With The SEC. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require proxy advisory firms to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The bill would require such firms to disclose potential conflicts of interest, disclose whether they have a code of ethics, and make publicly available their methodologies for formulating proxy recommendations and analyses” The bill passed 238 to 182. [HR 4015, [Vote #702](#), 12/20/17; CQ, [12/20/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Eliminating Enhanced Supervision For Banks With Assets Totaling More Than \$50 Billion. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul by eliminating the requirement for automatic enhanced supervision of bank holding companies with assets totaling more than \$50 billion in value, and would require that the Federal Reserve make such designations for enhanced supervision based on factors including the bank’s activities and relationships.” The bill passed 288 to 130. [HR 3312, [Vote #694](#), 12/19/17; CQ, [12/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of Bills Loosening Enhanced Supervision Bank Regulations And Presenting The Tax Overhaul Conference Report. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 667) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3312) that would modify the enhanced supervision requirement for certain bank holding companies, and provide for consideration of the conference report to accompany the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (HR 1).” The rule was adopted 233 to 193. [H Res 667, [Vote #689](#), 12/19/17; CQ, [12/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Allowing Financial Institutions To Stop Sending Annual Privacy Notices To Their Consumers. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt vehicle financial companies that have not changed their privacy policies, including companies that share or sell information on consumers to unaffiliated third parties, from the requirement that such companies provide annual written privacy notices to consumers. In order to qualify for the exemption, the company’s privacy notice must be available online, and the consumer must be notified of the availability of online privacy notices by other means.” The bill passed 275 to 146. [HR 2396, [Vote #682](#), 12/14/17; CQ, [12/14/17](#)]

Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY): HR 2396 Was Too Broad, Especially Given The Lack Of Privacy Customers Had. “A bill opponent, Rep. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y., said the proposed exemption was far too broad given the power financial firms have to use their customers’ personal information.” [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Proxy Financial Advisory Firms To Register With The SEC. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 657) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2396) that would exempt financial service companies from a requirement that they send customers annual written privacy notices, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4015) that would require proxy financial advisory firms to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission.” The rule was adopted 240-184. [H Res 657, [Vote #679](#), 12/13/17; CQ, [12/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Allowing Certain Lenders To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt lenders with assets of \$10 billion or less from the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul requirement that such lenders establish escrow accounts for the first five years of so-called “high-priced” mortgage loans, if the lenders hold the loan on its own balance sheet for three years after the loan is made, and it would exempt companies that service up to 20,000 mortgage loans from current loan servicing and escrow account administration requirements.” The bill passed 294 to 129. [HR 3971, [Vote #675](#), 12/12/17; CQ, [12/12/17](#)]

Maxine Waters: HR 3971 Could “Set The Stage” For Another Financial Crisis. “A bill opponent, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said dropping the regulations would ‘set the stage for a return of the harmful practices of the subprime meltdown and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.’” [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.” In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would change the definitions of ‘mortgage originator’ and ‘loan originator’ to exempt companies that manufacture homes and sell manufactured homes from various mortgage-related regulatory requirements. It would increase the maximum allowable rates and fees that may be applied to a manufactured home

loan before the loan is classified as a high-cost mortgage.” The bill passed 256 to 163. [HR 1699, [Vote #651](#), 12/1/17; CQ, [12/1/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of Bills Increasing The Federal New Hire Probationary Period And Loosening Mortgage-Related Regulations. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 635) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4182) that would change the probationary period for certain federal employees in new or promoted positions and provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1699) that would modify federal regulations regarding high-cost mortgages as they apply to manufactured housing.” The rule was adopted 226 to 186. [H Res 635, [Vote #645](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Allowing Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require an issuer of securities to meet a specific set of criteria in order for the issuer's transactions to constitute a sale of ‘nonpublic’ securities that are exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission and from state regulation. It would require each purchaser to have a substantive pre-existing relationship with an officer or certain shareholders of the issuer, permit no more than 35 purchasers under the exemption over the preceding 12 months, and would cap, at \$500,000, the total aggregate amount of securities sold in the 12-month period preceding the transaction.” The bill passed 232-188. [HR 2201, [Vote #622](#), 11/9/17; CQ, [11/9/17](#)]

Voterama In Congress: HR 2201 Would Allow Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction. “Deregulation of stock sales: The House on Nov. 9 voted, 232-188, to allow certain startups to sell relatively small sums of stock in private transactions free of Securities and Exchange Commission registration rules. Under the bill, firms would be exempt from registering securities if the aggregate amount of the private offering is less than \$500,000 over 12 months and there are 35 or fewer purchasers, each of whom has a pre-existing relationship with the issuer. A yes vote was to pass HR 2201 over arguments it could lead to fraudulent offerings.” [Voterama in Congress via GoErie.com, [11/12/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Allowing Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 609) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2201) that would require an issuer of securities to meet a specific set of criteria in order for the issuer's transactions to constitute a sale of ‘nonpublic’ securities that are exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission and from state regulation.” The resolution was adopted 233-190. [HRes 609, [Vote #617](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of The Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Rule Prohibiting Mandatory Arbitration Clauses. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in consumer contracts related to financial services and products.” The joint resolution passed by a vote of 231-190. [H J RES 111, [Vote #412](#), 7/25/17; CQ, [7/25/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving Forward With Consideration Of A Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Rule Prohibiting Mandatory Arbitration Clauses. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 468) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution (H J Res 111) that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in certain consumer contracts.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-188. [H RES 468, [Vote #411](#), 7/25/17; CQ, [7/25/17](#)]

Foreign Policy

Handel Voted For Modifying Programs Managed By The U.S. Agency For International Development Aimed At Women's Entrepreneurship And Economic Empowerment. In December 2018, Handel voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would modify programs managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development aimed at women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment.” The

motion was agreed to by a vote of 352 – 18. [S. 3247, [Vote #492](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Directing The President To Appoint The Head Of The Office To Monitor And Combat Anti-Semitism As A Special Envoy With The Rank Of Ambassador. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the president to appoint the head of the Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism within the Department of State as a special envoy with the rank of ambassador, who would report directly to the secretary of State.’ The motion was agreed to 393-2. [HR 1911, [Vote #398](#), 9/13/18; CQ, [9/13/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Codifying 5 Years Of Sanctions On Individuals Whose Actions Contribute To The Ongoing Instability And Conflict In The Democratic Republic Of The Congo. In November 2018, Handel voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify for five years sanctions imposed by 2006 and 2014 executive orders on individuals whose actions contribute to ongoing instability and conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, unless the President determines that the DRC has made significant progress towards holding free and fair elections and respecting civil liberties as described in a 2016 United Nations resolution. It would also require the president to determine whether additional DRC senior government officials should be sanctioned under these provisions, and would order a State Department report on DRC government and military complicity in human rights abuses and corruption.” The motion was agreed to 374-11. [HR 6207, [Vote #422](#), 11/27/18; CQ, [11/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Directing The Secretary Of State To Develop An Interagency Initiative To Prevent Violence And Stabilize Conflict-Affected Areas Around The World. In November 2018, Handel voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would direct the secretary of State to develop an interagency initiative to prevent violence and stabilize conflict-affected areas worldwide, in coordination with relevant federal departments and agencies, including the U.S. Agency for International Development and Department of Defense. It would require the secretary to submit to Congress 10-year plans for stabilization and prevention in at least six regions within 180 days of enactment.” The motion passed 376-16. [HR 5273, [Vote #421](#), 11/27/18; CQ, [11/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Motion To Table An Attempt By Democrats To Criticize The Nunes Memo. In February 2018, Handel voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pelosi, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pelosi resolution related to a memo released by the House Intelligence Committee on Feb. 2, 2018, does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” According to CNN, “House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi attempted to bring up a ‘privileged resolution’ criticizing the Nunes memo release, but it was ruled out of order in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.” The motion passed 236-190. [Motion, [Vote #57](#), 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18; CNN, [2/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorizing \$3.29 Billion For The U.S. Contribution To The World Bank's International Development Association. In January 2018, Handel voted for Association for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2020. It would require that, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, 15 percent of funds authorized to the World Bank be withheld until it the Treasury secretary reports that the bank is prioritizing poverty reduction and capable project management. An additional 15 percent would be withheld, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, until the Treasury secretary reports that the bank's policies emphasize support for secure property rights and due process of law, and that the bank is strengthening its projects' ability to undermine violent extremism.” The bill passed 237-184. [H.R. 3326, [Vote #24](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill Requiring The Department Of The Treasury To Report All Assets Under The Control Of High-Ranking Iranian Officials. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Department of the Treasury to report to Congress on assets held in U.S. and foreign financial institutions that are under direct or indirect control certain high ranking Iranian officials, and how sanctions may be used to prevent the funds from being used to contribute to the continued development of ballistic missile technology by Iran. The bill requires that such a report be submitted to congress within 270 days of enactment, and that it be

updated by the Department annually for at least two years thereafter.” The bill passed 289 to 135. [HR 1638, [Vote #680](#), 12/13/17; CQ, [12/13/17](#)]

Rep. Denny Heck (D-Wash): HR 1638 Would Divert Resources From Terrorism Investigations. “A bill opponent, Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., said the time and effort used by Treasury employees to track down the leaders’ assets would take resources away from investigations into terrorist financing and money laundering.” [Concord Monitor, [12/17/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of Bills Requiring The Treasury Department To Create Reports On Iranian Assets And Iranian Aircraft Purchases And Exports. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 658) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1638) that would require the Treasury Department to compile and submit to Congress a report concerning Iranian assets held in U.S and foreign institutions, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4324) that would require the Treasury secretary to submit reports to Congress on transactions of financial institutions associated with the purchase and export of aircraft on behalf of Iran.” The rule was adopted 238 to 182. [H Res 658, [Vote #677](#), 12/13/17; CQ, [12/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment),” According to a House floor speech by Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-NY: “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Swalwell and Representative Cummings’ bill, which would create a bipartisan commission to investigate the Russian interference in the 2016 election.” *A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the bipartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election.* The motion was agreed to 230-193. [HRes 600, [Vote #600](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/2/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring The Treasury Department To Create Reports On Iranian Aircraft Purchases And Exports. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress on any U.S. or foreign financial institutions that are involved in financing the purchase or export of aircraft on behalf of Iran, and to certify that such transactions pose no money-laundering or terrorism-financing risk.” The bill passed 252 to 167. [HR 4324, [Vote #684](#), 12/14/17; CQ, [12/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Force. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 478) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill making certain appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 3219), would provide for consideration of amendments to the Defense division of the bill, and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through July 28, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to make in order Rep. Barbara Lee’s amendment repealing the 2001 authorization for use of military force.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the repeal of the 2001 authorization for use of force.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-185. [H RES 478, [Vote #426](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted For A Resolution Calling On The Department Of Defense And Foreign Governments To Continue Efforts To Investigate, Recover, And Identify All Unaccounted For U.S. Personnel From Past Wars. In February 2018, Handel voted for a motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution “that would call upon the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and other elements of the Defense Department, as well as other federal agencies and all foreign governments, to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, identify and as fully as possible account for all missing and unaccounted-for U.S. personnel worldwide.” The motion was agreed to, 411-0. [H.Res. 129, [Vote #75](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Hamas Human Shields Prevention Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the president to impose sanctions, including freezing of bank accounts and property in the United States, and the revocation or denial of visas, against members of Hamas who

are responsible for ordering or directing the use of human shields. The measure would also call on the president to direct the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations to secure support for a resolution that would impose multilateral sanctions against Hamas for the use of human shields to protect combatants and military objects from attack.” The motion was agreed to, 415-0. [H.R. 3542, [Vote #74](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill Which Would Take Actions To Help Ukraine Improve Its Cybersecurity And Support U.S.-Ukraine Cooperation On Cybersecurity. In February 2018, Handel voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the State Department to report to Congress on US and NATO efforts to strengthen cybersecurity in Ukraine and on new areas for bilateral collaboration. It would also express the sense of Congress that the department should support Ukraine's efforts to improve its cybersecurity as well as its ability to respond to Russian supported disinformation and propaganda efforts through social media and other outlets.” The bill passed, 404-3. [H.R. 1997, [Vote #62](#), 2/8/18; CQ, [2/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill To Allow The State Department To Offer Awards For The Arrest Or Conviction Of Foreign Nationals Accused Of War Crimes. In February 2018, Handel voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the secretary of State to make additional individuals eligible for rewards under the department's War Crimes Rewards Program. Individuals would be eligible if they provide information that leads to the arrest or conviction of foreign nationals who have committed genocide or war crimes as defined by an international tribunal, U.S. law, or the laws of another nation.” The bill passed, 407-0. [H.R. 3851, [Vote #61](#), 2/7/18; CQ, [2/7/18](#)]

Guns

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes.. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240; Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464; Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598; and Ms. Murphy’s bill H.R. 1478. These four bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes; prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check; ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun; and allow the government to sponsor scientific research on the causes of gun violence.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-182. [H Res 780, [Vote #113](#), 3/15/18; CQ, [3/15/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/15/18](#)]

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Handel Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons. The bill would require a twice-annual certification by all federal agencies, federal courts and state governments, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to verify that all relevant data has been reported and uploaded to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System regarding individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms.” The bill passed 231 to 198. [HR 38, [Vote #663](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 645) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 38) that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons.” The rule was adopted 232 to 194. [H Res 645, [Vote #660](#), 12/6/17; CQ, [12/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of The Select Committee On Gun Violence Prevention. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. McGovern, D-Ma., said: “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H. Res. 367, which would establish the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.” **A vote *for* the amendment was a vote to block the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.** The bill motion was agreed to 233-182. [HRes 607, [Vote #610](#), 11/7/17; CQ, [11/7/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Establishment Of A Select Committee On Gun Violence Prevention. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 553).” According to Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question so we can bring up the Thompson bill [...] resolution (H. Res. 367) to establish the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the establishment of the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention. The previous question carried, 231-189. [H Res 553, [Vote #551](#), 10/4/17; CQ, [10/4/17](#); Congressional Record, [10/4/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Funding The Secure Our Schools Grant Program Through 2028, A Program Focused On Improving School Security And Training To Prevent Student Gun Violence. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$75 million a year through fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence. It would modify the program's mission to improve school security through evidence-based training and technical assistance to prevent violence. It would also expand the eligible uses for the grant to include help for state and local governments to provide training to prevent student violence, development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, and the development and operation of school threat assessment intervention teams.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 407-110. [HR 4990, [Vote #106](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Motion To Kill A Democratic Attempt To Consider Legislation On Gun Regulations. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Thompson, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Thompson resolution related to the consideration of legislation related to gun regulations does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, [Vote #83](#), 2/26/18; CQ, [2/26/18](#)]

Health Care

Handel Voted For Allowing Health Savings Accounts To Be Used To Purchase Catastrophic Health Plans. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would modify the 2010 health care overhaul law to allow anyone to purchase a ‘copper’ (catastrophic) plan through the law's insurance exchanges, and would extend the suspension of the annual tax on health insurers through 2021. It would also allow individuals on certain plans to use health savings accounts associated with their plans and would also increase the contribution limit for certain HSAs.” The bill passed, 242-176. [HR 6311, [Vote #376](#), 7/25/18; CQ, [7/25/18](#)]

Seattle Times: The Bill Would Allow HSA’s To Be Used To Purchase “Copper” Or Catastrophic Plans. “By a vote of 242 for and 176 against, the House on July 25 passed a bill (HR 6311) that would expand access to the Affordable Care Act’s catastrophic, or “copper,” health plans. [...] In part, the bill would allow Health Savings Accounts to be used to purchase copper plans, make the plans available to seniors on Medicare Part A and allow tax credits to be used to subsidize their premiums.” [Seattle Times, [7/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Repealing Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act That Limit Payments For Medications From Health Savings Accounts. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would make a number of changes to health savings accounts. It would permit certain plans to pay for initial medical services before the plan's deductible kicks in, and would allow an individual to have an HSA in addition even if they also have certain other types of health care coverage in addition to a high deductible plan. It would also permit an individual to contribute to an HSA even if their spouse has a flexible spending account, and would allow the use of HSAs to pay for over-the-counter medical products, as well as some sport and fitness expenses.” According to the Congressional Research Service “This bill repeals provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as added by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, that limit payments for medications from health savings accounts, medical savings accounts, health flexible spending arrangements, and health reimbursement arrangements to only prescription drugs or insulin (thus allowing distributions from such accounts for over-the-counter drugs). The bill also allows the accounts to be used for menstrual care products.” The bill passed, 277-142. [HR 6199, [Vote #377](#), 7/25/18; CQ, [7/25/18](#); Congress.gov, [7/19/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Expanding Medicare And Medicaid Coverage To Include Medication-Assisted Treatment For Substance Use Disorder. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Walden, R-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to HR 6, with an amendment that would modify Medicare and Medicaid and a variety of other health programs in relation to opioid abuse. It would expand both Medicare and Medicaid to cover medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder and would place new requirements on states regarding Medicaid drug review and utilization requirements. It would appropriate \$15 million annually, from fiscal 2019 through 2023, to support the establishment or operation of public health laboratories to detect synthetic opioids. As amended, the bill would allow Medicaid patients with opioid use or cocaine use disorders to stay up to 30 days per year in certain treatment facilities with more than 16 beds.” The motion was agreed to 393-8. [H Res 1099, [Vote #415](#), 9/28/18; CQ, [9/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending A Bill On Copper Health Care Plans To Delay Provisions Enactment Until Two Federal Health Insurance Funds Were Solvent. In July 2018, Handel voted against “Frankel, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit enactment of the bill's provisions until the annual reports from the Board of the Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund indicate that such funds are solvent.” The motion was rejected 187-229. [HR 6311, [Vote #375](#), 7/25/18; CQ, [7/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of The Protect Medical Innovation Act, Which Repealed The Medical Device Tax. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would fully repeal the 2.3 percent excise tax on the sale of a medical device by the manufacturer, producer, or importer after Dec. 31, 2019.” The bill passed, 283-132. [HR 184, [Vote #372](#), 7/24/18; CQ, [7/24/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds Being Used To Enforce The Liability Provisions Of D.C.'s Individual Mandate. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., amendment no. 85, that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used to seize property as a means of enforcing the liability provisions of the District of Columbia's individual mandate.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 231 – 184. [HR 6147, [Vote #361](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funds Being Used For The Multi-State Plan Program Created By The Affordable Care Act. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment no. 84, that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used for the multi-state plan program created by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 223-192. [HR 6147, [Vote #360](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting D.C. From Using Funds To Enforce Certain Health Insurance Requirements. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment no. 83, that would prohibit the District of Columbia

from using funds appropriated by the bill to enforce certain health insurance requirements.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 226-189. [HR 6147, [Vote #359](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify Medicare and Medicaid and a variety of other health programs in relation to opioid abuse. It would expand both Medicare and Medicaid to cover medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder, would require all state Medicaid programs, beginning Jan 1, 2020, to operate pharmacy programs that identify people at high risk of abusing controlled substance, and would place new requirements on states regarding Medicaid drug review and utilization requirements. It would appropriate \$15 million annually, from fiscal 2019 through 2023, to support the establishment or operation of public health laboratories to detect synthetic opioids.” The bill passed by a vote of 396-14. [HR 6, [Vote #288](#), 6/22/18; CQ, [6/22/18](#)]

HEADLINE: House passes comprehensive bill to combat growing opioid epidemic [ABC News, [6/22/18](#)]

HR 6 Was A “Catchall Bill” That Incorporated A Number Of Proposals To Curb Opioid Addiction Relating To Medicaid, Medicare, And Public Health. “The House on Friday passed, 396-14, a bill (HR 6) that will serve as the legislative vehicle for many of the 55 other House-passed bills designed to curb opioid addiction, ending two weeks of floor votes on opioids measures. The catchall bill would incorporate a number of proposals from the Energy and Commerce and the Ways and Means committees relating to Medicaid, Medicare, and public health.” [CQ, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending An Opioid Bill To Appropriate \$995 Million, Over Three Years, For Opioid Grant Programs. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Tonko, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would appropriate \$995 million annually, for fiscal 2019 through 2021, for state opioid grant programs and would allow the Health and Human Services Department to increase the number of residency positions at hospitals that have established programs related to addiction.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 185-226. [HR 6, [Vote #287](#), 6/22/18; CQ, [6/22/18](#)]

Rep. Tonko: Motion Would Show States That Congress Was Making “Sustained, Meaningful Investments” In The Opioid Crisis. ““Secondly, this motion would allot an additional \$1 billion annually to States through 2021 so that we can continue to invest in locally designed prevention, treatment, and recovery solutions. It is clearly going to take more than 2 years to battle the epidemic, and we need to let providers in States know that we are making sustained, meaningful investments in this area. Finally, our motion to recommit includes a commonsense prescription drug policy which will reduce prescription drug prices for all Americans by reducing gaming by drug manufacturers to prevent generics from coming to market.” [Congressional Record, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Additional Funds For State Grants To Combat The Opioid Crisis And Conduct Research On Addiction And Pain Related To Substance Misuse. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the 21st Century Cures Act to provide additional funds for state grants to address the opioid crisis. Further, the bill provides additional funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for state grants to conduct research on addiction and pain related to substance misuse.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 221-185. [H Res 949, [Vote #273](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Appropriation Of \$2.5 Billion In Additional State Grants To Combat The Opioid Epidemic. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the 21st Century Cures Act to appropriate \$2.5 billion to provide additional funds for state grants to help combat the opioids abuse health epidemic.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block*

consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 230-183. [H Res 934, [Vote #261](#), 6/13/18; CQ, [6/13/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/13/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Right To Try Act, Allowing Dying Patients To Access Experimental Medications From Drug Manufactures Without FDA Approval. In May 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow patients with life-threatening diseases or conditions who are not participating in clinical trials to seek access to experimental and investigational drugs directly from a drug manufacturer, without approval by the Food and Drug Administration. It would require that in order for the patient to be eligible, the patient must first try all approved treatment options and be unable to participate in a clinical trial. Only drugs that have completed phase 1 clinical trials, that have not been approved or licensed for any use, and that are currently under an active FDA application or are undergoing clinical trials would be eligible for use under the bill's provisions.” The bill passed 250 to 169. [S 204, [Vote #214](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending Bill To Require FDA And Drug Manufacturers To Produce Annual Summaries On Usage Of Experimental Drugs For Dying Patients. In May 2018, Handel voted against: “Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require both the Food and Drug Administration and the manufacturers of drugs eligible under the bill to produce annual summaries on the usage of such drugs.” The motion failed 187-231. [S 204, [Vote #213](#), 5/22/18; CQ, [5/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, Allowing Medical Professionals To Access Substance Abuse Patients’ Abuse-Related Medical Files Without Their Consent. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow certain medical professionals to access patients' medical files related to substance abuse without their explicit consent if they are treating a patient for a substance abuse disorder. The bill would allow disclosure of such medical records to public health authorities if an individual's identifying information is not included. The bill would prohibit disclosure of such records as part of law enforcement activities.” The bill passed by a vote of 357-57. [H.R. 6082, [Vote #278](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Removing Provisions Allowing Medical Professionals To Access Patients’ Medical Files Related To Substance Abuse Without Their Consent. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would remove the bill's provisions that would allow certain medical professionals to access patients' medical files related to substance abuse without their explicit consent and would instead require the secretary of Health and Human Services to identify model programs for training health care providers in the appropriate use and disclosure of patient health records.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 175-240. [H.R. 6082, [Vote #277](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Allowing Medicaid Coverage Of Up To 30 Days Of Opioid Abuse Treatment At Inpatient Mental Health Facilities. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would temporarily allow, until 2023, the use of Medicaid funds to pay for substance use disorder treatment at certain inpatient mental health treatment facilities. It would require states, to be eligible for such funds, to include in their state Medicaid plan information on how the state will improve access to outpatient care, the process to be used for transitioning individuals to appropriate outpatient care, and how individuals will be screened and assessed. The bill would limit an individual to a maximum of 30 days of inpatient treatment in a 12-month period that could be covered by Medicaid.” According to CBS News, the bill “would allow state Medicaid programs to cover up to 30 days of care for eligible individuals which an opioid use disorder. The law currently bars federal Medicaid funds from being used to pay for treatment at larger inpatient mental health facilities, which has contributed to the shortage of treatment options.” The bill passed by a vote of 261-155. [H.R. 5797, [Vote #276](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#); CBS News, [6/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Providing Federal Matching Funds For Medicaid Coverage Of Substance Abuse Treatment. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace

the bill's provisions with a program that would provide federal matching funds for the treatment for eligible individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders. It would require that states extend Medicaid eligibility to receive such federal funds." The motion was rejected to by a vote of 190-226. [H.R. 5797, [Vote #275](#), 6/20/18; CQ, [6/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Creating Sentencing Guidelines For Manufacturing Or Distributing Synthetic Opioids. In June 2018, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would create a new category of controlled substances, "schedule A," for drugs or substances that have similar chemical structures or effects as controlled substances in schedules I through V. It would immediately classify certain fentanyl analogues as schedule A drugs. The bill would establish maximum penalties for the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of schedule A drugs, though possession of such substances alone would not constitute a basis for criminal or civil penalties." The bill passed, 239-142. [H.R. 2851, [Vote #268](#), 6/15/18; CQ, [6/15/18](#)]

Democrats Warned The Bill Would Impose Mandatory Minimum Sentences, Filling Prisons With Low-Level Drug Offenders. "The House on Friday passed Rep. John Katko's bill aimed at combating the opioid epidemic by making it easier for the federal government to stop the importation and distribution of synthetic drugs. But Democrats who opposed the bill warned the law would also impose mandatory minimum sentences, filling up the nation's prisons with low-level drug offenders rather than expanding treatment options [...] House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer said before the vote that the bill could have unintended consequences. 'This legislation lacks clarity that could result in thousands of Americans being incarcerated, potentially for life sentences, thus exacerbating an already over-populated prison system,' Hoyer said. "'Those suffering from opioid addiction need treatment and proper medical care, not more laws that will simply put them behind bars.'" [Syracuse Post-Standard, [6/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Setting Guidelines For How Law Enforcement Would Determine If A Controlled Substance Analogue Was Intended For Human Consumption. In June 2018, Handel voted for: "Thornberry, R-Texas, amendment that would set guidelines for how law enforcement should determine if a controlled substance analogue is intended for human consumption." The motion was adopted by a vote of 223-158. [HR 2851, [Vote #267](#), 6/15/18; CQ, [6/15/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Establishing A Pilot Program For Transitional Housing Programs Focused On Substance Use Disorders. In June 2018, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would establish a pilot program that would provide 10,000 Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers, or 0.5 percent of such available vouchers, whichever is less, to nonprofit entities to pay for individuals to live in supportive and transitional housing programs that provide treatment for opioid use disorders or other substance use disorders. Non-profit entities would be required to provide an evidence-based treatment program and a jobs skills training program, and meet various other standards to qualify for vouchers under the pilot program." The bill passed by a vote of 230-173. [HR 5735, [Vote #266](#), 6/14/18; CQ, [6/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Securing the International Mail Against Opioids Act, Requiring The U.S. Postal Service Obtain Electronic Tracking Data For Any Packages Entering The United States. In June 2018, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would require the U.S. Postal Service to obtain advance electronic tracking data, including the shipment's contents and intended recipients, for packages entering the United States. The bill would require the U.S. Postal Service to pass information about such packages to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and would authorize a customs fee of \$1 per piece of inbound express mail to cover the cost of screening international mail. The bill would require the U.S Customs and Border Protection to develop technology for the detection of controlled substances in mail." The bill passed by a vote of 353-52. [HR 5788, [Vote #265](#), 6/14/18; CQ, [6/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Funding Grants For Providers That Offer Treatment Services For People With Opioid Use Disorders. In June 2018, Handel voted for: "Carter, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$10 million annually, for fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023, for Health and Human Services Department grants for to providers that offer treatment services for people with opioid use disorders. It would

require that there be at least 10 grants awarded to qualified providers.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 383-13. [HR 5327, [Vote #258](#), 6/12/18; CQ, [6/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Right To Try Act of 2018. In March 2018, Handel Voted For: “passage of the bill that would allow eligible patients to seek access to drugs, through drug manufacturers, that have not yet been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The measure specifies that, in order to be eligible, a patient must be diagnosed with a disease or condition from which they are likely to die within a matter of months, or one that causes significant irreversible morbidity likely to lead to a severely premature death. The bill specifies that any such drugs that patients could try would need to have completed phase-one clinical trials, not have been approved or licensed for any use, and would need to currently be under an active FDA application or undergoing clinical trials.” The bill passed 267 to 149. [H.R. 5247, [Vote #121](#), 3/21/18; CQ, [3/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Blocking An Amendment To The Right To Try Act To Require The FDA To Issue Guidance On Products Under View, And Provide Liability Protections To Physicians And Hospitals. In March 2018, Handel voted against “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the Food and Drug Administration to issue guidance on how to expand access to products currently under review. It would also provide liability protections for drug manufacturers, physicians, clinical investigators and hospitals when they are involved in offering a product under expanded access.” The motion failed, 182 to 233. [H.R. 5247, [Vote #120](#), 3/21/18; CQ, [3/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking A Bill To Invest In Prevention And Treatment Of Opioid Addiction. In February 2018, Handel voted for “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Ms. Kuster’s bill H.R. 4938 – Respond NOW Act. H.R. 4938 invests in the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction, including funding for education and awareness, research, health care workforce development and community-based interventions.” The motion was adopted, 231-188. [H. Res. 725, [Vote #54](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Improve Oral Health Education And Services. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$14 million annually, through fiscal 2022 for the Health Resources and Services Administration’s dental health grant program and would allow funds to be used to provide comprehensive dental care to the elderly, children and individuals with disabilities. It would also authorize \$18 million annually, through fiscal 2022, for existing water fluoridation and school tooth sealant programs and a new Centers for Disease Control program to improve oral health education.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 387-13. [HR 2422, [Vote #82](#), 2/26/18; CQ, [2/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Conduct And Report On Research Regarding Congenital Heart Disease. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$4 million annually, through fiscal 2022, for the Health and Human Services Department to conduct a national study of congenital heart diseases and to increase awareness of congenital heart diseases.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 394-7. [HR 1222, [Vote #81](#), 2/26/18; CQ, [2/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP. In January 2018, Handel voted for Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative McEachin’s bill, H.R. 4820, the Advancing Seniors and Kids Act. [...] It permanently reauthorizes CHIP; it reauthorizes community health centers for 2 years; and it includes other vital healthcare programs that provide relief to pregnant women, seniors, and many more.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote against considering permanently reauthorizing CHIP. The motion was agreed to 229-190. [H.R. 4712, [Vote #29](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#); Congressional Record, [1/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP. In January 2018, Handel voted forl Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative McEachin's bill, H.R. 4820, the Advancing Seniors and Kids Act. [...] It permanently reauthorizes CHIP, saving us \$6 billion. It reauthorizes the community health centers for 2 years and includes other vital healthcare programs that provide relief to pregnant women, seniors, and so many more.” A vote *for the* motion was a vote against considering permanently reauthorizing CHIP. The motion was agreed to 229-191. [HR 195, [Vote #27](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#); Congressional Record, [1/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The CHAMPION Act, Extending Funding For CHIP By Gutting Health Care Programs Resulting In People Losing Health Care Coverage Under The ACA. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal 2022, and would increase funding from \$21.5 billion in fiscal 2018 to \$25.9 billion in fiscal 2022. It would also provide \$3.6 billion annually for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would extend funding for a number of other public health programs through fiscal 2019. It would provide for up to \$1 billion in additional Medicaid funding to Puerto Rico and would eliminate, through fiscal 2019, scheduled cuts in Medicaid funding to hospitals that serve large numbers of uninsured and low-income patients. It would reduce spending from the Prevention and Public Health Fund through fiscal 2026, would require high-income individuals enrolled in Medicare parts B and D to pay the entirety of their premiums for these services and would shorten the grace period for certain missed payments on federally subsidized health insurance plans purchased through state exchanges to offset the cost of the measure's funding for CHIP, community health centers and other health programs.” The bill passed 242-174. [HR 3922, [Vote #606](#), 11/3/17; CQ, [11/3/17](#)]

The CHAMPION Act Would Cut “Billions In Funding” For An ACA Health Fund And Raise Medicare Premiums On The Wealthy. “A five-year reauthorization bill passed the U.S. House on Friday by a 242-174 vote, but some have voiced worries that obstacles remain in the more-evenly divided Senate due to disagreements between Republicans and Democrats over how to pay for it. Only three House Republicans voted against the bill, while just 15 Democrats voted in support of it. Many Democrats have criticized the bill, called the CHAMPION Act, for paying for the reauthorization by cutting billions in funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund established by the Affordable Care Act, reducing the grace period for people who miss premium payments on health plans bought on the federal exchange and raising Medicare premiums for wealthy recipients.” [Deseret News, [11/5/17](#)]

Deseret News: “The CHAMPION Act Would Save The Federal Government \$4.9 Billion From 2018 Through 2027 ‘As A Result’ Of More People Losing Their Coverage On The Federal Exchange.” “A Congressional Budget Office report estimated last month that the CHAMPION Act would save the federal government \$4.9 billion from 2018 through 2027 ‘as a result’ of more people losing their coverage on the federal exchange because of stricter grace period guidelines.” [Deseret News, [11/5/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Modifying The Medicare Advantage Payment System To Offset The Cuts In The CHAMPION Act. In November 2017, Handel voted against: “Clyburn, D-S.C., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the Medicare Advantage payment system to offset the funding in the measure.” The motion was rejected 231-187. [HR 3922, [Vote #605](#), 11/3/17; CQ, [11/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of The CHAMPION Act, Extending Funding For CHIP By Gutting Health Care Programs Resulting In People Losing Health Care Coverage Under The ACA. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 601) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3922) that would extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program for five years, community health centers for two years and other public health programs for two years. It would also provide for up to \$1 billion in additional Medicaid funding to Puerto Rico.” The resolution was adopted 231-192. [HRes 601, [Vote #603](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorizing \$400 Million A Year For The Maternal, Infant, And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, \$400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program created under the 2010 health care overhaul. The bill would require entities that receive grants under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program to continue to demonstrate improvements in applicable benchmarks and guidelines.” The bill passed by a vote of 214-209. [H R 2824, [Vote #537](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Eliminating Requirements For Grantees Of The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program To Demonstrate Improvements In Applicable Benchmarks. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “DelBene, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provisions that would require entities that receive grants under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program to continue to demonstrate improvements in applicable benchmarks and guidelines.” The motion failed by a vote of 191-232. [H R 2824, [Vote #536](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Remove A Requirement That States Track Whether The Home Visit Program Increases Employment And Earnings. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Pascrell, D-N.J., amendment that would remove the bill’s provision that would require states or other eligible entities to track whether the home visit program increases employment and earnings as a measure of the program goals.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-231. [H R 2824, [Vote #535](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Adopting The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of Authorization For The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 533) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2824), that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, \$400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program created under the 2010 health care overhaul, and for consideration of the bill (HR 2792), that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of social security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation. The rule would also provide for the text of the Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act (HR 2792), as passed by the House, if passed by the House, to be incorporated into the text of the Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act (HR 2824) during the engrossment of HR 2824.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-190. [H RES 533, [Vote #533](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment To The Underlying Legislation That Would Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids. In June 2017, Handel voted against: “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the bill's definition of ‘health care lawsuits’ to not include a claim or action related to the ‘grossly negligent’ prescription of opioids.” The motion was rejected, 235-191. [HR 1215, [Vote #336](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#)]

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Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would “Appropriate \$2.5 Million” For The Office Of Technology Assessment And “Decrease Funding” For Architect Of The Capitol Projects. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would appropriate \$2.5 million for the Office of Technology Assessment and would decrease funding for the Architect of the Capitol's capital construction and operations projects by \$3.5 million.” The vote failed 195-217. [HR 5895, [Vote #255](#), 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriating Funds To Enforce The Repeal Of GAO’s Ability To Perform Semiannual Financial Reviews Of Expenditures From The Independent Counsel Permanent Indefinite Appropriation. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to enforce the repeal of the Government Accountability Office's

ability to perform semiannual financial reviews of expenditures from the Independent Counsel permanent indefinite appropriation.” The vote was adopted 207-201. [HR 5895, [Vote #254](#), 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Motion To Kill A Crowley Resolution To Investigate The House Chaplain’s Resignation. In, Handel voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., resolution that would establish a select committee to investigate the resignation of Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Patrick J. Conroy.” The vote passed 223-182. [H. Res. 878, [Vote #172](#), 5/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [5/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Motion To Table A Resolution To Investigate Father Patrick Conroy’s Resignation As House Chaplain. In April 2018, Handel voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) a resolution that would establish a House select committee to investigate the resignation of the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Patrick J. Conroy.” The motion was agreed to, 215-171. [H.Res. 856, [Vote #166](#), 4/27/18; CQ, [4/27/18](#)]

Paul Ryan Had Asked Father Conroy To Resign. “Speaker Paul Ryan has ousted the chaplain of the House of Representatives, according to the religious leader's resignation letter — a move that's outraged members of both parties who have come to the defense of the Jesuit priest. [...] Conroy has been blunt in some of his remarks, including a prayer about the GOP tax bill that he offered on the House floor on Nov. 6, 2017, before the legislation was passed and signed into law by President Donald Trump.” [NBC News, [4/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Electing Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House. In January 2017, Handel voted for the Nomination of Paul D. Ryan, D-Wis., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for Speaker of House of Representatives for the 115th Congress.” Ryan was elected by a vote of 239-189. [[Vote 2](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

Immigration

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler's bill, H.R. 6135, the Keep Families Together Act, which I am proud to cosponsor. This thoughtful proposal would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from separating children from their parents, of course, except in extraordinary circumstances, and limit the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill prohibiting immigrant family separations. The motion was agreed to 233-191. [HR 6136, [Vote #285](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Department Of Defense And A Resolution Stating That Allowing “Illegal Immigrants” To Vote Diminishes The Voting Power Of U.S. Citizens. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1077) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Defense and Labor-HHS-Education and continuing appropriations package (HR 6157), providing for a resolution (H Res 1071) related to voting by ‘illegal immigrants,’ and providing for motions to suspend the rules.” The resolution was adopted 230-188. [H Res 1077, [Vote #403](#), 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Resolution Expressing The House’s Continued Support For ICE And Denouncing Calls To Abolish ICE. In July 2018, Handel voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the House of Representative's continued support for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and all government entities tasked with law enforcement duties on or near the nation's borders. It would also denounce calls to abolish ICE.” The motion was agreed to, 244-35. [H Res 990, [Vote #337](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Require The Trump Administration To Reunify Immigrant Children With Their Family. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Rep. Bass of California’s bill H.R. 6236. Due to the Trump Administration’s manufactured crisis at our southern border, caused by its cruel policy of separating young children from their parents, Ms. Bass’ bill would require federal agencies to reunify children who were forcibly separated from their family.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 231-188. [H Res 964, [Vote #298](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018, Which Would Appropriate Funds To Build A Border Wall With Mexico, Renew DACA For 6 Years, End The Diversity Visa Program And Require That Undocumented Immigrants Be Detained With Their Children. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be \$16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027, and \$6.8 billion for border security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years, providing a path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and reallocating those visas to other classifications. The bill would require that undocumented immigrants who are charged with a misdemeanor offense for improper entry into the United States be detained with their minor children.” The bill failed 121-301. [HR 6136, [Vote #297](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill, Known As “Goodlatte 2,” Was Republicans Attempt At An Immigration Compromise. “House Republicans’ legislative attempt to find consensus within their own party on the divisive issue of immigration failed on the floor Wednesday, with the chamber overwhelmingly rejecting their so-called compromise bill, 121-301.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Would Have Allowed Dreamers To Apply For A “Merit-Based” Visa With A Path To Citizenship. “It would have provided DACA recipients the opportunity to obtain an indefinitely renewable three-year non-immigrant legal status. Goodlatte 2 included the same provision but made it last for six years and expanded its eligibility beyond current DACA recipients to those who would qualify but had not applied. Under the compromise bill, Dreamers could also apply for a new merit-based visa and eventually citizenship, something some conservatives felt amounted to amnesty.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Added Restrictions To DACA Eligibility; The Bill Would Likely Provide A Pathway To Citizenship To Only 18 Percent Of Dreamers. “These restrictions were also in DACA, but the new bill would go even further to restrict eligibility. [...] In the best case scenario, the House GOP plan would likely provide a pathway to citizenship to fewer than 630,000 Dreamers—barely a third of the president’s promise in January and just 18 percent of the entire Dreamer population. Moreover, only an estimated 421,000 immigrants are likely to become citizens.” [CATO Institute, [6/19/18](#)]

The Bill Would Have Required Families Who Illegally Crossed The Border To Be Housed Together, Rather Than In Criminal Custody, But Eliminated The 20 Day Cap On Administrative Custody For Accompanied Children. “The compromise bill also included language intended to prevent children from being separated from their parents when detained at the border. It would have required the Department of Homeland Security to house families together while the parents are going through criminal proceedings for the misdemeanor of first-time illegal border crossing, instead of in criminal custody, and would have eliminated the 20-day cap on administrative custody for accompanied children.” [Roll Call, [6/27/18](#)]

The Bill Granted \$25 Billion In Funds For A Southern Border Wall. “The bill also called for granting \$25 billion in funds for a southern border wall, making it more difficult for migrants to seek asylum, and allowing families to be detained indefinitely at the border in response to the Trump administration’s ‘zero-tolerance’

family separation policy. It also included provisions that would have significantly cut legal immigration levels.” [Vox, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending The Border Security And Immigration Reform Act Of 2018 To Prohibit Law Enforcement From Detaining, Separately From Their Child, Any Individual Accused Of Entering The U.S. Illegally. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Espaillat, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit law enforcement from detaining, separately from their child, any individual accused of illegally entering the United States with a child, in cases in which the child is under the age of 18.” The motion failed, 190-230. [H.R. 6136, [Vote #296](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving To A Floor Vote On The “Compromise” Immigration Bill. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate \$23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be \$16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027, and \$6.8 billion for border security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years thereby providing a path to citizenship.” The rule was adopted, 227-195. [H. Res. 953, [Vote #286](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For The Securing America’s Future Act, Which Wouldn’t Offer DREAMers Pathway To Citizenship While Cracking Down On Asylum Seekers And Funding Trump’s Border Wall. In June 2018, Handel voted for “bill that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and restricting most family-based immigration to allow only spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents to receive green cards. It would increase enforcement of immigration laws within the United States, including by requiring all employers to verify the immigration status and eligibility of individuals seeking jobs in the United States.” The bill failed 193 to 231. [HR 4760, [Vote #282](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “The Conservative Alternative: No Chance For Citizenship For Legalized Immigrants, Deeper Cuts To Legal Immigration” [Vox, [6/18/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Offered Only Limited Protections For Current DACA Recipients, And Put DREAMers Who Did Not Apply Before Trump Ended The Program At Risk. “[T]he Securing America’s Future Act provides only a potentially renewable three-year reprieve from deportation to current DACA recipients. [...] Rep. Goodlatte’s bill offers only a tenuous second-class status to a small subset of people. Left out of the measure, for example, are people such as the 120,000 young Dreamers who never had the opportunity to apply for protection because of the Trump administration’s decision to end the initiative. For these individuals—and for hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers—the Goodlatte bill offers the same peril it offers to all other undocumented immigrants: the threat of criminal prosecution, imprisonment, and deportation.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Would “Make It Easier To Deport Asylum Seekers, Including Unaccompanied Children.” Securing America’s Future Act would “make it easier to deport asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, without providing basic due process protections. [...] Instead of recognizing the unique vulnerability of people fleeing violence and persecution, the bill would make it far more likely that asylum seekers and unaccompanied children will be quickly deported back to their countries of origin, potentially being returned to harm or even death.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Would Criminalize All Undocumented Immigrants. “Under long-standing immigration law, being in the country without status is a civil—not criminal—violation. The Goodlatte bill

would change the law and make unlawful presence a crime, turning the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country today into criminals overnight.” [Center for American Progress, [6/7/18](#)]

Securing America’s Future Act Provided \$9.3 Billion For Trump’s Border Wall. The Securing America’s Future Act would “authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including \$9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers” [CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill’s provisions with a system that would provide a pathway to citizenship for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, the motion “would strike the text in the underlying bill and replace it with the text of Rep. Roybal-Allard’s bill H.R. 3440 – Dream Act of 2017.” The motion failed 191 to 234. [HR 4760, [Vote #281](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Bringing The Securing America’s Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Handel voted for : “Adoption of the rule (H Res 954) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4760) that would authorize \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. Adoption of the rule would provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment that would modify funds authorized for border activities under the bill; authorizing \$24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022, instead of authorizing \$24.8 billion annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022. ” The resolution passed 226 to 195. [H Res 954, [Vote #280](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#)]

Moderate Republicans Agreed To Process To Vote On Republican-Only Immigration Bills, Even Though It “Would Effectively Kill Their Discharge Petition” To Bring Bipartisan Immigration Fix To The Floor. “They agreed to a process that night that would effectively kill their discharge petition. With no agreement in sight, Ryan proposed two immigration votes: One on a conservative DACA bill, the other on ‘compromise’ legislation they’d continue trying to negotiate. Sensing the wind was against them, moderates reluctantly agreed.” [Politico, [6/27/17](#)]

New York Magazine: “The Only Real Purpose Of This Exercise Was To Preempt A Discharge Petition” That Would Have Brought A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To The Floor. “Indeed, the only real purpose of this exercise was to preempt a discharge petition that House Democrats and some politically vulnerable House Republicans had signed that might have brought a Democratic immigration bill — indeed, the original DREAM Act — to the floor under conditions where it might have actually passed. So for all the endless and interminable and redundant House GOP talk about wanting to take action on immigration, when votes were finally held it was really about preventing action on immigration.” [New York Magazine, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Amending The Rule To Bring Up Four Bills – Two Republican Bills, The DREAM Act, And A Bipartisan Bill – Under A Queen Of The Hill Rule. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would would [sic] provide for consideration of H.R. 4760 – Securing America’s Future Act, and will make in order four substitute amendments to that bill, drafted at the discretion of the authors so long as they are germane to the underlying bill. H.Res. 774 allows for the amendment that receives the most votes (and at least a simple majority) to pass the House under a rule known as “queen-of-the-hill.” The four amendments that H.Res. 774 allows for are: an amendment offered by Rep. Goodlatte, which could be similar to H.R. 4760, an amendment offered by Rep. Roybal-Allard, which could be similar to a clean DREAM Act an amendment offered by Speaker Ryan an amendment offered by Rep. Denham, which could be similar to the bipartisan bill H.R. 4796 – USA Act. If the underlying Rule passes, it will turn off the discharge petition, and allow the House GOP to bring up anti-immigrant legislation that does not solve the DACA

crisis.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 232-190. [H Res 954, [Vote #279](#), 6/21/18; CQ, [6/21/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/21/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H Res 796, [Vote #123](#), 3/22/18; CQ, [3/22/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/22/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-181. [H Res 787, [Vote #117](#), 3/20/18; CQ, [3/20/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [3/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 773).” According to Rep. Polis, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 773, [Vote #104](#), 3/14/18; CQ, [3/14/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Handel voted for “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 762).” According to Rep. Hastings, “Democrats have offered to bring the Dream Act to the floor now 24 times. We are going to give them one more chance. We have done it 23, and every single time this effort has been blocked by the majority. To address my friend who correctly cited that we were bringing this up: [...] We on this side of the aisle clearly want to fix this problem. So let's do it now. Mr. Speaker, I urge a ‘no’ vote on the rule, on the previous question, and on the underlying bills.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act.* The previous question carried, 229-183. [H Res 762, [Vote #96](#), 3/7/18; CQ, [3/7/18](#); Congressional Record, [3/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-184. [H.Res.748, [Vote #84](#), 2/27/18; CQ, [2/27/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 228-187. [H.Res. 736, [Vote #72](#), 2/14/18; CQ, [2/14/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/14/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s

website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 224-186. [H.Res. 734, [Vote #67](#), 2/9/18; CQ, [2/9/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/9/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 235-189. [H. Res. 727, [Vote #58](#), 2/6/18; CQ, [2/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [2/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” A vote for the motion was a vote to block Democrats from bringing the DREAM Act to a vote, according to a floor speech by Democratic Rep. Jim McGovern: “This is the 19th time that we have attempted to bring the bipartisan bill, H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, for a vote on the House floor, and, if we defeat the previous question, we will bring that bill up.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion agreed to by a vote of 232-187. [H.R. 695, [Vote #47](#), 1/30/18; Congressional Record, page H694, [1/30/18](#); CQ, [1/30/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 234 to 181. [H Res 681, [Vote #9](#), 1/10/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [1/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the motion was a vote against considering a bill to protect DREAMers. The motion was agreed to 230-187. [HR 2954, [Vote #20](#), 1/17/18; CQ, [1/17/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, archived, accessed [1/17/19](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 234-189. [HR 2874, [Vote #626](#), 11/14/17; CQ, [11/14/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Tom Emmer (D-MN) said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way, except on paper.” *A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to 224-190. [HRes 609, [Vote #616](#), 11/8/17; CQ, [11/8/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/8/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 232-184. [HR 2936, [Vote #592](#), 11/1/17; CQ, [11/1/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/1/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote *for the amendment* was a vote to **block the DREAM Act**. The motion passed 228-189. [HRes 577, [Vote #572](#), 11/9/17; CQ, [10/24/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [11/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 562).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis was going to offer an amendment for “consideration of the bill (H.R.3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440. The previous question carried, 227-190. [H Res 562, [Vote #560](#), 10/11/17; CQ, [10/11/17](#); Congress.gov, [10/11/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 548).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prohibited “consideration of the bill (H.R. 3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440. The previous question carried, 233-184. [HR 36, [Vote #546](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [10/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 538).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-187. [H RES 538, [Vote #538](#), 9/27/17; CQ, [9/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 533).” According to Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to **block the DREAM Act**. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [H RES 533, [Vote #532](#), 9/26/17; Congressional Record, H7503, [9/26/17](#); CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Funding For The Border Wall From A Spending Bill. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund by \$2.4 billion, would eliminate \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border, and would decrease funding for U.S. Immigration and

Customs Enforcement operations by \$849.5 million.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [H R 3354, [Vote #527](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Prohibiting Foreign Gang Members From Entering The United States And Denying Foreign Gang Members Immigration Benefits. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would define a criminal gang as a group of five or more persons that has the primary purpose of the commission of one or more certain criminal offenses and would prohibit individuals defined as foreign criminal gang members from entering the United States. It would prohibit a criminal gang member, who is not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, from being eligible for certain immigration benefits such as asylum, special immigrant juvenile status, and temporary protected status.” The bill passed by a vote of 233-175. [H R 3697, [Vote #517](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

The House Passed Legislation That Would Allow Officials To Take Action Against Suspected Gang Members, Regardless Of Whether They’ve Been Convicted Of A Crime. “The House on Thursday passed a bill introduced by Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-Va.) that would expand the authority of the federal government to deport or detain non-citizen immigrants who are gang members or suspected of gang activity. The legislation, offered as a response to an increase in killings perpetuated by the resurgent MS-13 gang in the Washington region and nationally, would allow officials to take action against suspected gang members, regardless of whether they’ve been convicted of a crime.” [Washington Post, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibit The Bills Provisions From Being Used To Deport Someone For An Action Done On Behalf Of A Religious Organization For Humanitarian Reasons. In September 2017, Handel voted against: “Beyer, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would that would prohibit the bill’s provisions from being used to authorize the deportation of an alien for action taken on behalf of a religious organization with the primary purpose of providing humanitarian aid.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-220. [H R 3697, [Vote #516](#), 9/14/17; CQ, [9/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Changing The Definition Of A Criminal Gang And Prohibiting Foreign Criminal Gang Members From Entering The United States. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 513) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3697) that would define a criminal gang as a group of five or more persons that has the primary purpose of the commission of one or more certain criminal offenses and would prohibit individuals defined as foreign criminal gang members from entering the United States.” The resolution passed by a vote of 222-186. [H R 513, [Vote #487](#), 9/13/17; CQ, [9/13/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 504) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-186. *A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.* [H RES 504, [Vote #457](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Handel voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 500) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow

them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-187. [H RES 500, [Vote #442](#), 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, [9/6/17](#)]

Handel Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$788 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2018 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$658.1 billion in funding for Defense programs; \$88.8 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; \$37.6 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies; and \$3.6 billion in funding fiscal 2018 for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. The bill would provide \$1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” Passed by a vote of 235-192. [H R 3219, [Vote #435](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Border Wall Funding From The Security Minibus. In [MONTH] 2017, Handel voted against: “Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision related to providing funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the division of the underlying bill that appropriates \$1.6 billion in taxpayer funds to begin construction of President Trump’s border wall along the U.S. – Mexico border.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-234. [H R 3219, [Vote #434](#), 7/27/17; CQ, [7/27/17](#); Democratic Leader’s Office, motion to recommit, [7/27/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Adding A Requirement That All Iron And Steel Products Used In The Construction Of The Border Wall Be From The United States. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “O’Halloran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require, as a condition of issuing a certificate of crossing, that all iron and steel products used in the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a border-crossing facility would be produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, [Vote #397](#), 7/19/17; CQ, [7/19/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Defense Authorization From Being Used To Plan, Develop, Or Constrict A Border Wall. In July 2017, Handel voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by the bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along “the international border of the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit any funds authorized to be appropriated in the underlying bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along the international border of the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [H R 2810, [Vote #377](#), 7/14/17; CQ, [7/14/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/14/17](#)]

Handel Voted For ‘Kate’s Law’ – A Bill To “Establish Specific Possible Fines And Prison Sentences For Undocumented Immigrants Convicted Of Certain Criminal Offenses.” In June 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish specific possible fines and prison sentences for undocumented immigrants convicted of certain criminal offenses and who illegally return to the United States despite having been previously deported or otherwise excluded from the country. The bill would establish maximum sentences for such individuals with varying criminal histories, including a 10-year maximum sentence for illegal immigrants who reattempt to

enter the country after three or more deportations, even if such individuals have not been convicted of any other crimes.” The bill Passed by a vote of 257-167. [H R 3004, [Vote #344](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#)]

Washington Post: ‘Kate’s Law’ “Would Enhance Penalties For Convicted And Deported Criminals Who Reenter The United States Illegally. “On Thursday, just two days before the second-year anniversary of Steinle’s shooting, the House of Representatives passed a bill known as “Kate’s Law,” which would enhance penalties for convicted and deported criminals who reenter the United States illegally. It was first introduced in 2015, but it failed to advance in the Senate.” [Washington Post, [6/29/17](#)]

Washington Post: “Civil Rights Groups... Strongly Opposed Kate’s Law,” Described It As “Shortsighted And Ill-Conceived.” “Civil rights groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, have strongly opposed Kate’s Law, calling it a ‘shortsighted and ill-conceived response’” to the young woman’s slaying. They argue that it is blanket legislation that would penalize even those who come to the United States to escape persecution. Opponents also say that the bill perpetuates the false notion that undocumented immigrants are inherently criminals.” [Washington Post, [6/29/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Exempt From Kate’s Law “Victims Of Sex Trafficking That Voluntarily Present Themselves At A Port Of Entry And Request Protection.” In June 2017, Handel voted against: “motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions victims of sex trafficking that voluntarily present themselves at a port of entry and request protection.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add an exemption to the underlying bill to allow a victim of sex-trafficking to voluntarily present herself or himself at a port of entry to request protection without fear of violating the law.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 3004, [Vote #343](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#); Democratic Leader’s office, motion to recommit, [6/29/17](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement entities or officials in their enforcement of such laws. The bill would allow the Homeland Security Department to issue detainers for arrests of individuals in violation of "any criminal or motor vehicle law" in cases where there is probable cause to believe such individual is an "inadmissible or deportable alien," and would revoke eligibility for certain federal law enforcement grants for states and cities found not to be in compliance with the bill's provisions.” The bill passed 228-195. [HR 3003, [Vote #342](#), 6/29/17; CQ, [6/29/17](#)]

New York Times: The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act “Broadens The Pool Of Money That Cities Could Lose For Not Cooperating With Federal Immigration Officials.” “One of the House bills, known as the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, potentially broadens the pool of money that cities could lose for not cooperating with federal immigration officials. It also seeks to indemnify local law enforcement officials who detain immigrants on behalf of the federal authorities from lawsuits, making the federal government the defendant in such cases. The bill passed 228 to 195.” [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

The National Fraternal Order Of Police Opposed The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act. “Some law enforcement officials have also expressed concerns with the legislation. The National Fraternal Order of Police came out against the sanctuary cities bill this week. In a letter to House leadership, the group’s national president, Chuck Canterbury, said, ‘Law enforcement officers do not get to pick and choose which laws to enforce, and must carry out lawful orders at the direction of their commanders and the civilian government that employs them.’” [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

ACLU: HR 3003 Would Violate 4th Amendment Protections Against Detention Without Due Process Or Probable Cause. “And the American Civil Liberties Union said the sanctuary cities bill violates the Fourth Amendment by requiring local law enforcement to hold people without due process or probable cause when requested by immigration agents.” [New York Times, [6/29/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 414) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3003) that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement in its enforcement of such laws.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #332](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#)]

Labor & Working Families

Handel Voted For To Protect Union Negotiating Power. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Cartwright of Pennsylvania’s bill, H.R. 6238. Following the Supreme Court’s decision yesterday in Janus vs. AFSCME to overturn decades of legal precedent that protect the rights of unions to collect fair share fees to cover collective bargaining rights, H.R. 6238 would protect the ability of these unions to negotiate for decent pay and reinforce their important role in assuring fair workplaces that benefit all.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 224-186. [H Res 954, [Vote #304](#), 6/28/18; CQ, [6/28/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/28/18](#)]

The Public Service Freedom To Negotiate Act Would Give State And Local Government Employees Similar Protections To Private Sector Workers To Voluntarily Have Union Dues Deducted From Their Paychecks. “On Thursday, Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Matthew Cartwright (D-Pa.) introduced a bill, dubbed the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act, to protect the ability of public employees to form, join or assist labor organizations without fear of reprisal. The federal legislation would give all state and local government employees protections similar to those that private-sector workers enjoy, including the right to voluntarily have union dues deducted from their paychecks. A number of states prohibit automatic payroll deductions for public employees, claiming government resources should not be used to underwrite union agendas.” [Washington Post, [6/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Union Negotiating Power. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Following the Supreme Court’s decision yesterday in Janus vs. AFSCME to overturn decades of legal precedent that protect the rights of unions to collect fair share fees to cover collective bargaining rights, H.R. 6238 would protect the ability of these unions to negotiate for decent pay and reinforce their important role in assuring fair workplaces that benefit all.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 219-172. [H Res 961, [Vote #291](#), 6/26/18; CQ, [6/26/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/26/18](#)]

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Handel Voted For Prohibiting Funding To Implement Or Enforce Davis-Bacon Act Protections. In April 2018, Handel voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit any funds authorized by the bill to be used to implement or enforce the prevailing wage rate requirements established by the Davis-Bacon Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 172-243. [H.Amdt.557 to HR 4, [Vote #157](#), 4/26/18; CQ, [4/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Increasing The Probationary Period For Newly Hired Federal Employees To Two Years. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would increase to two years the probationary period for newly hired federal employees, for any individuals promoted to a supervisory or managerial role, and for any individual appointed to the Senior Executive Service. It would also establish a system in which supervisors would be notified near the end of an employee's probationary period.” The bill passed 213 to 204. [HR 4182, [Vote #648](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Delaying The Federal New Hire Probationary Period Increase Until After A Study Of Its Potential Effects Was Conducted. In November 2017, Handel voted against: “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would strike the provisions of the bill and require that a study be conducted on the effects of an increase in employment probationary periods within federal agencies” The amendment failed 193 to 223. [HR 4182, [Vote #647](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Exempting Individuals Who Have Participated In Programs Like AmeriCorps Or PeaceCorps From The Federal New Hire Probationary Period. In November 2017, Handel voted against: “Hastings, D-Fla., amendment that would exempt an individual who has completed a term of service for a program under the Corporation for National and Community Service, such as PeaceCorps and AmeriCorps, from the bill's required increase in probationary period length.” The amendment failed 195 to 221. [HR 4182, [Vote #646](#), 11/30/17; CQ, [11/30/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Overturning An Obama-Era National Labor Relations Board Ruling That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would define a joint employer as an entity with actual, direct and immediate control over employees, with significant control over essential terms of employment such as hiring, determining pay and benefits, day-to-day supervision of employees, and assigning individual work schedules.” The bill passed 242-181. [HR 3441, [Vote #614](#), 11/7/17; CQ, [11/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Passes Bill To Overturn Controversial Joint-Employer Ruling.” [The Hill, [11/7/17](#)]

The Hill: Bill Overturned NLRB “Ruling That Made Companies Potentially Liable For Labor Law Violations Committed By Their Subcontractors.” “The House on Tuesday evening passed a bill that would overturn an Obama-era National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruling that made companies potentially liable for labor law violations committed by their subcontractors. [...] The bill, which passed the House Monday, would change that definition under the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act to state a company is only considered a joint employer if it ‘directly, actually and immediately’ has control over essential terms and conditions of employment.” [The Hill, [11/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Requiring A Franchisor To Be Treated As A Joint Employer if The Franchisee Violates Labor Laws. In November 2017, Handel voted against: “Bonamici, D-Ore., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require a franchisor to be treated as a joint employer if a franchisee violates labor laws at the direction of the franchisor.” The motion was rejected 235-186. [HR 3441, [Vote #613](#), 11/7/17; CQ, [11/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Bill To Overturn Obama-era NLRB Rule That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 607) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3043) that would specify a variety of timeframes and procedures for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to follow in carrying out required permitting and licensing activities for non-federal hydropower projects. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3441) that would modify the statutory definition of joint employer to clarify that an employer must have actual, direct and immediate control over employees to be considered a joint employer.” The resolution was adopted 233-182. [HRes 607, [Vote #611](#), 11/7/17; CQ, [11/7/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of HR 2933, The Leveraging Effective To Rebuild National Skills Act. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 468) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution (H J Res 111) that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in certain consumer contracts.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “the Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 2933, the leveraging effective apprenticeships to rebuild national skills act, which would promote effective apprenticeships that give students and workers the skills they need to find well-paying jobs.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the leveraging effective apprenticeships to rebuild national skills act.** The motion was adopted by a vote of 229-184. [H RES 468, [Vote #410](#), 7/25/17; CQ, [7/25/17](#); DemocraticLeader.Gov, [7/25/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Block A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Handel voted for a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of “H.R. 15, The Raise The Wage Act., which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, [Vote #331](#), 6/28/17; CQ, [6/28/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [9/12/17](#)]

National Security & Terrorism

Handel Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report For The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2019. In July 2018, Handel voted for “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$708.1 billion for defense-related programs, with \$639.1 billion for the Defense Department’s base budget, and \$69 billion for overseas contingency operations. Specifically, it would authorize \$65 million for the development of low-yield nuclear weapons. It would also authorize \$18.8 billion for Navy aircraft procurement, \$16.5 billion for Air Force aircraft, and 24.1 billion for Navy shipbuilding. It would prohibit any U.S. government agency from using technology produced by the Chinese companies ZTE or Huawei, but would not reimpose a ban on U.S. exports to ZTE.” The report was agreed to, 359-54. [HR 5515, [Vote #379](#), 7/26/18; CQ, [7/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill FY 2018 And FY 2019 Funding For 16 U.S. Intelligence Communities And Requiring The Publishing Of Reports On Threats To U.S. Cybersecurity. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government, which would cover general intelligence operations, clandestine human intelligence programs and analysis, and covert action programs. The bill would authorize \$547 million in fiscal 2018 and \$515 million in fiscal 2019 for the Intelligence Community Management account. The bill would require several reports on foreign malign influencers, including Russia, North Korea and Iran, and activities related to funding or carrying out a cyber or terrorist attack. The bill would also require the Director of National Intelligence to electronically publish an unclassified report on foreign counterintelligence and cybersecurity threats to U.S. election campaigns for federal offices.” The bill passed, 363-54. [HR 6237, [Vote #326](#), 7/12/18; CQ, [7/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering A Bill Authorizing Intelligence Appropriations For FY 2018 And FY 2019. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 989) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6237) that would authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government, which would cover general intelligence operations, clandestine human intelligence programs and analysis, and covert action programs.” The resolution was adopted, 235-178. [HR 6237, [Vote #323](#), 5/16/18; CQ, [7/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702, Which Conducts Surveillance On Foreign Targets’ Communications. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize for six years, through 2023, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which governs electronic surveillance of foreign terrorism suspects. The bill would reauthorize Section 702 surveillance authorities on foreign targets, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens. The bill would prohibit the

FBI from accessing information without an order from the secret FISA court in certain cases. The measure would increase penalties for the unauthorized removal of classified documents or information.” The bill passed 256 to 164. [S 139, [Vote #16](#), 1/11/18; CQ, [1/11/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Extends Surveillance Law, Rejecting New Privacy Safeguards.” [New York Times, [1/11/18](#)]

New York Times: Title VII Permitted The Government To Conduct Warrantless Surveillance On Communications Of Foreigners Abroad, “Even When They Are Talking To Americans.” “A yearslong debate over National Security Agency surveillance and protections for Americans’ privacy rights will reach a climactic moment on Thursday as the House of Representatives takes up legislation to extend a program of warrantless spying on internet and phone networks that traces back to the Sept. 11 attacks. There is little doubt that Congress will extend an expiring statute, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, that permits the government to collect without a warrant from American firms, like Google and AT&T, the emails and other communications of foreigners abroad — even when they are talking to Americans.” [New York Times, [1/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA. In January 2018, Handel voted against: “Himes D-Conn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Intelligence Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would include additional requirements related to obtaining warrants in order to query information incidentally collected on U.S. citizens.” The motion failed 189 to 227. [S 139, [Vote #15](#), 1/11/18; CQ, [1/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702. In January 2018, Handel voted against: “Amash R-Mich., amendment that would end NSA collection of communications data that is neither to nor from an approved foreign target, but rather communications “about” a foreign target entirely between American citizens. It would prohibit the FBI and intelligence agencies from searching the Section 702 database for information on U.S. citizens without first obtaining a warrant, except in certain circumstances. The amendment would end the so-called ‘reverse targeting’ practice, in which an American communicating with a foreign target is also subject to surveillance, and would modify oversight of and appointments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.” The amendment failed 183 to 233. [S 139, [Vote #14](#), 1/11/18; CQ, [1/11/18](#)]

Detroit News: The Amendment Would Have “Required Officials To Get Warrants In Most Cases Before Intercepting And Reading Emails And More Of U.S. Citizens.” “Before approving a six-year extension of the law, the House voted 233 to 183 to kill an amendment designed to protect Americans civil liberties. This amendment would have required officials to get warrants in most cases before intercepting and reading emails and more of U.S. citizens. This amendment was proposed by Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich). The vote was a victory for Republican establishment. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan had blocked the House from considering a compromise bill.” [Forbes, [1/11/18](#)]

New York Times: The Amendment Would Have Provided “A Series Of New Safeguards” On Officials That Conduct Surveillance On Foreign Communications. “Before voting to extend the law, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, the House rejected an amendment that would have imposed a series of new safeguards. That proposal included a requirement that officials obtain warrants in most cases before hunting for, and reading, emails and other messages of Americans that were swept up under the surveillance.” [New York Times, [1/11/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 682) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 139) that would reauthorize Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Dec. 31, 2023, and would require the development of procedures for searching the

Section 702 database that protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens.” [H Res 682, [Vote #8](#), 1/8/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Funding For The Intelligence Agencies And Waiving The Two-Thirds Vote Requirement To Consider Legislation The Same Day It Is Reported From The House Rules Committee. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 481) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3180) that would authorize classified amounts of funding through fiscal 2018 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities, including the Office of the National Intelligence Director, the CIA and the National Security Agency. The rule would waive, through the legislative day of August 1, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 224-186. [H RES 481, [Vote #436](#), 7/28/17; CQ, [7/28/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Suspending The Rules And Passing A Bill That Would Authorize FY 2018 Funding For US Intelligence Agencies And Intelligence Related Activities. In July 2017, Handel voted for: “Nunes, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize classified amounts of funding through fiscal 2018 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities, including the Office of the National Intelligence Director, the CIA and the National Security Agency. The bill would authorize \$527 million in fiscal 2018 in funding to the Intelligence Community Management Account and would authorize \$514 million through fiscal 2018 in funding to the CIA Retirement and Disability Fund. The bill would require the director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress multiple reports regarding Russia’s campaigns directed at foreign elections and its efforts related to cyber influence, including an analytical assessment of the most significant Russian influence campaigns, if any, conducted during the three years prior to the bill’s enactment.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 241-163. [H R 3180, [Vote #407](#), 7/24/17; CQ, [7/24/17](#)]

Native American Issues

Handel Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Navajo And Hopi Indian Relocation. In July 2018, Handel voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., amendment no. 27, that would increase funding for the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation by \$3 million, and would decrease funding for Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians by an equal amount.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 217-196. [H R 6147, [Vote #343](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Allowing Native American Tribes To Use Settlement Funds On Rural Water Systems, And Exempting Tribes From Being Defined As Employers Under The National Labor Relations Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to specify that settlement funds may be used for the planning, design, and construction of the tribe’s rural water system. In addition, the bill would also amend the National Labor Relations Act to exclude Native American tribes and any institutions or enterprises owned or operated by a Native American tribe from being defined as employers under the NLRA. The bill further includes provisions that would aid specific tribes with development and land issues.” The bill passed 239 to 173. [H Res 681, [Vote #11](#), 1/10/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Bill } } Allowing Native American Tribes To Use Settlement Funds On Rural Water Systems, And Exempting Tribes From Being Defined As Employers Under The National Labor Relations Act. In January 2018, Handel voted for: Adoption of the rule (H Res 681) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 140) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.” The motion passed 227 to 181. [H Res 681, [Vote #10](#), 1/10/18; CQ, [1/10/18](#)]

Science & Technology

Handel Voted For Authorizing And Renaming The Office Of Electronic Government As The Office Of The Federal Chief Information Officer. In November 2018, Handel voted for “Comer, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill as amended, that would formally authorize and rename the Office of Electronic Government within the Office of Management and Budget as the Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer. The bill would formally codify the position and duties of the Federal CIO and another presidential appointee reporting to the CIO. It would also direct OMB to develop, for all federal agencies, an information technology expenditure reporting system.” The motion was agreed to 391-0. [HR 6901, [Vote #425](#), 11/30/18; CQ, [11/30/18](#)]

Taxes

Handel Voted For Establishing An Independent Appeals Office Within The IRS And Updating IRS Systems And Cybersecurity Measures. In December 2018, Handel voted for: “Rice, R-S.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill which contains a number of provisions related to Internal Revenue Service operations and modernization. It would establish an independent office of appeals within the agency to resolve taxpayer controversies and make several modifications or clarifications related to IRS operations, services, and authorities. It also includes provisions to update IRS information technology systems, other electronic systems, and cybersecurity measures.” The motion as agreed to by a vote of 378-11. [HR 7227, [Vote #455](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Amending A Bill Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent Until It Included A Provision That Actuaries Certify That The Bill Would Not Cause Financial Harm. In September 2018, Handel voted against “Recommit Larson, D-Conn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent enactment of the bill's provisions until actuaries from the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Old-Age and Survivor Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds certify that the measure would not cause financial harm to such trust funds.” The motion was rejected 184-226. [HR 6760, [Vote #413](#), 9/28/18; CQ, [9/28/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Allowing Individual Taxpayers to Deduct Up To \$20,000 In The Year They Start A Business If The Expenses Are Related To A Business Start-Up. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would allow individual taxpayers, beginning in tax year 2019, to deduct up to \$20,000 during a year in which they start a new business for expenses related to business start-up. It would allow up to \$120,000 of such expenses to be amortized over 15 years. It would allow the thresholds to be adjusted for inflation annually, beginning in 2020.” The bill passed 260-156. [HR 6756, [Vote #412](#), 9/27/18; CQ, [9/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Modifying Tax-Favored Retirement Accounts, Including Allowing Pooled Retirement Plans By Unrelated Small Businesses And Allowing Individuals To Continue Making IRA Contributions After Reaching 70 Years And Six Months Of Age. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would make various modifications related to tax-favored retirement accounts. It would provide for the establishment of "pooled" retirement plans by unrelated small businesses that are not in the same trade or industry. It would allow individuals to continue making contributions to a regular IRA after reaching the age of 70 years and six months, exempt individuals who have less than \$50,000 in their retirement accounts from having to take required minimum distributions from those accounts after reaching age of 70 years and six months. It would also allow individuals to withdraw up to \$7,500 from their retirement plans, without penalty, to help pay for the expenses of a new baby or adopted child. It would establish tax-favored Universal Savings Accounts that could be used by individuals and families for any purpose.” The bill passed 240-177. [HR 6757, [Vote #411](#), 9/27/18; CQ, [9/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering Legislation Related To New-Business Tax Deductions, Tax-Favored Retirement Accounts, And Making Temporary Aspects Of Individual Tax Code Permanent. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1084) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill related to new-business tax deductions (HR 6756), a bill related to tax-favored retirement accounts (HR 6757), and a bill that would make many temporary aspects of the individual tax code permanent (HR 6760).” The resolution was adopted 266-189. [H Res 1084, [Vote #410](#), 9/27/18; CQ, [9/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Funding The Payments In Lieu Of Taxes Program That Provides Federal Payments To Local Governments That Have Land That Cannot Be Locally Taxed. In September 2018, Handel voted against “McCollum, D-Minn., motion to instruct the conferees on the part of the House to agree to the Senate amendment to the bill in relation to provisions that would fund the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program that provides federal payments to local governments that have large tracts of federal land that cannot be locally taxed.” The motion was rejected 187-218. [HR 6147, [Vote #388](#), 9/6/18; CQ, [9/6/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Handel voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the \$1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, [12/20/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Handel voted for “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, [Vote #692](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Sending The Tax Bill Back To Conference And Instructing Conferees To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Disagree With Provisions Related To The SALT Deduction. In December 2017, Handel voted against “Neal, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee of Conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House that they disagree with provisions related to state and local tax deductions, and related to the bill's language that would effectively repeal the individual health care mandate established by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The motion to recommit the conference report failed 191-236. [HR 1, [Vote #691](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against Instructing Conferees On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Recede From The House Bill's Provisions To Eliminate The SALT Deduction. In December 2017, Handel voted against “Neal, D-Mass., motion to instruct conferees to disagree with the Senate amendment that would repeal the individual health insurance mandate, and to recede from the section House bill

that would eliminate the deduction for state and local income taxes through 2025.” The motion to instruct conferees failed 186-233. [HR 1, [Vote #654](#), 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/4/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Moving The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Conference Committee. In December 2017, Handel voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion that the House disagree with the Senate amendment and request a conference with the Senate on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering individual and corporate tax rates, repealing various deductions through 2025.” The motion to go to conference passed 222-192. [HR 1, [Vote #653](#), 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/4/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, [Vote #637](#), 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, [11/16/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, [Vote #633](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment that will prohibit any legislation from limiting or repealing the State and local tax deduction, which prevents millions of families from being taxed twice on the same income.” **A vote for the amendment is a vote to block protecting the state and local tax deduction.** The motion was agreed to 234-193. [HRes 619, [Vote #632](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/15/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Prevent The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act From Being Brought For A Vote Before The CBO Analysis Had Been Made Available. In November 2017, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “So if we can defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that will prevent this massive tax cut bill from coming to the House floor unless nonpartisan analysis from the experts at the Congressional Budget Office has been available for at least 2 days.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill preventing the TCJA from being brought for a vote before the CBO analysis was available for 2 days. The motion was agreed to 230-190. [HR 3922, [Vote #602](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#); Congressional Record, [11/2/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking A Democratic Motion To Protect The State And Local Tax Deduction From Repeal Or Limitation. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic previous question would create a point of order in the House and Senate that prohibits any legislation from limiting or repealing the state and local tax deduction.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote against protecting the state and local tax deduction. The motion was agreed to 229-188. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #582](#), 10/25/17; CQ, [10/25/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed [1/5/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass The Bill To Extend, Through December, 31, 2010, The Generalized System Of Preferences Program, Managed By The U.S. Trade Representative. In February 2018, Handel voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend, through Dec. 31, 2020, the Generalized System of Preferences program, managed by the U.S. Trade Representative. The bill would also make the preferences retroactive to the program's 2017 expiration date.” The motion was agreed to, 400-2. [H.R. 4979, [Vote #71](#), 2/13/18; CQ, [2/13/18](#)]

Transportation & Infrastructure

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Allow The Bureau Of Reclamation To Transfer Water Infrastructure To Non-Federal Entities Without Congressional Approval. In July 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would permit the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer ownership of certain federal water infrastructure facilities to certain nonfederal entities without the need for Congress to enact project-specific legislation, provided that the entity to which ownership would be transferred has a water service contract with BOR. The bill would require that, for a transfer to take place, the agency must notify Congress in writing of the proposed conveyance and the reason for the conveyance at least 90 days before it would occur, and Congress must not pass a joint resolution disapproving the conveyance before that date. The bill would require BOR to establish criteria for determining which facilities are eligible for such title transfers, including that a proposed transfer would not have an ‘unmitigated significant effect on the environment,’ and that the receiving entity would need to intend to use the property for substantially the same purposes as it had been used for prior to the transfer. The bill would also prohibit any conveyance that would adversely impact power rates or repayment obligations.” The bill passed, 233-184. [HR 3281, [Vote #325](#), 7/12/18; CQ, [7/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prevent Infrastructure Transfers To Companies That Recently Employed Interior Department Officials As Registered Lobbyists. In May 2018, Handel voted against “Huffman, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a conveyance under the bill's provisions if the qualifying entity to which the facility would be conveyed had employed the secretary or deputy secretary of the Interior Department as federally registered lobbyist in the last three years.” The amendment failed, 187-230. [HR 3281, [Vote #324](#), 7/12/18; CQ, [7/12/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Resolution Encouraging Investment In Roads, Bridges, And Clean Energy Infrastructure. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question calls on Congress to create millions of new jobs through investing in roads, bridges, and 21st century clean energy infrastructure projects that will benefit all Americans and not just billionaires.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.* The motion was agreed to 224-176. [H Res 918, [Vote #234](#), 6/6/18; CQ, [6/6/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/6/18](#)]

Veterans

Handel Voted For Adopting The Conference Report For FY 2019 Three-Bill Spending Package That Would Provide Billions In Funding For Energy, Interior, Legislative, And Veterans Affairs. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the fiscal 2019 three-bill spending package: Energy-Water, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA that would provide \$147.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including \$35.7 billion for the Energy Department, \$7 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, and \$1.6 billion for the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation. It would provide \$98.1 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities, and \$4.8 billion for operations of the House, Senate, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office.” The amendment was adopted 377-20. [HR 5895, [Vote #399](#), 9/13/18; CQ, [9/13/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering Replacing The 30-Hour Threshold Full-Time Employees Under The Affordable Care Act With A 40-Hour Threshold And The Conference Report For FY19 Energy, VA, And Other Appropriations. In September 2018, Handel voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1059) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3798) that would modify a number of aspects of the 2010 health care law related to employer provided health care, and would provide for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 5895) the Fiscal 2019 Energy-Water, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA Appropriations package.” The amendment was adopted 222-171. [H Res 1059, [Vote #397](#), 9/13/18; CQ, [9/13/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against Supporting Amendment To Cover Contraceptives For TRICARE Beneficiaries. In June 2018, Handel voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., motion to instruct conferees on the part of the House to agree to section 703 of the Senate bill, which is the provision related to contraception coverage parity under the TRICARE Program.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-231. [HR 5515, [Vote #300](#), 6/27/18; CQ, [6/27/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Authorizing Retroactive Payments To Vietnam Veterans Exposed To Pesticides And Eliminating Fees Members Of The National Guard And Reserve Paid On Home Loans. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow veterans who served off the shore of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, to be eligible for a presumption of exposure to certain herbicides, including Agent Orange, for the purpose of VA disability compensation and would authorize retroactive payments to veterans who have previously been denied a claim for a eligible condition caused by presumed exposure to Agent Orange. The bill would eliminate the use of the Freddie Mac conforming loan limit with regard to the VA home loan program, would eliminate the additional fee that members of the National Guard and Reserve pay on home loans, and would impose a fee on certain veteran borrowers who have service-connected disabilities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 382-0. [HR 299, [Vote #289](#), 6/25/18; CQ, [6/25/18](#)]

Handel Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With An Amendment Decreasing Funding For VA Administration And Increasing Funding For Medical Funding At The Veterans Health Administration. In June 2018, Handel voted against “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report back it back immediately with an amendment that would decrease funding for VA administration by \$10.2 million and would increase funding for medical funding at the Veterans Health Administration by \$10 million, to be available on Oct 1, 2018.” The vote failed 187-225. [HR 5895, [Vote #256](#), 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In June 2018, Handel voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make the budgeting change necessary to implement the VA MISSION Act without subjecting its funding to the Budget Control Act’s current discretionary spending cap, thereby protecting other non-defense programs that benefit veterans. The amendment would also include the additional funds that are being self-executed in H.R. 5698 to fund non-VA community care and family caregiver programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 227-185. [H Res 923, [Vote #240](#), 6/7/18; CQ, [6/7/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/7/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill That Would Consolidate Privatized Medical Care Programs For Veterans Into The Veterans Community Care Program. In May 2018, Handel voted for “Passage of the bill that would consolidate programs that allow veterans to seek medical care outside of the VA into a new singular entity, the Veterans Community Care Program. The bill would continue the current VA Choice Program for one year, and would authorize an additional \$5.2 billion for the costs of providing non-VA medical care through the old program and for transitioning to the new program. It would also authorize the VA to enter into Veterans Care Agreements that would include care standards for providers and private facilities, and would allow veterans to access care at federally-qualified health centers walk-in clinics. The bill would also create a commission to review VA modernization proposals and includes other provisions related to the recruitment of health care professionals. The bill would also require the Interior Department to provide an outer burial receptacle for new graves in open

cemeteries that are controlled by the National Park Service, and would require the Department to reimburse veterans' survivors who had purchased one on their own." The bill passed, 347-70. [S 2372, [Vote #189](#), 5/16/18; CQ, [5/16/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In May 2018, Handel voted for: "Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Democratic Leader's office, "The Democratic Previous Question would make a budgeting change necessary to implement the VA MISSION Act without subjecting its funding to the Budget Control Act's current discretionary spending cap, thereby protecting other non-defense programs that benefit veterans." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment.* The motion was agreed to 230-184. [H Res 891, [Vote #185](#), 5/16/18; CQ, [5/16/18](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/16/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Guaranteeing Pay And Death Benefits For The Military. In January 2018, Handel voted for the Congressional Record, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 4871, the Pay Our Military Act, to guarantee pay and death benefits for our military." *A vote for the motion was a vote against considering guaranteeing pay and death benefits for the military.* The motion was agreed to 224-180. [H Res 708, [Vote #41](#), 1/20/18; CQ, [1/20/18](#); CQ, [1/20/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A Senate Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Handel voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 562) that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of Oct. 12 and 13, 2017." The rule was adopted, 234-185. [H Res 562, [Vote #561](#), 10/11/17; CQ, [10/11/17](#)]

Handel Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Handel voted for: "Passage of the bill that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would require a supervisor to be suspended for at least three days for an initial offense, and would require a supervisor to be fired for a second offense. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available." The bill passed, 420-0. [S 585, [Vote #568](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Handel Voted For An Amendment That Would Extend The VA Whistleblower Protection Bill Provisions To Apply To Any Federal Employee Disclosure Regarding The Violation Of Any Law Or Regulation Related To Travel. In October 2017, Handel voted for: "O'Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would extend the bill's provisions to apply to any federal employee disclosure regarding the violation of any law or regulation related to travel by the head of an agency or a political appointee." The motion was rejected, 232-190. [S 585, [Vote #567](#), 10/12/17; CQ, [10/12/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Suspending The Rules And Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund. In July 2017, Handel voted for: "Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make available an additional \$2 billion in funding for the Veterans Choice Fund, without fiscal year limitation. The bill would extend until Dec. 31, 2027, the current cap on per-month payment of VA pensions to certain veterans residing at VA nursing care facilities, as well as the VA's authority to collect fees for VA housing loans and the VA's authority to obtain and use income information from the Social Security Administration and the IRS to validate an application for VA benefits." The motion was rejected by a vote of 219-186. [S 114, [Vote #408](#), 7/24/17; CQ, [7/24/17](#)]

Women & Gender Issues

Handel Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act. In September 2018, Handel voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “We must oppose this rule and defeat the previous question. The reason for such is not because we do not support the troops or our children but because defeating the previous question will enable this House to consider and pass H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to 230-188. [HR 6157; [Vote #402](#); 9/26/18; CQ, [9/26/18](#); Congressional Record, [9/26/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Requiring Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions. In January 2018, Handel voted for quivalent to the care they would provide to any other infant born at the same gestational age. It would impose criminal fines, and penalties of up to five years in prison, for failure to do so, and would provide for a patient in such circumstances to file a lawsuit against the health care provider for certain monetary and punitive damages. The bill would require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care to the appropriate state or federal law enforcement agency, and would permit prosecution of individuals who fail to do so.” The bill passed 241-183. [H.R. 4712, [Vote #36](#), 1/19/18; CQ, [1/19/18](#)]

Handel Voted For Considering Legislation To Require Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions. In January 2018, Handel voted for titioners to give the same level of care to an infant born alive during an abortion procedure as they would give to any other infant born at the same gestational age, and would set criminal fines and penalties for not doing so.” The rule was adopted 228-189. [H Res 694, [Vote #30](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Handel Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban Imposing Criminal Penalties On Doctors, With Exceptions For Rape And Incest Only If It Had Been Reported To Law Enforcement. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman's life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The bill passed, 237-189. [HR 36, [Vote #549](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman. In October 2017, Handel voted against: “Brownley, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would add an exception to the 20-week abortion ban for abortions necessary to save the health of the pregnant woman.” The motion was rejected, 238-187. [HR 36, [Vote #548](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]

Handel Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Handel voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 548) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 36) that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban, with certain exceptions.” The rule was adopted, 233-187. [HR 36, [Vote #547](#), 10/3/17; CQ, [10/3/17](#)]